# CALIFORNIANS

#CaliforniansForAll: Engaging Californians across the state in Governor Gavin Newsom's call to service. Learn how California Volunteers can support your program and connect with us by issue-area below.

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In partnership with VolunteerMatch, #CaliforniansforAll provides the platform to promote your organization and recruit volunteers for your program. <u>Click here</u> to create your organization's profile for free, post one or multiple volunteer event needs, and begin sourcing volunteers from around your community to assist you.





Have a need not mentioned here? **Complete this survey** and someone from the #CaliforniansForAll team will connect with you.



AmeriCorps is a national service program that provides opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to give their time and talent to strengthen communities across our country. AmeriCorps members commit up to a year to serve communities on a full-time or part-time basis in different issue areas such as disaster response, climate change and food insecurity, while learning valuable skills and earning benefits for their service.

Since the outbreak of COVID-19, California Volunteers has deployed AmeriCorps members to provide surge capacity support to organizations at the frontline of responding to COVID-19, including food banks, health centers, volunteer centers, and local and state agencies.

### **Current Happenings & Need**

California Volunteers is currently placing up to 38 AmeriCorps members to assist food banks and clinics across the state through December 2021. An additional 37 AmeriCorps members are available to be deployed to assist organizations at the frontline of responding to COVID-19 for up to two weeks per a request. Interested organizations may request for short-term support from AmeriCorps by submitting a <u>AmeriCorps Disaster Services Deployment Request</u> to California Volunteers.



Nonprofit and local/state organizations may also

apply to California Volunteers for funds to operate their own AmeriCorps program to address a local community need. Information about our AmeriCorps funding opportunities are available on the California Volunteers website at <u>https://www.californiavolunteers.ca.gov/grants/americorps/</u>.





In April 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom launched Operation Feed California, to create a statewide volunteer network to support food banks and keep Californians fed. At the beginning of the pandemic, food banks experienced up to six times the demand and at the same time, lost the majority of their volunteer support.

### Current Happenings & Need

Since its launch, Operation Feed California has supported 38 food banks in 28 counties across the state. However, food bank demand is still high and volunteers are essential in meeting those needs.

The California National Guard, which has supported many food banks since the beginning of the pandemic, will be demobilized by the end of September. We are ramping up our efforts to ensure these locations and all partner food banks have the volunteer support they need.

## **Take Action**

Utilize and share the OFC toolkit with your networks.

Sign up to join Operation Feed California and fight food insecurity.

<u>Click here</u> to sign up your team for group volunteering.

<u>Click here</u> to download a flier to share with other food-serving organizations in need of volunteer support.



Short-term deployments of AmeriCorps members potentially available upon request pending availability. <u>Apply here.</u>

Click here to visit the Operation Feed California web page at californiavolunteers.ca.gov/operationfeedca/





My Turn – Volunteer is a statewide volunteer initiative, launched March of 2021, to help accelerate the administration of vaccines by promoting individual action, education and outreach and supporting on-site operations at vaccine sites.

#### Current Happenings & Need

Vaccination strategies across the state are shifting from mass vaccination clinics to smaller, community-based pop-up clinics. Local volunteers are needed to support education and outreach efforts across the state as communities continue working to #VaccinateAll58.

## **Take Action**

Request vaccine-related volunteer support at <u>myturnvolunteer@cv.ca.gov</u> for:

- Volunteer Recruitment & Matching Assistance
- Volunteer Vetting & Screening Assistance
- Volunteer Management Support



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Click here to visit the My Turn - Volunteer web page at californiavolunteers.ca.gov/myturnvolunteer/







In September 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom launched California Climate Action Corps, the country's first statewide corps of its kind with the mission of empowering Californians to take meaningful action to protect their homes, health, and communities against the harshest impacts of climate change.

#### **Current Happenings & Need**

In January, California Climate Action Corps deployed an inaugural cohort of more than 60 full-time AmeriCorps fellows to serve with local agencies, nonprofits, and universities and colleges in five frontline pilot communities to support projects in urban greening, food waste diversion, and wildfire preparedness. This summer, more than 200 fellows are spending a summer of service in rural and urban communities throughout the state to support broad climate action and climate education projects. This fall, 50 full-time fellows will begin an 11-month term of service to continue making a climate action impact in our five pilot communities.

As part of our larger **#CaliforniansForAll** initiative, California Volunteers created the first statewide volunteer hub through VolunteerMatch to help connect Californians with opportunities for volunteering, serving, or taking action at home, in school, or at work.

This fall, we will launch Climate Action Days to help organizations throughout the state with climate-related volunteers events connect to those interested in volunteering.

## **Take Action**

<u>Sign up</u> to share your Climate volunteer opportunities on our Volunteer Hub

<u>Share</u> climate-related volunteer opportunities to your communities

<u>Share</u> these simple steps to take climate action right at home

<u>Sign up</u> for and share our newsletter

Host an 11-month or two-month term AmeriCorps Climate Action fellow. Click here to learn more.

Click here to visit the California Climate Action Corps web page at ClimateActionCorps.ca.gov

