

AmeriCorps Program Grant

Purpose of Funds: Eligible activities are providing job counseling and skills training to the unemployed, constructing or rehabilitating housing, assisting nonprofits facing increased need and decreased resources, recruiting volunteers, making housing resources referrals for and providing legal services to those experiencing eviction or foreclosure, connecting children and families to health care, and allowing after-school centers that have lost funding to stay open.

Receiving Department: Denver Department of Human Services

Amount: \$175,231

Type of Grant: Competitive

Estimated Jobs Created/Retained: 6 AmeriCorps members will be supported through this funding

Number of People Served: An estimated 400 youth will be served through one-on-one mentoring by the end of the second year of the grant.

Public Process:

The individual departments identify grants that will meet their needs and apply for them. The Executive Order 15 process provides a list to City Council where members can see what departments are applying for what grants. After the money is awarded the department must go to City Council to accept it and the department will also be giving status reports on the progress of the program.

Proposed Spending:

This grant expands the current AmeriCorps youth mentoring program that provides one on one counseling and support to youth between the ages of 16 and 21 years old. Along with its partner, the Denver Department of Human Services' (DHS) Family Crisis Center, AmeriCorps focuses on education, employment, housing, community resources, health, personal support, and sustainability as areas that will enable youth to be successful in avoiding homelessness, drugs and alcohol, violence and victimization.

For more information, please see the oversight committee docs at
<http://www.denvergov.org/stimulus>