



PROSPERITY INDIANA ANNOUNCES FIFTEEN, TEN-MONTH AMERICORPS FELLOWSHIPS

Prosperity Indiana, formerly the Indiana Association for Community Economic Development (IACED), is pleased to announce that it is taking applications from civic, community and economic development organizations, and local governments for the Indiana Assets and Opportunity Corps (IAOC) – AmeriCorps Fellowship Program.

The IAOC AmeriCorps Fellowship matches talented emerging leaders with nonprofit organizations and governmental entities working at the forefront of Indiana’s community and economic revitalization efforts. The program strengthens the local talent pool while building the capacity of key organizations driving progress in the form of comprehensive collective impact, individual and family financial capability, and outcomes measurement.

Fifteen Member-Fellows will begin their service in early October. The IAOC AmeriCorps Fellowship is a ten-month initiative whereby Member-Fellows: (1) earn a stipend, or living allowance, of up to \$9,500; receive an education award of \$4,144 upon successful completion of their term; and, (3) participate in rigorous personal and professional development.

Member-Fellows will focus their efforts on building and sustaining comprehensive community development through the exercise of leadership toward a common vision for advancing resilient families and vibrant communities.

WHAT IS THE INDIANA ASSETS AND OPPORTUNITY CORPS?

Prosperity Indiana seeks to be a resource to Indiana communities and organizations by creating prosperity through the comprehensive community development process, which takes a holistic approach, engaging residents, nonprofits, government, and other stakeholders in developing and implementing strategies that effect all aspects of quality of life.

In an effort to move towards a rounded approach to comprehensive community development, Prosperity Indiana cultivated three programs. The Indiana Assets and Opportunity Network, an affiliate of Prosperity Now, focuses on individuals and families seeking to become financially secure, while the Envision Collaborative enhances the capacity of the local community to facilitate collective impact through cross-sector coalitions in order to make relevant and sustainable progress on economic and social issues. The Outcomes Platform measures both organizational and community results and the impact of single and collective goals.

A recent addition to Prosperity Indiana's toolbox, the IAOC AmeriCorps Fellowship Program is a statewide initiative that generates emerging leaders to effectuate comprehensive community impact that enhances economic opportunity in low-wealth neighborhoods and communities. The IAOC's vision is to advance vibrant communities and resilient families through equitable and inclusive progress.

The IAOC AmeriCorps Fellowship joins together Prosperity Indiana's three-prong approach – Assets and Opportunity Network, Envision Collaborative, and Outcomes Platform – to build personal, organization, and community wealth. The program sustains local neighborhoods and communities in their quest to expand financial capability, capacity building, and outcomes measurement. The IAOC utilizes AmeriCorps, a national service program, to bridge the gap between low-wealth residents and available financial capability resources, builds capacity within organizations and communities, and measure outcomes to deliver improved results.

WHAT IS AMERICORPS?

AmeriCorps, also referred to as the “domestic Peace Corps,” is a network of national service initiatives, made up of three primary programs that each takes a different approach to improving lives and fostering civic engagement. Members commit their time to address critical community needs like increasing academic achievement, mentoring youth, fighting poverty, sustaining the environment, preparing for disasters, and much more. AmeriCorps is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), a federal agency. It is managed at the state-level by Serve Indiana and the Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism (ICCSV).

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

IAOC Member-Fellows will begin their term of service on Monday, 1 October 2018. Members will serve between twenty-five (25) and thirty (30) hours per weeks through Wednesday, 31 July 2019.

For Prosperity Indiana members, the cost to host one Member-Fellow is \$5,000 for a ten-month period. Prosperity Indiana will conduct the candidate recruitment process and conduct all Member-Fellow orientation and trainings.

A letter of intent is due to Prosperity Indiana on or before 5:00 PM (Eastern Time) on Friday, July 6, 2018. The full application is due on or before 5:00 PM (Eastern Time) on Friday, August 3, 2018.

For more information and a copy of the Request for Proposal and Application, please contact Carey W Craig, National Service Program Manager, at ccraig@prosperityindiana.org, or at (317) 454-8538.