

## Make a difference while launching your career in sustainability!

### 2015-16 MEMBER APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN



CivicSpark is a Governor's Initiative AmeriCorps program dedicated to building capacity for local governments to address climate change, managed by the Local Government Commission (LGC) in partnership with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR).

CivicSpark Members serve for 11 months, implementing important climate change mitigation and adaptation projects throughout the state of California. Members have the chance to gain valuable experience in their field, build office professional skills, and develop a strong network, while creating a lasting difference.

# 48

CivicSpark Members placed in

# 9

regions in California supporting

# 96

local governments to create

an impact that **MATTERS**

## Project Examples from the 2014-15 service year

### CLIMATE CHANGE:

- Climate Action Planning for the Sierra Region – support for climate action planning and community climate research and risk analysis for local governments.
- Cities of Fontana and Redlands - help in preparation of localized climate action plans.

### SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES:

- Sacramento Regional Climate Vulnerability Assessment – conduct a broad-level vulnerability assessment for the community and audit the community's existing plans and policies that can contribute to community preparedness.
- Resilient Shorelines in the Bay Area – support implementation of resilient shorelines project and develop regional analysis of shoreline vulnerabilities.

### ENERGY EFFICIENCY:

- San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Point of Permit Energy Audit and Education Program - conduction of home energy assessments as means to educate homeowners about energy efficiency.
- Ventura Climate Friendly Buildings - support for the Ventura Better Business Challenge to reduce energy usage by 20% by the year 2020.

## CIVICSPARK REGIONS:

1. North Coast
2. Sierra Nevada
3. Sacramento
4. San Francisco Bay Area
5. Central Coast
6. San Joaquin Valley
7. Inland Empire
8. Los Angeles
9. San Diego



## CIVICSPARK REGIONAL TEAMS:

Each regional team consists of 3-10 CivicSpark Members and 1 half-time senior project manager. Teams will receive support from the LGC, the OPR, and their regional partner.

## CIVICSPARK MEMBER ROLE:

Members work on defined projects with local governments on a range of tasks from data collection and analysis, to community outreach, to report writing and presenting. Members will also have the chance to work on volunteer services and will attend regular trainings for technical skills building and professional development.

“I personally feel that CivicSpark has opened an endless collection of doors into many different sectors of society. I truly feel like we are strengthening communities--not single-handedly, but as a collective group of passionate people working to get things done.”

**Kriselda Bautista, Sierra Nevada CivicSpark Member**

## MEMBER BENEFITS:

- \$14,000 Living Allowance (before taxes) spread evenly over 11 months
- \$5,775 Segal Education Award
- Forbearance on existing qualifying student loans and payment of interest accrued during service
- Health insurance
- Childcare assistance to qualifying Members, paid to an eligible provider of your choice
- Significant professional development training
- Network development with regional and statewide contacts in the climate protection field
- Valuable experience in the sustainability field and the local government sector
- Connection to a network of hundreds of thousands of AmeriCorps Alums

## QUALIFICATIONS:

- A 4-year degree in an environmentally related field and one year of relevant experience
- Experience with California climate change policies and practices (mitigation and/or adaptation related)
- Experience with local government operations and structures, especially as they relate to climate protection
- Good communications and teamwork skills, some experience with outreach preferred
- Capability to work in a professional office setting
- Comfort with quantitative work, including data collection and analysis
- Candidates must complete a DOJ, state, and NSOPR background check prior to service

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