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**AmeriCorps CRUSH HPAC Specialist: Corps for Rural and Urban  
Success and HealthHPAC AmeriCorps members**

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Narratives

**Summary**

John Carroll University (JCU) has received AmeriCorps grant funding to support 29 full-time members and 12 part-time members of all ages and educational backgrounds to create a rural and urban volunteer health education corps that provides economically disadvantaged middle school through college aged youth with academic and career support through the utilization of a service-learning model, across Ohio. The AmeriCorps members, as administered by JCU, will establish and deliver a Health Professions Affinity Community (HPAC) service learning based curriculum to students whose Ohio school districts lack the resources to provide academic and career skill support necessary for students to obtain a sustainable career in the health care industry, a growing Ohio career opportunity. AmeriCorps members, as administered by JCU, will leverage a sufficient number of additional participants to sustain the program after the three-year funding period is over. The project begins in August each year. The project will focus on the Corporation for National & Community Service (CNCS) focus area of K-12 Success including improving opportunities for participating student academic and career success in urban and rural Ohio school districts while improving academic engagement and learning and increasing school attendance rates. In addition, the expected outcome for AmeriCorps members, as administered by JCU, is to improve students' opportunities for career success, especially in the

**Executive Summary**

Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) is requesting AmeriCorps funding to support 20 full time members of all ages and educational backgrounds to create a rural volunteer health core that provides rural, economically disadvantaged middle school through high school youth with academic and career support, through the utilization of a service learning model, across Ohio. The AmeriCorps members will establish and deliver a Health Professions Affinity Community (HPAC) service learning based curriculum to students whose Ohio rural school districts lack the resources to provide academic and career skill support necessary for students to obtain a sustainable career in the health care industry, a growing Ohio career opportunity. AmeriCorps members will leverage a sufficient number of additional volunteers to sustain the program after the three year funding period is over. The project begins in August of 2013 or immediately upon notification of funding. The project will focus on the CNCS focus area of K-12 Success including improving opportunities for participating student academic and career success in rural Ohio school districts while improving academic engagement and learning and increasing school attendance rates. In addition, the expected outcome for AmeriCorps members is to improve their opportunities for career success, especially in the

health care industry, by fostering college and career readiness, leadership skills, and self-efficacy. AmeriCorps members will also receive Community Health Worker training. The AmeriCorps program, as administered by JCU, is located in Northeast Ohio. However, members will be hosted around the state at partnering institutions and will work closely with the faculty and staff. Local travel is necessary. This position is a service position with a monthly stipend.

health care industry, by fostering college and career readiness, leadership skills, and self-efficacy. The CNCS investment of \$266,000 will be matched by NEOMED with a \$114,910 (29% of the project cost) cash match and additional in-kind contributions.