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GRADD Celebrates AmeriCorps Week with Major Announcement

The Green River Area Development District celebrated the third annual national AmeriCorps Week (May 9-16) by announcing receipt of a \$75,850 stimulus grant to employ 6 new Homeland Security Corps volunteers.

This American Recovery & Reinvestment Act funding—through the Corporation for National & Community Service—coupled with a \$78,150 stimulus grant for the Senior Connections program in April, creates 12 new AmeriCorps positions for a total investment of \$154,000.

These 12 new AmeriCorps slots will increase GRADD's total to 42 full-time volunteers within the 7-county Green River region. The total number of AmeriCorps members scheduled to be at work in each GRADD county, as of July 1, 2009, are: Henderson (21), Daviess (14), Ohio (3), McLean (2), Hancock (1), and Webster (1). The total annual financial impact equals \$853,250.



Henderson County volunteers serve at: Cardinal Red Cross, The Gathering Place, Habitat for Humanity, Henderson Career Center, Henderson Water Utility, GRADD, Pleasant Point Apartments, Redbanks Regency, Redbanks Towers, St. Anthony's Hospice, and Tri-County Recycling.

Service sites in Daviess County include: Big Rivers Red Cross, Boulware Mission, Daviess County Emergency Management Agency, Elizabeth Munday Center, GRADD, Habitat for Humanity, Owensboro Career Center, Owensboro-Daviess County GIS, Owensboro Housing Authority, Owensboro Police Department, and Whitesville Senior Center.

GRADD also sponsors AmeriCorps members in Ohio County (GRADD, Ohio County Day Care, and Ohio County Sherriff's Department), McLean County (McLean County Fire & Rescue Center), Hancock County (Hancock County Senior Services), and Webster County (Webster County Senior Services).

For more information on any of our volunteer programs, please contact David Clark, GRADD AmeriCorps Program Director, at (270) 926-4433 or davidclark@gradd.com.