## **Ohio Reading Corps**

## AmeriCorps/Serve Ohio Grant

Richland County Youth and Family Council will receive \$133,000 to support 10 full time AmeriCorps members to participate in the Ohio Reading Corps pilot program. Franklin and Cuyahoga counties were selected to be part of this pilot program also. The goal of the pilot program is to ensure that children can read proficiently by third grade by investing in preschool and kindergarten students with specific reading strategies. The Council is partnering with Mansfield City Schools and Head Start.

AmeriCorps is a national service initiative in which members agree to provide 1,700 hours of service for a living stipend of \$12,100 per year.

AmeriCorps members serving in programs who successfully complete a term of service will receive an Education Award from the National Service Trust of \$5,550 for a year of full-time service, with correspondingly smaller awards for less-than-full-time service. The amount of the Education Award is determined on the basis of the Pell Grant award. A member has up to seven years after the term of service has ended to use the award.

To apply to be an AmeriCorps member, send your resume to

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