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### **Snohomish County Recovery Act AmeriCorps program now accepting applications**

**June 5, 2009 - Everett, WA**— Workforce Development Council Snohomish County is now accepting applications for the Snohomish County Recovery Act AmeriCorps Program. Members will serve their community for ten months while gaining skills and joining the National Service movement.

Recovery Act AmeriCorps Members will join one of two teams: the Sound Solutions team and the Energy Efficiency Team. Sound Solutions members will gain experience by connecting people to vital social services through the Snohomish County 2-1-1 system. Energy Efficiency members will lead a crew of youth in summer work projects and then work to connect people and agencies to weatherization and energy efficiency resources.

To qualify as a member, you must have been recently laid off, 18 years of age or older, have a high school diploma, able to pass a background check, and fulfill the application and interview process.

Benefits include: a modest living allowance, child care, student loan forbearance, training, work experience, health care, and an education award of \$4,725. The program begins in July, so apply online at [www.wdcsc.org/amicorps](http://www.wdcsc.org/amicorps).

#### **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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