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Oberlin Heritage Center Selected for new Ohio History Service Corps AmeriCorps Program

The Oberlin Heritage Center has been selected to take part in a new program launched by the Ohio Historical Society and the Ohio Community Service Council that will place trained AmeriCorps members in communities across the State for the next year. The twenty new positions which have been created are broken down into three service "corps": the Civil War 150 Leadership Corps, the Historic Preservation Corps, and the Technology Corps.

The Oberlin Heritage Center will host one full-time AmeriCorps member of the Civil War 150 Leadership Corps. He/she will work on assisting communities prepare for the upcoming commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, work on Civil War-related educational and public programming, special events, regional initiatives, collections care and other duties. The Oberlin Heritage Center received a \$2,000 grant from The Nord Family Foundation to support its costs to take part in the program.

Executive Director Pat Murphy commented that "This program offers a great professional development opportunity for those interested in history, historic preservation, heritage education, and the museum fields. We are very proud that Oberlin Heritage Center has been selected to participate and we look forward to partnering with the Ohio Historical Society on this project. Having an AmeriCorps member as part of our team will help us better serve our community and build partnerships with others in the region and State to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War."

An AmeriCorps position receives an annual stipend of \$11,800, health insurance, and if required service hours are completed, an Educational Award of \$5,350 that can be used towards college, graduate school, or paying off existing school loans. To apply for the position at the Oberlin Heritage Center or any of the other 19 positions through this program, log in and create an account at <https://my.americorps.gov> to complete an application by September 20, 2010. The term of service is from October 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011. More information is available on the AmeriCorps website or by calling Mary Cannon, AmeriCorps Project Director, at the Ohio Historical Society at 614-297-2392 or sending an e-mail to her at mcannon@ohiohistory.org.

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