



**AmeriCorps Member
Service Opportunity
Full-Time Position
1700 hours in 10 months**



The Board of Lucas County Commissioners (Toledo, Ohio) and Local Initiatives Support Corporation are seeking a full-time AmeriCorps member to serve as a Criminal Justice Community Engagement Specialist. The candidate will ideally begin service on October 1, 2016 and serve a minimum of 1700 hours through the end of his/her term on July 31, 2017.

ORGANIZATION BACKGROUNDS

The Board of Lucas County Commissioners serves as the administrative head of government, setting strategic direction and fiscal priorities for a county of more than 425,000 residents. While the three-member Board of Lucas County Commissioners provide direct oversight and management of 37 departments, its serves as the appropriating authority for all county government, managing an annual budget of \$575 million. Included within these appropriations of the County Commissioners are the budgets for the county law enforcement, courts, corrections, and behavioral health services.

Over the last three years, reform of the County’s criminal justice system has become one of the highest priorities in Lucas County with unprecedented bi-partisan support from the County Commissioners, Sheriff, Judges, Prosecutors, Public Defenders, and Municipal Executives. This focus has garnered Lucas County state and national recognition and acclaim including: selection as one of eleven jurisdictions in the nation to receive millions of dollars in private investment from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation’s Safety and Justice Challenge; inclusion in the White House’s Communities of Innovation Initiative; and a proclamation from the Governor of the State of Ohio.

Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) is dedicated to helping community residents transform distressed neighborhoods into healthy and sustainable communities of choice and opportunity — good places to work, do business and raise children. LISC combines corporate, government and philanthropic resources to help community-based organizations revitalize underserved neighborhoods. This strategy extends to the LISC AmeriCorps program where we support placing AmeriCorps Members with local non-profit partners. Members assist in efforts to revitalize underserved neighborhoods across America and create vibrant places for people to live, work, and play.

AMERICORPS MEMBER ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Lucas County recognizes that in order for its criminal justice initiatives to be effective and sustainable, these efforts must be understood, embraced and guided by the communities served. The member selected to serve in this capacity will be responsible for growing community engagement in the County’s criminal justice initiatives by:

- Recruiting community residents and stakeholders as volunteers to provide regular input on Lucas County’s criminal justice initiatives;
- Coordinating and scheduling small and large community stakeholder meetings;
- Participating in and contributing to the development of facilitated community discussions;
- Managing communication and outreach between and amongst county, community and system stakeholders;
- Development of materials in preparation for and follow-up documentation of community meetings; and
- Research and report-writing in support of criminal justice initiatives.

MEMBER INITIALS & DATE: _____

LISC PD APPROVAL: SMR Approved

CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Members perform day to day service at the offices of the Board of Lucas County Commissioners and are expected to attend and participate in all LISC AmeriCorps sponsored activities including but not limited to:

- Attending a national leadership conference tentatively scheduled for March 2017;
- Attending all locally sponsored monthly meetings;
- Participating in nationally sponsored webinars;
- Actively participating in at least two locally identified and team coordinated service projects (one for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service and one for National AmeriCorps Week); and,
- Engaging in any other LISC events as determined by the local LISC office.

This is an AmeriCorps position. LISC and the Board of Lucas County Commissioners will not allow the member to engage in activities that are considered prohibited under the terms of the grant while serving as a LISC AmeriCorps member.

DESIRED SKILLS

- Desire and ability to work with a diverse group of people, particularly those living in low-income distressed neighborhoods
- Ability to work independently and in a team environment
- Computer skills
- Good written and oral communication skills
- Ability to work a flexible schedule (some night and weekends may be required)
- Experience and comfort working with communities of color and/or low socioeconomic status
- Organization and time management skills
- Ability to interact with criminal justice professionals, elected officials, and community members in an appropriate manner
- Understanding of the criminal justice system and criminal law, ideally in the context of the State of Ohio

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to participate as a LISC AmeriCorps member the candidate must meet all eligibility requirements to serve as a National Service participant including but not limited to:

- Be eligible to earn 100% of a full-time education award
- Be eligible to perform a term of national service
- Possess a high school degree, GED certificate or agree to achieve GED during the term of service
- Be at least 17 years of age (note there is no upper age limit)
- Have unexpired proof of status as a US citizen or possess permanent resident status and be able to provide documentation as determined by CNCS
- Be available to serve for a full 10 month period of time
- Be able to complete at least 1700 hours of service within the 10 months of service as well as serve the full term of the service

NATIONAL SERVICE CRIMINAL HISTORY SEARCH REQUIREMENT

If a candidate has a criminal record, it does not necessarily make a candidate ineligible for service. Only candidates who are subject to registry on the National Sex Offender Public Website or have been convicted of First Degree Murder may not participate as an AmeriCorps member. Only candidates being offered and then accepting the position must consent to a search of the National Sex Offender Public Website, a State Level Criminal History Search and an FBI search. Consent is provided via the LISC AmeriCorps application.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

Upon successful completion of the term of service, the member will be eligible for a \$5,775 education award to pay off existing, eligible student loans or return to school. The position pays a total stipend of \$15,000. The

stipend is taxable and paid in 20 equal checks twice a month from LISC. Direct deposit is highly encouraged. A health care benefit is available for the participant only (dependents are not eligible). For members with children under the age of 13, there is a child care subsidy benefit available which is dependent on the participant meeting all eligibility requirements (This benefit is administered by a contracted provider via the Corporation for National and Community Service).

HOW TO APPLY:

Send cover letter and resume to the attention of:

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Board of Lucas County Commissioners
One Government Center
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Deadline for applications is Monday August 15, 2016 at 4:30 PM

*We promote equal opportunity in selecting AmeriCorps members.
We are committed to diversity and inclusion in the selection process.*