

Learn and Serve Request for Proposal

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Washington Campus Compact (WACC) was successful at procuring a Learn and Serve America grant from the Corporation for National & Community Service. There are four key components to the *Count Me In* Learn and Serve America program:

- 1) Promising Practices: WACC will award subgrants to member institutions in Washington and Idaho to strengthen service-learning program and initiatives that improve academic achievement of disadvantaged youth. WACC will issue up to 11 subgrants of up to \$10,000 each.
- 2) Congressional District Action Teams: WACC will award subgrants to member institutions in Washington and Idaho to develop Congressional District Action Teams that bring together higher education, P-12, community leaders and elected officials from each congressional district to develop and implement strategies to strengthen education and communities. These subgrants are intended to strengthen stakeholder awareness and support for service-learning. The state- and region-wide Dialogue for Democracy event will convene the Congressional District Action Teams on a biannual basis. WACC will issue approximately 11 sub-grants of up to \$8,000 each to help develop regional teams.
- 3) Leadership Fellows: Leadership Fellows will be selected through a nomination process and will be responsible for developing strategies to advance the service-learning field in Washington and Idaho. WACC will seek nominations for Fellows with expertise in the areas of leadership, community development, public policy, assessment/research, service-learning/civic engagement, government/public relations, accreditation, K-20 partnerships, development and other areas critical to the advancement of the field. Honoraria will be available for Fellows if needed.
- 4) Assessment/Data Collection: WACC will develop strategies to strengthen state- and region-wide service-learning data collection in Washington and Idaho. Possible opportunities will be the development and utilization of a common database, identification of state- and region-wide indicators, development and/or dissemination of common assessment tools, providing training and technical support to campuses, etc.

The attached Request for Proposal (RFP) is for the two subgrants offered (components #1 and #2 listed above) as part of this program. Please share the RFP with the leadership on your campus and consider submitting a proposal.

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