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Position Title: Community Volunteer Ambassador – AmeriCorps

Conservation Legacy Program: Stewards Individual Placements

Site Location: Alaska Public Lands Information Center

605 W. 4th Ave, Suite 105, Anchorage, AK 99501

Terms of Service:

- **Start Date: 2/22/2027**
- **End Date: 2/4/2028**
- **AmeriCorps Slot Classification: 1700 Hours (50 Weeks)**

Purpose:

Stewards Individual Placements (Stewards), a program of Conservation Legacy, provides individuals with AmeriCorps service and career opportunities to strengthen communities and preserve our natural resources. Participants serve with federal agencies, tribal governments, and nonprofits to provide institutional capacity, develop community relationships, and support ecosystem health. The Community Volunteer Ambassador (CVA) Program combines the strength of a national leader in conservation service with the National Park Service to train emerging leaders to assist park units in building lasting connections to communities.

The Alaska Public Lands Information Center (APLIC) is a one stop shop for all things public lands. This urban site is located in Anchorage, the largest city in the state of Alaska. It is one of four such sites across the state. There are over 320 million acres of public land in the state open for public recreation and/or use. With the largest National Park, largest National Forest, largest Wildlife refuge, and third largest State Park in the nation, Alaska receives tourists from all over the world. Navigating these wildlands is one of the many specialties of the APLICs. Anchorage is the jumping off point to most of the state and its

recreational possibilities. It also is the home of the largest school district in the state with over 100 languages spoken within the communities. As such, the APLIC's mandate isn't just tourism but also education. Anchorage APLIC (AAPLIC) staff provide educational, safety, and access information to youth, young adults, outdoors groups, and many other partners. We have an education wing that is always in need of additional volunteers to help with youth projects and outreach, we also have staff available to work closely with volunteers on a number of special programming and projects year round in the interpretive division (activities at the local refuge, Public Lands Day, NPS week, Iditarod, Fur Rondy, web projects, art in park projects, and many more).

Description of Duties:

Help build volunteerism and stewardship at the Anchorage Alaska Public Lands Information Center. The Anchorage Alaska Public Lands Information Center (AAPLIC) is looking to enhance its volunteerism and create a stronger connection with our other communities in the area, primarily the Joint Military base and the surrounding communities. The goal is to push the “know before you go” of visiting your National Parks, preserves, and other public lands. The project revolves around enjoying your public lands safely with your pet and focuses on wildlife safety. The CVA would serve with Rangers to learn how to present urban wildlife and bear safety programming which they will take to dog parks and special events on base and its surrounding communities. They will discuss more than dogs on leash, but rather on hazards to & access for the pets, identifying traps, how to safely remove pets from traps, navigating with glaciers, pets around moose or in bear country, areas for any dogs and those for only service dogs, and many other safety and access tips. Hands-on materials will be brought to the talks (actual traps, brochures, urban wildlife materials), and free doggie bags will be provided to those who come. The primary goal of the CVA project will be to find and recruit one or two of the regular dog park users to volunteer to be the spokesperson to new dog park users to spread accurate information about pet use in our National Parks and preserves. Each person recruited will be given a special doggie bag with VIP logo and small doggie bags for those who take part in their chat. The CVA will also develop an approved handout or brochure directly tied to our resources to encourage wildlife safety practices.

Responsibilities:

- Developing & presenting to varied audiences,one-on-one, tabling events, and/or school & special interest groups on pet safety in public lands.
- Identifying, encouraging, and training new volunteers to help spread the safety message by volunteering to be spokespersons at the sites of interest.
- Create flyers, gather brochures, and provide online information about the pet safety program and volunteer opportunity.
- Engage community and partner staff such as the US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Alaska Department of Fish and

Game, Anchorage Parks & Rec, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER), local Universities, and local rec centers.
- Help raise the number of volunteers at our facility to allow our staff to work with more youth/adult/community/elder programs.

