

Community Benefit Project Guidelines


Community benefit projects give young adults involved in the justice system an opportunity to contribute directly to the repair and development of their neighborhoods.

Corps members conduct needs assessments in their communities to identify service projects that will benefit the community. A community advisory board comprised of business, faith-based, and community leaders and residents helps identify and approves community benefit projects, and brings valuable social support to the NYC Justice Corps.

To be eligible for approval, Community Benefit Projects must:

- Fulfill important, unmet community needs
- Be planned and completed by a team of Corps members
- Be located in the community where the Corps members live
- Be highly visible and environmentally sound
- Be meaningful
- Be achievable
- Have a lasting impact
- Provide a way to repair relationships between Corps members and community members
- Combine service and learning so Corps members build teamwork and job readiness skills

Sample Justice Corp Community Benefit Projects

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultivation of a roof-top and other community-education gardens 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major renovations of community food pantries and soup kitchens 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renovations and painting at daycare and community centers 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning and repairs of rooms at family shelters 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repairs and renovation at local historic churches 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public murals that promote education and anti-violence 	