



# AmeriCorps Project Conserve 2020 Service Description



## Service Description

**AmeriCorps Position Title:** Farm Support Member  
**Host Site:** Veterans Healing Farm

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### **Host Site Mission Statement:**

Our mission is to serve our nation's veterans by growing and donating high-quality fruits, vegetables, and flower bouquets to veterans and their caregivers free of charge. Additionally, we support veterans by offering workshops on innovative gardening techniques and foster a thriving micro-community of veterans and civilians who build deep friendships and cultivate emotional, physical, and spiritual health.

### **Summary of Position:**

The position of Farm Support Member would include, but not be limited to, working alongside staff and volunteers to plant, maintain, and harvest from various garden plots on our 10-acre sustainable farm. Additionally, the Farm Support Member would help pack produce and cut flowers to facilitate distribution to local food banks and distribution sites within the community. Other various maintenance projects for buildings on the premises may also be included, which support the food growth and distribution.

### **Qualifications – Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:**

- Must be physically able to work outdoors and complete tasks such as moving wheelbarrows of mulch, bending to weed and/or harvest, carrying buckets of water/compost, etc.
- Eligible applicants must be at least 18 years of age, be a citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident alien of the United States, and consent to a criminal history check.

### **Preferred Service Hours / Weekly Schedule:**

There is a good deal of flexibility with work scheduling, however weekdays 9 am - 5 pm is preferred. Evening hours are not available

***PLEASE NOTE: In addition to fulfilling host site service responsibilities, all Project Conserve members are required to fully participate in team trainings and events (1 – 2 times per month)***

## **Position Responsibilities and Duties:**

- Farm Work: planting, watering, weeding, mulching, fertilizing, harvesting, floral bouquet arrangement
- Produce and Flower Distributions: coordinating with distributors, packing, possibly delivering produce/flowers
- Maintenance Activities: disinfecting and organization of tools/storage units, painting/staining, power-washing of facilities
- The AmeriCorps member will play an essential role in supporting our garden health and growth, production, and harvesting as well as packing and distributing the produce/cut flowers grown to local community members for our 2020 COVID-19 Relief Distributions.

## **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS**

**Equipment / Software Used:** wheelbarrow, pitchfork, golf cart, flame weeder, zero turn mower, possibly tiller.

**Physical Demands:** Must be able to withstand working out of doors in the heat. Bending, lifting (no more than 50 lbs), walking.

**Transportation Needs:** AmeriCorps member must be able to provide their own transportation to and from the farm.

**Setting/Location of Service Activities:**

**Other Considerations:** AmeriCorps member must observe all of Veterans Healing Farm's COVID-19 safety protocol including wearing a mask or face covering, frequent hand washing/sanitation, and social distancing among other staff and volunteers.