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## GRADD Recruiting AmeriCorps Members

Do you possess a caring heart, the desire to serve others and seek the fulfillment of giving back to your community? The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) has exciting and rewarding opportunities with its AmeriCorps Senior Connections program waiting for you!

Senior Connections seeks to reduce the rate of food insecurity for our senior citizens, assist them in living independently in their own homes, ensure they have an effective social support system, a reliable and sustainable source of nutrition and ensure they are resilient. Senior Connections members serve at non-profit, faith-based, and public agencies offering services to senior citizens in Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union and Webster counties.

“The Senior Connections program is lifechanging, both for members and for seniors in our area,” says Brad Alley, GRADD’s AmeriCorps Program Director. “I encourage anyone who wants to serve their community in a meaningful way to apply for this program.”

A recruitment meeting for anyone interested in joining the AmeriCorps Senior Connections program will be held at the GRADD office on Thursday, June 22, 2023, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The GRADD office is located at 300 GRADD Way in Owensboro.

Members commit to serving 1,700 hours from September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024. AmeriCorps members receive a living allowance stipend of \$17,600. Upon successful completion of service, members receive a \$6,895 educational award that can be used for educational expenses. Members 55 years of age or older may transfer their award to a child or grandchild. Members also may qualify for limited health benefits and child assistance.

To learn more about the AmeriCorps Senior Connections program and how you can help make a difference in the lives of seniors, contact Brad Alley or Mary Ashford at 270-926-4433 or email [seniorconnections@gradd.com](mailto:seniorconnections@gradd.com).

*The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) is a regional planning agency and council of governments serving the communities of Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union, and Webster counties. GRADD offers assistance in the fields of aging, health, and social services; community and economic development; transportation planning; and workforce development. Our mission is to afford local governments and citizens a regional forum to identify issues and opportunities, and to provide leadership in planning and implementing programs to improve the quality of life in our district.*