Qualifications:

- CVA must be self-motivated with the ability to work indoors and outdoors.
- Good public speaking skills, organized, and have a strong work ethic.
- Willingness to work in a team setting, a desire to share ideas, be outgoing.
- Willing and able to work around pets (primarily dogs) and have fun on the job.
- United States citizen, United States national, or a lawful permanent resident alien
- Applicants must be between ages of 18-30 years old, or up to 35 for veterans, based on Public Land Corps Act of 1993 authorizing this AmeriCorps opportunity.
- Has received a high school diploma or equivalency certificate; or has not dropped out of elementary or secondary school to enroll as an AmeriCorps participant, and agrees to obtain a high school diploma or its equivalent prior to using the education award
- Agrees to provide information to establish eligibility and to complete a National Service Criminal History Check.

Preferred Qualifications

- All applicants are welcome, and those that show skills in public speaking, community engagement, pet awareness, and project leadership are very welcomed traits.

Our Commitment:

Conservation Legacy is committed to the full consideration of all qualified individuals and will ensure that persons with disabilities are provided reasonable accommodations to perform essential job functions. Physical requirements may include periodic overnight travel, non-traditional work hours, ability to move across varied terrain, use program-specific tools and a range of technology on an infrequent or frequent basis. Exerting up to 25 pounds of force occasionally to lift, carry, push, pull, or otherwise move objects. The ability to safely drive an organizational vehicle may also be required for some positions. If you need assistance and/or reasonable accommodation due to a disability during the application or recruiting process, please send a request to Vanessa Morrison at vmorrison@conservationlegacy.org

Time Requirements:

- Typically, this position is expected to serve 40 hours per week, but exact service schedules may vary. A half hour lunch break will not be counted towards AmeriCorps service
- Member may be required to participate in national, state, or local service projects or events as part of their service term.

Orientation and Training:

- Member will receive an orientation that includes training on AmeriCorps prohibited and unallowable activities.
- Week-long, in-person training on NPS Volunteer Program Management and leadership schools.
- Year-long Continuum of Learning supporting participant professional development.
- $750.00 in Professional Development Funds for travel and training.

Additional Position and Community Information:

The Park site is located in the largest city in the state of Alaska, with extremely varied communities. Anchorage is a mild weather city in the summer with a little more than 300,000 people. Winters can be cold and snowy. All standard amenities are available including hospitals, daycare, schools, 2 universities, multiple rentals, shopping malls, restaurants, golf courses, ski resorts, museums, and an international airport. Indoor and outdoor activities abound.

Anchorage is the jumping off point to most of the state and its recreational possibilities. Anchorage is between the mountains and the ocean with tons of recreational possibilities at our doorstep. This is a nontraditional city due to the wildlife in and around the city. We have bears and moose that have wandered right in our downtown area while city buses and taxis flow by. It is easy to look at Anchorage as a regular large city due to our amenities and large buildings, but between the spectacular views of mountains and ocean and the surprise of moose on the city streets, Anchorage reminds us that we are still in the last frontier.

NPS Housing is not available.

Benefits:

- Segal AmeriCorps Education Award of $7,395.00
- Living Allowance of $700.00 per week.
- Additional Benefit of $200.00 per week (if housing is not provided)
- Healthcare Coverage if Eligible
- Childcare Coverage if Eligible
- Loan forbearance if Eligible
- Interest Payments if Eligible
- 10 Federal Holidays, 10 Days Personal Leave, 10 Days Sick Leave

Evaluation and Reporting:

As an AmeriCorps member, performance will be evaluated on whether the member has completed the required number of hours, the member has satisfactorily completed assignments, and if the member has met other performance criteria that were clearly communicated at the beginning of the term of service.

Reporting requirements include, but are not limited to, bi-weekly timesheets and accomplishment tracking.

Program Contact Information:

Please contact James Gasaway at the contact information below with any questions.

Stewards Contact information: James Gasaway, jgasaway@conservationlegacy.org

Conservation Legacy is an equal opportunity employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, pregnancy, age, national origin, disability status, genetic information, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

We also consider qualified applicants regardless of criminal histories, consistent with legal requirements. If you need assistance and/or reasonable accommodations due to a disability during the application or recruiting process, please send a request to the hiring manager.