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Peace Through Action AmeriCorps Program Profile

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Program Summary

Peace Through Action AmeriCorps is a *prospective* national service program for Americans to implement civic engagement and social cohesion interventions in socially distressed communities which seek to bridge divides between and unite their people and strengthen their places.

Peace Through Action has received an award from AmeriCorps, the federal agency for national service and volunteerism, to plan a national service program focused on U.S. peace. The award provides us time and resources to build a program that will be excellent, compliant, enduring, and ready to compete for a program grant in FY 2024. The AmeriCorps investment of \$76,717 is being matched with \$52,428 in private funding.

The Challenge—Social Distress

We are a nation with too many hurting people. Our country is in the throes of civic disengagement and social discord. Americans widely agree that social distress is a major challenge of our time.

A Solution—Peace Through Action AmeriCorps

Communities experiencing social distress can be transformed into inclusive and harmonious places when their people acquire new knowledge, assume fresh attitudes, and adopt positive behaviors. These improvements are achievable through individual, group, and collective learning, intention, and action. Who better than AmeriCorps members to serve as the teachers, leaders, and agents of the human enrichment that socially distressed communities urgently need!

Peace Through Action AmeriCorps will place AmeriCorps members in rural, suburban, and urban communities where social distress is prevalent or severe – such as incidents of hate crimes against members of marginalized identity groups, high rates of interpersonal violence, and toxic polarization among neighbors. AmeriCorps members will serve through a variety of grassroots, community- and faith-based, and municipal locations. They will support community members in learning and applying evidence-based and promising interventions such as facilitated dialogues, compassionate communication techniques, peer mediation engagements, and restorative practices.

Engagement Opportunities – Complete this [Interest Form](https://bit.ly/ACPIInterest) (<https://bit.ly/ACPIInterest>)

- **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 future AmeriCorps program to your constituents.
- **Donors** with an interest in increasing civic engagement and social cohesion in the United States—help us finance our future AmeriCorps program.
- **Individuals** wanting to start a peace project in your community—we might be able to help!

Peace Through Action USA 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. **AmeriCorps** is the federal agency connecting individuals and organizations through service and volunteering to tackle the nation's most pressing challenges.

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