Purpose – Build and enhance the capacity of military and veteran support organizations and civilian nonprofit organizations to serve and mobilize veterans, military servicemembers, and their families.

Work Plan – The American Legion Auxiliary has formed a consortium comprised of military and veteran support organizations and civilian nonprofit organizations for the purpose of receiving and utilizing federal AmeriCorps resources. Consortium members undertake volunteer-building and mobilization, program development, program support and service delivery activities. ALA has received an assignment of AmeriCorps VISTA members and 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, program marketing and communications, event planning and execution, program development, and service delivery.

Management Plan – The American Legion Auxiliary executes memoranda of agreement with consortium 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 consortium members include recruitment and selection of members; member supervision, development and support; progress and financial reporting information to the Auxiliary; and contribution of match.

Consortium Members – Members of the consortium recently are American Legion Auxiliary, AMVETS, Blue Star Families, Central Piedmont Community College, Code of Support Foundation, Genesis Prevention Coalition, Miami Dade College, Minnesota Department of Military Affairs, Ohio National Guard, Operation Homefront, Partnership for Children of Cumberland County, Points of Light, Soldiers’ Angels, Student Veterans of America, The Mission Continues, Travis Manion Foundation, and Volunteers of America Indiana. The Auxiliary welcomes inquiries to join the consortium.

Target Outcomes
- Increased effectiveness in service delivery of participating organizations.
- New or enhanced programmatic collaborations with organizations that share purposes and values.
- Additional veterans and veteran families receiving practical and morale support.
- Additional military servicemembers and families receiving practical and morale support.
- Additional servicemembers, veterans, and family members mobilized as community volunteers.

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