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Serve Wisconsin Among Eight States Selected to Receive Afterschool Grants from ASC, Mott Foundation

*New program development initiative will expand afterschool opportunities through AmeriCorps
in Wisconsin*



MADISON, WI — Wisconsin will be better poised to expand out-of-school time opportunities for youth at a statewide level, thanks to new funding that has been awarded to Serve Wisconsin from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation in partnership with America's Service Commissions (ASC).

The Mott Foundation awarded a \$250,000 grant to ASC in September for a multi-year initiative to identify how the state service commission network can expand afterschool opportunities through national service, such as AmeriCorps.



As part of the initiative, ASC has selected eight state service commissions, including Serve Wisconsin, to receive \$12,500 mini-grants. Funding will support staff and consultant time to develop a better understanding of the local afterschool landscape and identify potential paths for developing national service programming that will expand the quality and quantity of afterschool opportunities in their respective states.

In addition to Wisconsin, the following states were selected to receive this funding include:

- **Idaho:** [Serve Idaho](#)
- **Indiana:** [Serve Indiana](#)
- **Iowa:** [Volunteer Iowa](#)
- **Kansas:** [Kansas Volunteer Commission](#)
- **Maine:** [Maine Commission for Community Service](#)
- **Rhode Island:** [Serve Rhode Island](#)
- **West Virginia:** [Volunteer West Virginia](#)

In Wisconsin, the funding will allow Serve Wisconsin to work with the Wisconsin Afterschool Network to enhance and expand the impact of AmeriCorps placements and national service resources by conducting an asset mapping project that will support the creation of an afterschool programming/out-of-school time (ASP/OST) data warehouse and dashboard effort that will:

- Identify gaps in afterschool programs that Serve Wisconsin will help fill by working with community organizations
- Further investigate and generate new definitions of quality afterschool programming by engaging new communities and stakeholders, especially those from traditionally underrepresented communities to help afterschool programs provide quality programming
- Determine those programs most in need of additional support and the type of support needed
- Lead to statewide policies that secure resources that will sustain new and existing afterschool programs
- Identify how service learning is being used in after school programming and how it can be used

These outcomes will further align effective AmeriCorps recruitment and placement by:

- Better detailing the responsibilities of each staff member to deliver quality ASP/OST programming
- Clarifying procedures and documentation needed for new member applications, placements, interviews, and offers to create maximum impact matches
- Specifying the responsibilities of the umbrella organization, individual programs, and sponsors
- Identifying areas that lack after-school programming that would be suitable AmeriCorps sites

Serve Wisconsin will also receive support from America's Service Commissions, through monthly learning community calls, ongoing coaching, and a yearly convening for the states receiving grants.

"We are honored to have been selected for this important afterschool initiative," said Jeanne Duffy, Serve Wisconsin's Executive Director. "With ASC's support and Mott Foundation's strong connections to afterschool networks, we are confident that we can make a real difference for a lot of young people in Wisconsin through AmeriCorps and national service programming."

“We are excited to partner with Serve Wisconsin on this effort, and to help support the future expansion of afterschool opportunities and AmeriCorps programming in Wisconsin,” said ASC CEO Kaira Esgate.

In addition to supporting states, ASC will work with the National Network of Statewide Afterschool Networks and other key stakeholders to develop new strategies around afterschool program development over the next two years.

Through this effort, ASC believes that the project will lead to an increased understanding between state service commissions and statewide afterschool networks about how to leverage national service and AmeriCorps resources in support of high-quality afterschool opportunities nationwide.

For more information on this initiative, visit statecommissions.org/afterschool.

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About Serve Wisconsin

Serve Wisconsin's mission is to promote service, provide training and allocate resources to programs that enrich lives and communities through service and volunteerism. We work with AmeriCorps programs throughout the state of Wisconsin to address human, educational, environmental, public safety and homeland security needs. AmeriCorps members are given the opportunity to enrich the lives of the people and communities they serve and their own lives through professional and personal development. Serve Wisconsin is governed by 21-member citizen body appointed by Governor Walker.

About America's Service Commissions

America's Service Commissions (ASC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association representing and promoting the 52 state service commissions across the United States and territories with the mission to lead and elevate the state service network. State service commissions are governor-appointed public agencies or nonprofit organizations made up of more than 1,000 commissioners, private citizens leading the nation's service movement and administering 80 percent of the federal AmeriCorps funds to address pressing community needs. Learn more at statecommissions.org.

About Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, established in 1926 in Flint, Michigan, by an automotive pioneer, is a private philanthropy committed to supporting projects that promote a just, equitable and sustainable society. It supports nonprofit programs throughout the United States and, on a limited geographic basis, internationally. Grantmaking is focused in four programs: Civil Society, Environment, Flint Area and Education. In addition to Flint, offices are located in metropolitan Detroit, Johannesburg and London. With year-end assets of approximately \$2.7 billion in 2016, the Foundation made 405 grants totaling more than \$121 million. For more information, visit www.mott.org.