ABOUT THE CORPS
The Commonwealth Corps is a state-funded service internship program that engages Massachusetts residents of all ages, backgrounds, and identities in direct service to strengthen communities, address critical needs, and increase volunteerism.

The Commonwealth Corps provides opportunities for skill-building and leadership development, and it encourages and enhances a lifelong civic vocation for Corps members.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW
Since its inception in 2007, over 1,060 Commonwealth Corps members have served in the program, providing over 732,000 hours of service and directly benefiting over 624,000 individuals.

FOCUS AREAS
- Economic Opportunity
- Education (Early & K-12)
- Health/Nutrition
- Veterans' Support
- Youth Development

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS
- Greater Boston
- Northeastern Mass
- Central Mass
- South Coast
- Western Mass
- Berkshires

SERVICE MEMBERS
Commonwealth Corps members represent a more diverse cohort than the average year-of-service program. Members have ranged in age from 18-70+ and have come to the program from various personal, professional, and educational backgrounds, including current students, recent graduates, sector switchers, career-reentry, and retirees.
TESTIMONIALS

I chose to become a Commonwealth Corps member because I had an amazing experience interning with the REC’s YouthGROW program over the summer. When I learned about this opportunity to extend and deepen my service with them, I knew I couldn’t pass it up. Because of the Commonwealth Corps, I am getting valuable experience doing food justice work that I am passionate about, and I am making meaningful connections to my community.

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Tamar Rubin-Calvert, 2020-2021 Corps Member, Regional Environmental Council

Before the Commonwealth Corps, I was unsure if switching careers from the service industry to working with youth was the right move for me. Through my service, I’ve been able to become a mentor to the students and help guide them to reach their full potential. Now, I feel like I’ve discovered that this may be my calling and I’m excited to continue serving youth and pursue a career in education or teaching.

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Fani Rosa, 2019-2020 Corps Member, Friends of the Hernandez

Our Commonwealth Corps members have been instrumental in our growth as an organization. The benefit we have seen in recruiting and training volunteers, for example, is not just the progress toward our numeric goals, but the increased capacity to manage the program as it grows to better serve underprivileged students in Western Mass.

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Dennis Quinn, Associate Director, Reader to Reader

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2021-2022 PROGRAM

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To learn more, visit: www.mass-service.org/cc.