



**Summer Service Opportunity
With
Detroit Future City**

Detroit Future City and Local Initiatives Support Corporation are seeking a summer AmeriCorps member to serve as a Land Use and Sustainability Support Specialist. We are recruiting a summer AmeriCorps member to be a part of our team for two to four months. The exact start and end date of the contract position is confirmed by the Member Agreement of Participation that will require signature prior to the start of service, with the candidate identified by July 14th or earlier, a latest start date of August 1, 2021 and completion of the 300-hour term on or before Sept 30, 2021. This is an AmeriCorps position and the individual selected to serve is not considered an employee of Detroit Future City or LISC.

WHAT WE DO

Through the shared vision of the Strategic Framework, Detroit Future City (DFC) is committed to advancing the quality of life for all Detroiters. We will accomplish this in partnership with residents and public and private stakeholders, and through data-driven strategies that promote the advancement of land use and sustainability, and community and economic development.

With residents and partners, LISC forges resilient and inclusive communities of opportunity across America – great places to live, work, visit, do business and raise families. Over the last 38 years, LISC and its affiliates have invested approximately \$22 billion in businesses, affordable housing, health, educational mobility, community and recreational facilities, public safety, employment and other projects that help to revitalize and stabilize underinvested communities. Headquartered in New York City, LISC’s reach spans the country from the East Coast to the West Coast in 36 urban markets from Buffalo to San Francisco and 2,200 rural counties. Visit us at www.lisc.org to learn more.

YOUR ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS AN AMERICORPS MEMBER

This is an AmeriCorps position and as such, the member may not engage in prohibited activities as part of his/her/their service. The member will have an immediate supervisor at Detroit Future City and a LISC point of contact throughout the term of service for coaching, mentoring, and training support in order to undertake activities to achieve a community goal.

The member is expected to undertake the following activities toward goal achievement:

- Provide technical assistance and capacity-building support for Detroit Future City’s Land Use and Sustainability team and DFC partners to plan, implement and maintain vacant land transformation and green stormwater infrastructure projects in alignment with the Detroit Future City Strategic Framework Plan
- Support vacant land reuse and green storm water infrastructure projects with through evaluation, mapping and research, development of design documents, educational resources and events
- Support with community outreach and engagement efforts to scale up DFC’s Land Use and Sustainability work and to increase its impact

In performing these activities, Detroit Future City and LISC AmeriCorps anticipate that the person in this position will achieve the following goal(s):

- Significantly contribute to a community needs assessment or implement community solutions making the host organization more effective and or efficient in serving residents

MEMBER SIGNATURE: _____

In order to meet the goal(s), the successful candidate will be provided with a work-plan at the onset of service and training needed to achieve the goal(s). Progress toward goal attainment will be measured monthly through an on-line system and raining will be provided.

OTHER SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Members are required to track time and submit on-line timesheets twice per month. They are also required to submit a monthly report through the same system (training will be provided). The person selected for this position will perform his/her/their day-to-day service at the partner site and depending on the start and end date, complete the 300 hour term by working 20-40 hours per week. Normal service hours are Monday – Friday from 8:30 am – 5:30 pm with 30 minutes for lunch per day. However, Detroit Future City offers employees the opportunity to keep a flexible schedule that may vary slightly from this schedule. It is expected that the person will be flexible as often times service requires some evenings and weekends.

Members are expected to attend and participate in all LISC AmeriCorps sponsored activities including but not limited to:

- Attending a local onboarding session coordinated by LISC;
- Attending all locally sponsored monthly meetings;
- Participating in nationally sponsored webinars; and,
- Engaging in any other LISC events as determined by the local LISC office.

SKILLS NEEDED

- Desire and ability to work with a diverse group of people, particularly those living in low-income distressed neighborhoods
- Ability to work independently and in a team environment, utilizing virtual technology programs primarily with some in-person outdoor work
- Basic knowledge of Microsoft Office products required
- Experience with graphic design software such as Adobe InDesign is desirable, but not required
- Good written and oral communication skills
- Ability to work a flexible schedule (some evening and weekend hours may be required, with notice)
- Willingness to engage in activities with volunteers, including outdoor activities (when safe)
- Knowledge of landscape design, planting techniques and plant materials is desirable, but not required
- Bachelor's degree or course work in Landscape Architecture, Environmental Planning/Studies, Urban Design, or other related environmental knowledge is preferred, but not required

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to participate as a LISC AmeriCorps member the candidate: (1) must not have previously resigned from a LISC AmeriCorps position; (2) be able to earn at least 75% of the education award for this position; and (3) if having previously served, been exited with satisfactory service from a prior term.

The candidate will also need to meet all AmeriCorps eligibility requirements including but not limited to:

- Be at least 17 years of age (there is no upper age limit)
- Possess unexpired proof of status as a US citizen or possess unexpired permanent resident status and be able to provide documentation as determined by AmeriCorps during the pre-enrollment period
- Meet the National Service Criminal History Check Requirement noted below

NATIONAL SERVICE CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK REQUIREMENT

If a candidate has a criminal record, it does not necessarily make him/her/them ineligible for service. LISC does not disclose any results with the host site and will discuss any eligibility concerns that may arise directly with the candidate as per LISC's policy.

Candidates being offered and accepting this AmeriCorps position must consent to a search of the National Sex Offender Public Website, State Level Criminal History Search, and an FBI search. LISC should receive the results from all checks *at least one week prior* to the first day of proposed service. The person must be cleared for service by LISC prior to the first day of service.

A candidate may not be considered eligible for service in instances where he/she/they: (1) are subject to registry on the National Sex Offender Public Website (NSOPW); and/or (2) has been convicted of murder; and/or (3) has a non-resolved/non-adjudicated criminal offense.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

Upon successful completion of the full term of service, the member will be eligible for a \$1,311.11 education award to pay off existing, eligible student loans or return to school. Members are eligible to place qualifying, existing student loans (not in default) into AmeriCorps forbearance. The position pays a total stipend of \$3,000, and is payable by Detroit Future City to the AmeriCorps member in equal installments, and is considered taxable.

Additional benefits for alums can be found here: <https://www.nationalservice.gov/special-initiatives/employers-national-service/alumni> and information on Public Service Loan Forgiveness can be found here: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service>.

HOW TO APPLY:

Please complete this smart sheet form and attach resume and optional cover letter <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/4ce892e335304ed8a883c6ec6d04d36b> by July 7th (applications will be considered on a rolling basis). Any questions can be directed to careers@detroitfuturecity.com

The candidate selected for this position will complete an account set up and on-line application via the My AmeriCorps Portal located here: <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/login.do> as well as intake forms via a secure system.

LISC AmeriCorps and Detroit Future City are committed to diversity and inclusion in the selection process.

LISC AmeriCorps is available to everyone eligible to serve.

We treat all persons without regard to race, color, religion, creed, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, ancestry, citizenship status, age, marital status, veteran status, disability, genetic information, or any other characteristic or status protected by applicable federal, state or local law.