



# American Legion Auxiliary

*In the Spirit of Service Not Self for Veterans, God and Country*

## **American Legion Auxiliary Call to Service Corps Consortium**

*Building and Coordinating Volunteer Capacity to Serve Veterans, Military Servicemembers, and Their Families*

### **Project At-a-Glance**

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**Purpose** – Enhance the capacity of military and veteran support organizations and civilian nonprofit organizations to individually and collaboratively generate and provide service to and by military servicemembers, veterans, and their families.

**Work Plan** – The American Legion Auxiliary has formed a Call to Service Corps Consortium comprised of military and veteran support organizations and civilian nonprofit organizations. Consortium members undertake volunteer-building and mobilization and service activities individually, multilaterally, and across the consortium. The consortium has received an assignment of 40 AmeriCorps VISTA members and 15 AmeriCorps National members to implement organization capacity building and direct service within each member organization. The range of activities includes organization needs assessment, volunteer management, marketing and communications, event planning and execution, program development, and service delivery.

**Management Plan** – The American Legion Auxiliary executes memoranda of agreement with Consortia members establishing the duties of the two parties. Duties of the Auxiliary include: assistance to consortium members in recruitment and selection of AmeriCorps/VISTA members; project progress reporting, and project financial reporting. Duties of other consortium members includes recruitment and selection of members; member development and support; progress and financial reporting information to the Auxiliary; and contribution of match toward the project.

**Consortium Members** – Members of the consortium presently are American Legion Auxiliary, American Red Cross, American Red Cross South Florida Region, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, Blue Star Families, Give an Hour, Madison Street Veterans Association, Military Officers Association of America, National Military Family Association, National Chamber Foundation, Operation Homefront, Ride 2 Recovery, Senior Volunteer Services, Still Serving Veterans, Student Veterans of America, Tennessee's Community Assistance Corporation, The Mission Continues, and Veterans Innovation Center. The Auxiliary welcomes inquiries to join the consortium.

#### **Target Outcomes**

- Additional veterans and veteran families receiving practical and morale support.
- Additional military servicemembers and military families receiving practical and morale support.
- Additional servicemembers, veterans, and family members, mobilized in service.

#### **Benefits to Consortium Members**

- Added human resources capacity to address organizational goals and objectives.
- New or enhanced programmatic collaborations with organizations that share purposes and values.
- Grants management services from the American Legion Auxiliary.

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