Serve Idaho Among Eight States Selected to Receive After-School Grants from ASC, Mott Foundation

*New program development initiative will expand after-school opportunities through AmeriCorps in Idaho*

Idaho will be better poised to expand out-of-school time opportunities for youth at a statewide level, thanks to new funding that has been awarded to Serve Idaho from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation in partnership with America’s Service Commissions (ASC).

The Mott Foundation awarded a $250,000 grant to ASC for a multi-year initiative to identify how the state service commission network can expand after-school opportunities for kindergarten through 12th grade through national service, such as AmeriCorps.

As part of the initiative, ASC has selected eight state service commissions, including Serve Idaho, to receive $12,500 mini-grants. Funding will support staff and consultant time to develop a better understanding of the local after-school landscape and identify potential paths for developing national service programming that will expand the quality and quantity of after-school opportunities in their respective states.

In Idaho, the funding will allow Serve Idaho to work with the Idaho Out-of-School Network and other community partners to further expand the capacity of after-school programs through national service models including AmeriCorps programs.

Serve Idaho will also receive support from America’s Service Commissions, through monthly learning community calls, ongoing coaching and a yearly convening for the states receiving grants.

“We are honored to have been selected for this important after-school initiative,” said Renee Bade, program manager of Serve Idaho. “With ASC’s support and Mott Foundation’s strong connections to after-school networks, we are confident that we can make a real difference for Idaho’s youth through AmeriCorps and national service programming.”

In addition to supporting states, ASC will work with the National Network of Statewide Afterschool Networks and other key stakeholders to develop new strategies around after-school program development over the next two years.

For more information on this initiative, visit [statecommissions.org/afterschool](http://statecommissions.org/afterschool).
Serve Idaho, a division of the Idaho Department of Labor, encourages voluntary public service and volunteerism throughout the state. The Serve Idaho Commission is funded in part by the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Idaho Department of Labor.

America’s Service Commissions (ASC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association representing and promoting the 52 state service commissions across the United States and territories with the mission to lead and elevate the state service network. State service commissions are governor-appointed public agencies or nonprofit organizations made up of more than 1,000 commissioners, private citizens leading the nation’s service movement and administering 80 percent of the federal AmeriCorps funds to address pressing community needs. Learn more at statecommissions.org.

The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, established in 1926 in Flint, Michigan, by an automotive pioneer, is a private philanthropy committed to supporting projects that promote a just, equitable and sustainable society. It supports nonprofit programs throughout the United States and, on a limited geographic basis, internationally. Grantmaking is focused in four programs: civil society, environment, Flint area and education. In addition to Flint, offices are located in metropolitan Detroit; Johannesburg, South African; and London, England. With year-end assets of approximately $2.7 billion in 2016, the foundation made 405 grants totaling more than $121 million. For more information, visit https://www.mott.org.

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