

FINANCIAL RESOURCE GUIDE

Resources to maximize your AmeriCorps stipend while serving with MCC.

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MCC FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Temporary Relief Fund: Offers limited financial assistance to members experiencing unexpected financial hardships. MCC AmeriCorps participants may request financial assistance to help offset unanticipated financial needs encountered throughout their term of service.

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MAP & HEALTH INSURANCE

Member Assistance Program (MAP): Free and Confidential Services available to AmeriCorps members, 24/7. Services include: mental health counseling, life coaching, legal/financial resources, work/life resources, medical advocacy, and more. Call 800-451-1834. To login on QR code use code: americorps

Health Insurance: MCC offers Health Insurance to members serving 675 hours or more. If enrolled, your coverage is effective the first day of your term. Cards are typically distributed 10 days after your first day of coverage begins.

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PRO DEALS

A **Pro Deal** is a discounted price on high-quality gear from some of the best outfitters in the industry. As a way to support your service and success with MCC, we have pre-negotiated several pro deals on your behalf. See your program staff for details.

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PATRICIA SAGAWA CORPSMEMBER RELIEF FUND

The **Patricia Sagawa Corpsmember Relief Fund** is designed to provide critical financial support to young adults facing barriers during their term of a service in one of the member organizations of The Corps Network. Funds can be requested to support short-term relief including, but not limited to: clothing and supplies for your term of service, food, housing, medical expenses, transportation, unforeseen need to travel home, utilities, and childcare.

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MONTANA RESOURCES

Double Your Snap Dollars: Use your SNAP dollars to buy fruits, vegetables, meats, grains, snacks, non-alcoholic beverages at participating locations (usually farmer's markets) and get up to \$20 of credit to spend on other fruits, vegetables, herbs, and mushrooms.

Your Community's Local Food Bank: Food banks are intended to supplement your food supply, however they can also supply additional informational resources and help you apply to SNAP. Most food banks have a limit of how often you can "shop" or pick out food (ex: every 2 weeks).

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FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Loan Forbearance: While serving with AmeriCorps, you can apply with the Financial Institution that holds your student loans to have the requirement to pay "paused" or placed on forbearance. Interest will still accrue.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): Money that is loaded onto a debit card (Electronic Benefit Transfer "EBT" card) that is meant to supplement your food budget. The money is automatically loaded on and you can use the benefits at grocery stores and authorized retailers.

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FEDERAL PROGRAMS CONT.

Affordable Connectivity Program: Discounts on your internet service or a \$100 rebate to purchase a new computer. You are likely eligible if your household's income is below 200% of the Federal Poverty Line, or if you or someone you live with currently receives a government benefit like SNAP or Medicaid.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act: This program provides career coaching, financial support for work related expenses and essential need expenses, leadership development opportunities, mentoring, and more for qualifying individuals in and out of school ages 14 - 24.

Scan the QR code for links! Ask your regional staff for local resources.

