

What is Heading Home Corps?

Heading Home Corps is a new [AmeriCorps program](#) in Minnesota. Heading Home Corps focuses on supporting people who are experiencing homelessness by navigating resources and connecting people with additional supports in order to help them secure safe and stable housing.

What do Heading Home Corps members do?

Members, called [Housing Resource Navigators](#), provide your organization with additional capacity to support people who are experiencing homelessness. They establish a relationship with each individual on their caseload and work with that person to assess their unique needs, set goals, and sit side-by-side to help navigate resources and overcome barriers. Members will be specifically trained to:

- Establish trusting relationships and use motivational interviewing skills to work with individuals
- Conduct an initial interview with each individual to identify needs and preferences
- Set goals and develop an action plan with each individual they serve
- Navigate resources and bridge connections between service providers, making referrals as needed

Learn more about the position at <https://www.servetogrow.org/headinghome>

What is the time commitment and schedule for a Heading Home Corps member?

- Members serve 40 hrs/week from September 13, 2021 – July 30, 2022 at your site.
- In exchange for their service, members are paid \$750 once every two weeks, paid by Reading & Math, Inc. They also earn an education award of up to \$6,345.

What organizations are eligible to host a Heading Home Corps member?

- Governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations. We are especially interested in partnering with sites who are serving BIPOC communities and we work closely with partner sites to recruit from these communities. For-profit entities are not eligible.

What is the cost for my organization?

Our goal is that there will be no cost to your organization outside of the time you need to devote to supervising the AmeriCorps member(s) and the supplies needed for the member to carry out their service. While federal AmeriCorps funding will cover 2/3 of the costs associated with each member, ServeMinnesota must raise an additional \$10,000/member to serve as a cash match to the federal dollars. ServeMinnesota is in the process of seeking these matching dollars through a combination of philanthropic and public dollars. Depending on the success of these efforts it may be necessary to charge a fee to each site. A final decision about the need for a site fee will be made by June 1st, 2021.

What is my organization's commitment to host a Heading Home Corps Member?

- Actively assist in recruiting candidates to serve as your Heading Home Corps member
- Assign a current employee who will be the site supervisor for the member:
 - the site supervisor should be someone who is a staff person in the department where the member is serving and who is familiar with the community that the member will serve
 - the site supervisor will provide daily direction and oversight to the member, and
 - the site supervisor will approve member timesheets every two weeks
- Provide the member a workspace, a computer, and needed office supplies (phone, business cards, etc.)

I'm interested in having a Heading Home Corps member! What is my next step?

Thank you for your interest! We have a [short service site application](#) for you to fill out. If you have questions about the program, please contact Alana Stimes, Program Director, at alana.stimes@servetogrow.org.