



Peace Corps
Fellows Program
in Community
Development
Western Illinois University



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Community Application to Host a Peace Corps Fellow/AmeriCorps Member

PEACE CORPS FELLOWS PROGRAM IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Peace Corps Fellows serve an 11-month internship and are placed each year in either June or January. The program is very competitive, thus applying early is advised. Individual communities, clusters of 2 or 3 communities, individual counties, local organizations, and regional agencies are eligible to apply. The criteria for selection include: 1) the extent that local organizations are willing to support and work cooperatively with the Fellow, 2) defined projects for the Fellow, 3) a plan for continuing projects after the Fellow's assignment ends, 4) match of community's projects with the capabilities of the Fellow, and 5) site preference of the Fellow. **Furthermore, there is a cost of \$20,000.**

Applications are accepted year-round. Completed applications should be sent to the address at the end of this application form.

- 1. Name of Community.** *Please note that the term community used in this application refers to either an individual community, a cluster of communities, a county, or agency.*

- 2. Sponsoring Organization and Address:**

Organization _____

Address _____

Contact Person _____

Phone _____

3. **Briefly describe your community's main development issues.**

4. **Why is your community applying for a Peace Corps Fellow?**

5. **Evidence of Community Support:**

a. Please attach letters of support from local government, local development organizations, Chambers of Commerce, business associations, service organizations, and other local groups. **The organizations should indicate the commitment, both financial and otherwise, that they will make to the program.**

6. **Budget for the Fellows Program.**

In addition to the \$20,000 cost of a Fellow, there are usually additional expenses involved with hosting a Fellow. Please complete the following budget sheet and indicate the source of funding. Include in-kind contributions (e.g. donation of office space).

	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Source</i>
Travel (mileage reimbursement @ ___/mile).	_____	_____
Postage	_____	_____
Equipment Rental	_____	_____
Office Supplies	_____	_____
Office Rent	_____	_____
Utilities	_____	_____
Janitorial	_____	_____
Printing	_____	_____
Promotional Expense	_____	_____
Internet/Email access	_____	_____
Other (specify)	_____	_____

7. Strategic Plan.

a. Does your community have a strategic plan? _____YES _____NO

If so, what is the date of the plan? _____

b. Briefly describe how the plan was determined.

c. List the top 5 goals of the strategic plan, in priority order.

8. Possible Projects for a Peace Corps Fellow.

Briefly describe three potential projects for a Fellow, indicating how local organizations would work with the Fellow in completing the projects.

- 9. Maintaining Momentum.**
Please explain how the community will continue with its development projects, including those listed above, after the Fellow's assignment ends.

Please send your completed application to:

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