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CITY SERVICE CORPS BLUEPRINT PROVIDES ROADMAP FOR MUNICIPALITIES TO UTILIZE THE TALENTS OF AMERICORPS MEMBERS IN ADDRESSING COMMUNITY NEEDS

NYC Service publishes the City Service Corps Blueprint, a guide for municipalities to leverage service programs as a civic engagement strategy.

NEW YORK — NYC Service published the City Service Corps Blueprint, a comprehensive guide for municipalities across the nation to develop an effective AmeriCorps program proven to have a meaningful impact on members serving, city government and its agencies, and the greater community. This guide is based on the NYC Service AmeriCorps program City Service Corps, which was launched in 2015 and continues to successfully place members at City agencies. The Blueprint includes steps to conceptualizing and operationalizing an AmeriCorps program within local government, as well as evaluations of the City Service Corps program’s impact on a City agency’s efficiency and effectiveness.

“Amidst one of the greatest challenges facing our city and nation, City Service Corps members have helped ensure critical resources reach the New Yorkers who most need them, and will continue to do so as our communities begin the long recovery process. We are so thrilled to share the ingredients for this proven strategy with our partners in other municipalities, and work together to leverage federal AmeriCorps resources to support local needs,” said **NYC Chief Service Officer Anusha Venkataraman**.

City Service Corps is one of several AmeriCorps programs launched under the de Blasio administration as part of a wider strategy to increase civic engagement and build pathways to careers in public service. Findings from external evaluations of the program indicate that City agencies benefit as much as the members serving, with added support from City Service Corps members to reach more New Yorkers and run more effective programming. NYC Service offers cities across the country the published City Service Corps Blueprint thanks to the generous support from Citi Foundation. The Blueprint is currently available to download as a PDF and will be available as an interactive website early next year.

“We’re proud to support the publication of the new Blueprint, which will be an important resource for municipalities across the country as they implement local workforce development programs,” said **Florencia Spangaro, Chief Operating Officer, Citi Foundation**. “We look forward to our continued partnership with City Service Corps on

this work, and through our Pathways to Progress initiative that focuses on improving employability and economic opportunity for young people around the world.”

"Year after year, AmeriCorps members are among the most talented and engaged individuals serving our city. The creativity and energy they bring to their roles, while gaining hands-on experience in public service, allows for a mutually beneficial relationship that can be replicated in cities across the country," said **Jorge Luis Paniagua Valle, Deputy Executive Director of the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City**. "The Mayor's Fund is proud to support the work of City Service Corps and the innovative ideas NYC Service is helping to spread with this Blueprint."

The City Service Corps Blueprint is released at a crucial time for municipalities across the country. Adopting a City Service Corps model helps to increase local government's efficiency, develop a workforce of skilled leaders who prioritize civic engagement, and improve delivery of services to communities – all critical to serving the public now and strengthening communities for the future. City Service Corps members actively supported New York City agencies through the COVID-19 crisis, and a new cohort of members were on-boarded in September to serve through July 2021.

About NYC Service

NYC Service is a division of the Mayor's Office that builds partnerships to deepen and expand civic engagement through volunteer and service programs, creating sustainable change for our city's greatest needs. We unite New Yorkers in service to advance lifelong civic engagement for a more equitable and inclusive city. To learn more about NYC Service and connect to volunteer opportunities, visit nyc.gov/service.

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