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**Legal Applicant:** Girl Scouts of the USA

**Approved Funding:** \$600,000

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**Program Summary:**

Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) will integrate service-learning in the "Take Action" component of their new leadership program framework for girls. The goal is to transform the community service model that Girl Scout councils currently use, to a Take Action service-learning-oriented model that has a purposeful learning component. This new model will promote civic engagement among girls (ages 11-17) and contribute to healthy and viable local communities. The Take Action projects will be implemented in partnership with Girl Scout councils and will emphasize civic engagement and leadership. Projects will be implemented during non-school hours in informal education settings and will be coordinated with a newly updated Take Action Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards Program to promote consistent implementation standards for all projects.



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**Legal Applicant:** Hopa Mountain, Inc.

**Approved Funding:** \$580,000

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**Program Summary:**

Hopa Mountain will develop Youth Leaders in Service, a civic engagement service-learning program for rural and tribal youth ages 11-17 living in Montana, Wyoming, and South Dakota's Pine Ridge Reservation. With limited opportunities for native youth to participate in out-of-school time or service-learning programs in this region, Youth Leaders in Service will offer rural and tribal youth the chance to design and implement innovative service projects. In partnership with local community partners, this program will build civic engagement, develop youth leadership capabilities, and strengthen community problem-solving skills. Youth will use asset mapping tools to identify service-learning projects and each site will have strong partnerships with organizational partners and volunteers.



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**Legal Applicant:** Innovation Center for Community and Youth Development

**Approved Funding:** \$585,000

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**Program Summary:**

The Innovation Center for Community and Youth Development will support three organizations that operate in empowerment zones or impoverished communities – Tohono O'odham Community Action in Sells, AZ; Youth Development Training and Resource Center in New Haven, CT; and Monterey Bay Aquarium in Watsonville, CA – as they expand service-learning opportunities for local youth. Participating youth identified specific threats to community wellness that will be targeted for their service activities: diabetes, rising teen violence rates, a dwindling number of teen programs and substandard high school academic achievement, and environmental challenges such as water pollution. Structured opportunities for young people to address these issues will promote civic engagement.



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**Legal Applicant:** Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service

**Approved Funding:** \$500,000

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**Program Summary:**

Reach Out Iowa will implement service-learning as a youth engagement strategy at three rural and three urban pilot sites throughout Iowa. The Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service in Des Moines, Iowa will work with the Iowa State University's Extension 4-H Youth Development to create a successful out-of-school-time service-learning model that will engage youth and adult volunteers to foster positive connections and make youth-led decisions in communities and schools. Thousands service-learning participants, ages 12 to 17, will meet local needs to promote healthy communities. Project examples might include flood relief in Cedar Rapids, coping with cultural tensions that exist for new families moving to Marshalltown, and relieving the stress of economic hardships in Waterloo.



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**Legal Applicant:** National Indian Justice Center

**Approved Funding:** \$540,000

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**Program Summary:**

The National Indian Justice Center's Native Youth in Action Program, a civic engagement initiative, will utilize service-learning as a strategy to address the issue of high dropout rates for Native American youth. The major goals are to increase civic skills of Native youth so that they may become more active problem solvers within their own communities and the wider community while increasing the capacity of local partners to conduct effective service-learning. Three Native youth serving organizations in California that run year-round after-school programs and six other sites across the country that run summer programs will offer out-of-school service-learning opportunities for Native youth. A distance learning classroom will provide culturally appropriate curricula on Native American educational, cultural and social issues to enrich project learning components and to provide a platform for further curriculum development and dissemination among sub-grantees. The National Indian Justice Center's annual "For All My Relations Conference on Indian Families" will be leveraged to market the program to Native youth, tribal leaders and Native youth service organizations.



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**Legal Applicant:** The Rural School and Community Trust

**Approved Funding:** \$580,000

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**Program Summary:**

The Rural School and Community Trust, based in Arlington, Virginia, proposes to implement the Youth-Led Poverty Reduction Initiative to support multi-leveled partnerships in rural communities including Warren County, NC; Montpelier, VT; Jackman, ME; and East Iberville Parish, LA. High school-aged participants will engage in school affiliated, community-based service-learning experiences after-school, and during the weekend and summer. Students' participation will help them increase educational attainment and overcome debilitating social and economic conditions. Service-learning students' projects will target poverty reduction and financial literacy in all five rural communities.



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**Legal Applicant:** Usher's New Look, Inc.

**Approved Funding:** \$200,000

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**Program Summary:**

In conjunction with Usher's established annual Camp New Look, this program will support the development and implementation of service-learning curriculum both at the Camp and through online modules. A minigrant program, similar to a Summer of Service program, will provide funding for students who have completed the curriculum training (at camp or online) to implement service-learning projects. These projects will be monitored by local non-profit partners.





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**Legal Applicant:** Volunteer Tennessee

**Approved Funding:** \$586,996

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**Program Summary:**

Volunteer Tennessee (VT) will use service-learning as a key strategy to ensure that Tennessee students stay in school. Through the "Tennessee Seasons of Service" program, VT mobilizes three of Tennessee's largest youth organizations--BRIDGES-PeaceJam, 4-H, and YMCA -- to engage thousands of students in out-of-school service programs during spring, summer, fall, and winter breaks. By identifying local needs and assets, students participate in relevant and engaging service-learning projects that are valuable to the community. Middle and high school-aged students will lead younger youth in their service projects, with the goal of extending these initiatives to all partner affiliates across Tennessee and nationwide.