



Campus Compact



NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

for graduation, college access and post-secondary readiness programs

The Montana Campus Compact (MTCC) seeks to remove barriers and increase high school graduation and college enrollment for economically disadvantaged youth over the next three years, through 2015. Utilizing resources provided through the Corporation for National & Community Service (CNCS), MTCC will place sixty (60) AmeriCorps national service participants in communities throughout the Northern Rockies/Great Plains region, beginning in fall 2012. These AmeriCorps members will support and building capacity for projects addressing unmet needs related to high school dropout, college access and post-secondary readiness. By the end of the three-year project, at least 1,800 target youth will have graduated from high school and at least 1,200 will have entered post-secondary institutions. The long-term goal is that a greater number of economically disadvantaged individuals will attain a post-secondary degree.

This project aligns with the CNCS focus area of Education, with a particular emphasis on meeting one of the four-year goals of the current CNCS strategic plan, to "improve the preparation for, and prospects of success in, post-secondary education institutions for economically disadvantaged students." MTCC's AmeriCorps funding is available to support projects that will focus on the following initiatives related to college access and success:

- **High school dropout prevention**
- **Post-secondary readiness**
- **Success in college**

By promoting a college-going culture among youth in rural, tribal and frontier communities throughout the Northern Rockies/Great Plains region, MTCC envisions a significant decrease in high school drop-out rates, an increase in the number of students who pursue (and successfully acquire) a college degree, and an overall better-educated and employable citizenry. Institutional support and partnerships are currently being sought for this effort. College campuses, high schools, school districts and intermediaries (college access networks, etc.) are encouraged to submit a letter of intent to participate in planning for and (pending funding) implementing a regional AmeriCorps program, focused on college access and post-secondary readiness programming, as described above.

Letters should indicate the following:

- Who will be the primary point of contact or supervising office for the project (Name/Title/Phone/Email)?
- Describe your role (or your office's role) with regards to college access and post-secondary readiness.
- What specific needs are present in your community related to college access and post-secondary readiness?
- What programs or partnerships currently exist that could provide support for this type of project?
- How will the project leverage the support of both campus and community entities (i.e., local schools)?
- How many full-time (1700-hour) AmeriCorps members could your school or institution feasibly host in 2012?
- How do you envision engaging college students in this initiative, particularly first-generation students?
- Describe your school's/institution's ability to meet the required cash match for hosting full-time Corps members (\$6,000/member for Compact institutions, \$8,000/member for non-member affiliates).

Please submit letters by **Wednesday, February 15** to:

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