



GET HANDS ON: ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TOOLKIT



GOALS

During fiscal year 2011, AmeriCorps Alums will be taking part in the Get HandsOn Campaign, a project of the Points of Light Institute that will generate impact around the environment, economy, education, and emergency response. Because it allows for greater flexibility and its viability in both the group and individual setting, AmeriCorps Alums will primarily focus on impact around the environment. Our goals over the next fiscal year, October 1st, 2010 to September 30th 2011 include the following:

- Register 50,000 AmeriCorps Alums-related participants at www.gethandson.com (be sure to indicate your affiliation with AmeriCorps Alums)
- CO₂ reduction of 10.0 million lbs
- Save households, schools, and businesses over \$500,000 in actual energy savings

Throughout the year, AmeriCorps Alums will rely heavily on its chapters and individual alumni to help realize these goals. While the effort will occur throughout the year, to help make big pushes during the year, we will focus much of our energy on three signature days of service: Make a Difference Day, MLK, Jr. Day, and Earth Day.

AmeriCorps Alums plans to offer grants during these signature days of service to help our chapters and individual alumni achieve the goals of this campaign. A few things to remember:

- Before you can receive a grant from us or any other agency, you as an individual or through your AmeriCorps Alums chapter will need to secure a fiscal agent or sponsor
- To stay up to date about grant opportunities, it is best to frequent www.americorpsalums.org. Before sending the grant RFP announcement out through e-mail, we will post it online first.
- Don't wait to submit your proposal until the last minute. In the past we have turned down well-written proposals because they were received after the deadline

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