



The  
CorpsNetwork

## Grow With Us

Make the Most of  
Your Membership



## Ways to Engage with The Corps Network

Thank you for your organization's membership in The Corps Network.  
Here are a few ways to connect with us.

### 1 Connect Online

Follow, like, and subscribe to The Corps Network on social media. Find us @TheCorpsNetwork on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [YouTube](#). Subscribe to The Crewleader, our weekly e-newsletter for Corps ([fill out this form](#)) and check the box under Corps Staff).

### 2 Inform and Support Our Advocacy Efforts

- **Assign a government relations point of contact** to reply to advocacy alerts and liaison with The Corps Network's Government Relations team.
  - **Contact:** Danielle Owen, [dowen@corpsnetwork.org](mailto:dowen@corpsnetwork.org)
- **Join the Public Lands Service Coalition (PLSC):** The PLSC promotes efforts to expand youth service on public and Tribal lands with the goal of developing the next generation of environmental stewards. The coalition meets weekly.
  - **Contact:** Danielle Owen, [dowen@corpsnetwork.org](mailto:dowen@corpsnetwork.org)
- **Join the State and Local Projects Coalition (SLPC):** The SLPC promotes community-based projects, Corpsmember development, and program support. The coalition meets monthly.
  - **Contact:** Meghan Castellano, [mcastellano@corpsnetwork.org](mailto:mcastellano@corpsnetwork.org)

### 3 Advance Your Messaging Efforts

**Join The Corps Network's Corps Communications Group:** The group meets every other month to share communications and marketing best practices and discuss campaign ideas.

- **Contact:** Hannah Traverse, [htraverse@corpsnetwork.org](mailto:htraverse@corpsnetwork.org)



## 4 Take Part in The Corps Network's Initiatives & Agreements

- **Public Land Corps Cooperative Agreements:** The Corps Network holds cooperative agreements that Corps can use to engage in fee-for-service contracts with federal partners, including the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, National Park Service, and U.S. Forest Service. Our staff will assist you with project solicitation, contract management, and packaging deliverables.
- **National Park Service Maintenance Action Team (MAT) Project Agreements:** The Corps Network is assisting the National Park Service with creating project scopes in small and medium parks for work that will be supported through the Legacy Restoration Fund. NPS intends to have these projects executed by Service and Conservation Corps via the cooperative agreement process.
  - **Contact:** Tim Harvey, [tharvey@corpsnetwork.org](mailto:tharvey@corpsnetwork.org)
- **Department of Transportation & Corps Partnerships:** The Corps Network has a relationship with the Federal Highway Administration to advance partnerships between Corps and state trail agencies. Work with us to learn how to build or strengthen trail partnerships in your state.
  - **Contact:** Lauren Edwards-Johnson, [ledwards-johnson@corpsnetwork.org](mailto:ledwards-johnson@corpsnetwork.org)
- **Department of Energy (DOE) Workforce Accelerator:** The Corps Network partnered with DOE on their Better Building Accelerators: a collaborative, peer-to-peer network designed to facilitate learning and promote new strategies and practices in clean energy. The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), a DOE-approved contractor, supports Corps involved or interested in green building by providing information on energy retrofit training programs and resources, industry-recognized certifications, and career pathways for Corpsmembers.
  - **Contact:** Victor Robertson, [vrobertson@corpsnetwork.org](mailto:vrobertson@corpsnetwork.org)
- **Regional Corps-Building Initiatives:** The Corps Network runs two regional Corps-building initiatives: GulfCorps, operating throughout the Gulf of Mexico, and the Delaware River Climate Corps, operating within the Delaware River watershed. Corps in these regions are encouraged to reach out to learn more.

### PHOTOS

Front: Urban Corps of San Diego County;

Above, left to right: Appalachian Mountain Club, Green City Force, Conservation Corps of the Forgotten & Emerald Coasts (photo by Mike Dumas for The Nature Conservancy)

## 5 Join One of The Corps Network's AmeriCorps Grants

These grants provide direct pass-through funding to assist Corps with operational, programming, and Corpsmember needs. Learn more about our [Opportunity Youth Service Initiative](#) (OYSI) and [Education Award Program](#) (EAP) on our website.

- OYSI: Candace Hollingsworth, [chollingsworth@corpsnetwork.org](mailto:chollingsworth@corpsnetwork.org)  
*Did you know? As of 2022, OYSI has additional resources in place to support programs that are new to engaging opportunity youth.*
- EAP: Leslie Wilkoff, [lwilkoff@corpsnetwork.org](mailto:lwilkoff@corpsnetwork.org)

## 6 Patricia Sagawa Corpsmember Relief Fund

The Patricia Sagawa Corpsmember Relief Fund is designed to provide financial support to young adults facing barriers during their term of a service in one of the 150+ Full Member organizations of The Corps Network. The application for the fund is open for one week every quarter. See FY23 dates below. [Learn more.](#)

**WINTER:** Nov. 28 – Dec. 2, 2022

**SUMMER:** June 5 – 9, 2023

**SPRING:** March 20 – 24, 2023

**FALL:** Sept. 11 – 15, 2023

## 7 Access Our Technical Assistance Services

- **Virtual Learning:** Attend The Corps Network's [webinars](#).  
*During the Fall/Winter of 2022-2023, we are hosting a series of virtual trainings around Recruitment and Marketing. These sessions will be recorded for later viewing.*
- **Resources:** Ask about our resource libraries
- **Demonstrate Your Strength:**  
Apply for the Corps Center of Excellence [Accreditation program](#)
- Request **specific Technical Assistance** from The Corps Network team
- **Convene with Corps Colleagues:**
  - Attend The Corps Network [National Conference](#)
  - Attend the [Corps Rendezvous](#)

**Have questions or interested in learning more?**  
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