

Peace Through Action AmeriCorps Planning Grant Activity Profile

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Activity Summary

Peace Through Action USA has received an award from AmeriCorps, the federal agency for national service and volunteerism, to plan a national service program focused on civic engagement and social cohesion. AmeriCorps made its award in February 2023 through the AmeriCorps State and National American Rescue Plan Planning Grants funding opportunity. The \$76,717 award, matched with \$52,428 in private funding, provides us time and resources to build an AmeriCorps program that will be excellent, compliant, enduring, and ready to compete for a program grant in FY 2024.

Planning Outputs

During the award period (April 2023-March 2024), Peace Through Action will make program design decisions and develop the procedures and materials we will need to compete successfully for an AmeriCorps national service program. Among the completed products will be:

- a compliance kit to help sites receiving AmeriCorps members fulfill their responsibilities.
- a guide for our future AmeriCorps members to perform the duties of their service positions.
- an inventory of civic engagement, social cohesion, and peaceful practices to help sites and members select and deliver effective interventions in their local communities.
- new youth and adult social and emotional development interventions focused on peace.
- a strengthened accounting system compliant with federal financial management standards.
- a detailed sustainability plan and sustainability materials.

Grant Personnel

Peace Through Action will mobilize to implement the planning grant our chief executive officer, board of directors, professional staff, an advisory group representative of prospective AmeriCorps sites and members, and a team of independent contractor subject experts.

Engagement Opportunities – Complete this Interest Form (https://bit.ly/ACPInterest)

- **Community organizations** that may want an AmeriCorps member to help increase peace in their communities—let us know your interest in our future AmeriCorps program.
- Intermediary organizations representing grassroots, community-based and faith-based organizations, and municipal agencies—help us present our forthcoming AmeriCorps program to your constituents.
- Donors with an interest in increasing civic engagement and social cohesion in the United States—help us finance our forthcoming AmeriCorps program.
- Individuals wanting to start a peace project in your community—we might be able to help!

<u>Peace Through Action USA</u> activates and equips Americans to implement practical peaceful solutions to aggression and violence in their communities and our country. We are a charitable civic and social capital-building organization.

<u>AmeriCorps</u>, the federal agency for national service and volunteerism, provides opportunities for Americans to serve their country domestically, address the nation's most pressing challenges, improve lives and communities, and strengthen civic engagement.

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