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Ontario Promise Corps Receives Federal Grant to Bring 28 AmeriCorps Members to the City of Ontario

The City of Ontario today announces that the Ontario Promise Corps program has received \$392,000 in AmeriCorps funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the federal agency responsible for AmeriCorps and other national service programs.

This grant will support 28 AmeriCorps members who will provide services to improve educational outcomes for economically disadvantaged children and youth, and support economically disadvantaged students as they prepare for success in post-secondary educational institutions. The City of Ontario remains committed to increasing educational opportunities for our youth and the community for a brighter Ontario.

The Ontario Promise Corps program will leverage the City of Ontario Library as well as the Recreation & Community Services Department in partnership with the Ontario-Montclair School Foundation's Promise Scholars and the Hope through Housing Foundation to host and maximize the impact of these AmeriCorps members in the community. AmeriCorps members assigned to the Ontario Library will serve as early family literacy advisors to help increase literacy levels and school readiness in the community; the Recreation & Community Services Department and the Hope through Housing Foundation will position AmeriCorps members to serve as mentors for social-emotional development to underservice and economically disadvantaged youth throughout the community; the Ontario-Montclair School Foundation Promise Scholars will deploy AmeriCorps members to serve as college advisors, focusing on increasing college attainment through increased access to resources and information. Collectively, the Ontario Promise Corps seeks to support students across the cradle-to-career continuum for a more prosperous future.

The Corporation for National and Community Service has operated for over 25 years, helping more than 1 million dedicated Americans join AmeriCorps pledging to "get things done." This



year, the 75,000 AmeriCorps members serving in schools, nonprofits, community and faith-based organizations, will do the same as they rebuild communities, support veterans, fight the opioid epidemic, prepare students for success, foster economic opportunity, and more. Those interested in serving can learn more at AmeriCorps.gov/join.

About the City of Ontario

The City of Ontario *Elevates* the quality-of-life by creating urban lifestyle districts that create sustainable places to live, work and play. Located just 35 miles east of downtown Los Angeles, the City of Ontario is ideally situated as a gateway to Southern California. With major freeways, rail transportation and International Airport, Ontario offers the rest of the world to be a part of a culturally diverse community with rich history that is well positioned for quality development and economic sustainability for its 177,000 residents. Complementing its business and residential core, Ontario offers premium entertainment venues such as the Ontario Convention Center, Toyota Arena, and the Ontario Mills Mall. To learn more about the City of Ontario, visit www.ontarioca.gov or call (909) 395-2000.

