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Pamlico Rose Institute Awarded \$341,000 by AmeriCorps to Build Public Health

Funding will support 12 AmeriCorps members to meet public health needs of local community and help rebuild the nation's public health sector

Washington, NC. Pamlico Rose Institute (PRI) announced today that it has received a Public Health AmeriCorps grant of \$341,000 from AmeriCorps, the federal agency for national service and volunteerism. The grant will expand efforts of Pamlico Rose through their PRI Health Corps to help counter the adverse impact of COVID 19 on food insecurity for at-risk underrepresented and minority populations/communities in eastern North Carolina. The Public Health AmeriCorps, a partnership between AmeriCorps and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, supports the recruitment, training, and development of a new generation of public health leaders. Supported by a five-year, \$400 million investment from the American Rescue Plan Act, Public Health AmeriCorps will help meet public health needs of local communities by providing surge capacity and support while also creating pathways to public health-related careers.

PRI Health Corps will consist of twelve full-time members who will implement a comprehensive garden to table program that features nutrition education and distribution of healthy vegetables from community gardens sites.

“Our primary aim is to help mitigate food insecurity in underserved populations, such as women Veterans and their families, and other Veterans and community members” said Robert Greene Sands, Pamlico Rose Executive Director.

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To aid that aim, PRI Health Corps will work to foster a sound nutritional approach while providing access to healthy vegetables.

“Community gardens becomes the means to the end, an outdoor laboratory to explore healthier eating, that keeps giving year after year,” said Sands.

Starting in September of 2022, PRI Health Corps members will deliver nutrition education to service recipients to include the Blind Center and the Washington Boys and Girls Club while providing an applied learning experience in building and maintaining community gardens for Public Health AmeriCorps members and volunteers at each site.

PRI advances wellness programs to women Veterans, so Sands is hopeful that many will find a year serving as a PRI Health Corps member beneficial in several ways, starting with experience working in a public health career field. Members receive a living allowance, health care if needed and childcare if eligible and upon completion of the year will receive a Segal Education Award of \$6495.

For those interested in learning more about or applying to PRI Health Corps, contact Robert Greene Sands at robert@pamlicorose.org or visit the <https://americorps.gov/about/what-we-do/public-health-amerikorps>. PRI Health Corps is one of three North Carolina Public Health Corps projects funded in this initial funding cycle; projects were also funded through Wake Forest University and Appalachian State University.

About

AmeriCorps, the federal agency for volunteerism and national service, provides opportunities for Americans to serve their country domestically, address the nation’s most pressing challenges, improve lives and communities, and strengthen civic engagement. Each year, the agency places more than 250,000 AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers in intensive service roles; and empowers millions more to serve as long-term, short-term, or onetime volunteers. Learn more at AmeriCorps.gov.

Pamlico Rose Institute is a Washington, NC 501(c)3, that provides wellness, healthy living and resilience programs for underrepresented populations especially women Veterans in eastern NC. PRI’s home is the Rose Haven Center of Healing, consisting of an 1892 farmhouse, barn- soon to be renovated into a community center/maker space, and the Betty Ann Sands Memorial Healing & Artful Landscape. Rose Haven offers women Veterans a dedicated safe place, surrounded by nature and a caring community, to ease the struggle with transitioning from military to civilian life. Learn more at www.pamlicorose.org.

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