**SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Blue Hills Civic Association, also dba, Building Hartford through Community Action (BHCA), is pleased to announce a partnership with LISC AmeriCorps, to launch the BHCA C.L.E.A.N.(Community Leadership Empowers A Neighborhood) Team project.

**Agency Background**

Since 1962, the Blue Hills Civic Association (BHCA), a 501(c)(3) community nonprofit. BHCA serves CITYWIDE in Hartford, CT with particular focus on the North Hartford Promise Zone (Northeast, Upper Albany & Clay Arsenal) plus Blue Hills Neighborhoods. Blue Hills Civic Association (BHCA) empowers Hartford communities to create stable and attractive neighborhoods through organizing, advocacy, and multi-generational programs. BHCA is a catalyst to inspire Hartford to be vibrant with civically engaged residents and leaders, strong schools and thriving economies.

**What is the Project?**

**The BHCA C.L.E.A.N. (Community Leadership Empowers A Neighborhood) Team Project** is a new initiative which will be leveraging a longstanding BHCA Summer Youth Employment Learning Program (SYELP) and existing community partnerships in a new way. The AmeriCorps member in collaboration with a BHCA Community Organizer will provide leadership for the Youth Team to focus on specific goals for the Barbour Street corridor during the summer of 2021. This directed focus will allow for the galvanizing of new energy and help to empower the community to elevate environmental stewardship as a priority.

The BHCA C.L.E.A.N. Team has two main objectives:

1. Improve the appearance of the Barbour Street corridor through community cleanups, maintaining empty lots and playgrounds, the development of green spaces (i.e.: gardens, sitting areas, street murals, etc.), resident engagement and community organizing.
2. Hire and train 10 local youth for the C.L.E.A.N. Team to be actively engaged in the planning, design, and implementation of the beautification projects. This hands-on experience will be supplemented by 5 weeks of community organizing training using youth development and social justice strategies to teach civic engagement and advocacy skills. By learning how to improve their community through youth organizing, members of the CL.E.A.N. Team will be empowered to employ these skills to create meaningful institutional and social change on issues (blight, trash, illegal dumping, etc.) affecting the residents of the Northeast Neighborhood of Hartford.

**What are the Required Skills?**

The AmeriCorps member serving as BHCA C.L.E.A.N. Team Project Facilitator should have:

* Ability to meet eligibility requirements for BHCA and LISC AmeriCorps
* Desire and ability to work with a diverse group of people, particularly those living in low-income distressed neighborhoods.
* Ability to work independently and in a team environment.
* Desire to enhance community organizing and youth development skills.
* Critical thinking, active listening, and facilitation skills.

**How Do I Apply?**

Interested candidates should forward their resumes to Kelvin Lovejoy at: [lovejoyk@bluehillscivic.org](mailto:lovejoyk@bluehillscivic.org)

before June 8, 2021.

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