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### **WDCSC receives ARRA AmeriCorps grant**

**June 1, 2009 - Everett, WA**—Workforce Development Council Snohomish County (WDCSC) was selected to host one of nine Washington AmeriCorps programs funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) aimed at meeting social needs resulting from the economic crisis. WDCSC will receive \$259,300 for two teams of AmeriCorps members: the Sound Solutions Team and Energy Efficient Team.

Members will serve from July 1, 2009- May 31, 2010, and will all be enrolled members of the Workforce Investment Act Adult or Dislocated Worker program. Collectively, ARRA AmeriCorps Program members will serve 25,550 hours of community service in Snohomish County.

The Sound Solutions Team will serve at North Sound 2-1-1, a regional call center hosted by Volunteers of America of Western Washington in Snohomish County and Puget Sound. Sound Solutions Team members will provide information and referral services at the 2-1-1 call center and provide outreach to organizations, schools, WorkSource one-stop centers, low-income community residents, and dislocated workers.

Energy Efficient Team members will begin their service as Crew Leaders for Snohomish County's ARRA Summer Youth Program, during which they will engage in a variety of community improvement projects. Team members will then choose one of two paths: 1) conducting outreach and/or constructing homes in partnership with the Housing Hope Self-Help Housing Program or 2) providing weatherization and efficient-energy services to low-income individuals in partnership with the Snohomish County Human Services Department.

#### **About AmeriCorps**

Each year AmeriCorps provides opportunities for 75,000 Americans to give back to their communities through service. In the upcoming 2009-2010 program year, there are national service opportunities for more than 1,400 individuals to serve across Washington State. To learn more about AmeriCorps, visit [www.ofm.wa.gov/servewa](http://www.ofm.wa.gov/servewa) or call (360) 902-0656.

#### **Workforce Development Council Snohomish County (WDCSC)**

WDCSC invests government and private funding to continuously increase the global competitiveness and prosperity of county workforce and businesses, fill current and emerging jobs, and provide full employment. Investments are made through effective business, labor, community-based, educational, and service provider organizations for the opportunity, economic well-being, and benefit of our entire community.

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