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Cal Poly Receives \$1.1 Million AmeriCorps Grant for Central Coast Volunteer Corps

SAN LUIS OBISPO – The Community Center at Cal Poly was awarded a three-year \$1.1 million AmeriCorps grant from California's Volunteer Commission to fund the Central Coast Volunteer Corps.

The grant provides program funding at \$389,350 per year for three years. The award allows an additional six agencies to participate in the program. Currently 29 inter-generational AmeriCorps members, ranging in age from 19-62, serve as volunteer coordinators at twenty county non-profit and public service agencies including:

- o ALPHA
- o Big Brothers Big Sisters
- o Camp Fire
- o CASA
- o City of Atascadero
- o El Camino Homeless Organization
- o Family Care Network
- o Food Bank
- o Good Samaritan Shelter
- o Habitat for Humanity
- o Hospice of San Luis Obispo County
- o Maxine Lewis Memorial Homeless Shelter
- o Morro Bay Natural History Museum
- o Nature Corps
- o San Luis Obispo Police Department
- o Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention Center
- o Transitions Mental Health Association
- o United Cerebral Palsy
- o YMCA

AmeriCorps was created in 1993 under the Clinton Administration through the National and Community Trust Act, to create a nationwide corps of citizens dedicated to national service.

For more information about Cal Poly's Community Center, the AmeriCorps grant or the Central Coast Volunteer Corps, contact Stephan Lamb at slamb@calpoly.edu.

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