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Dear Site Staff:

Greetings from the Washington Service Corps! As you know from our recent communications, we have been working to enhance member stipends. We are pleased to share with you that the Employment Security Department (the Washington Service Corps' host agency) has augmented our budget significantly for program year 2019-20. This, along with additional investment from all of you, will allow us to increase the monthly stipend amount for next year's members to \$1,450 per month. This will be our baseline stipend for both Washington Service Corps and Washington Reading Corps; sites also have the option of enhancing stipends even further to match state minimum wage. Looking further ahead, we will continue to pursue enhancing our baseline stipend level for program year 2020-21.

We are also excited to share with you our new graphic identities, as seen in the header of this letter. The Washington Service Corps has been in existence for over three decades, and the colors, fonts and general identity needed a refresh. Our agency's designers created the new look with input from staff and students from Evergreen State College in Olympia. The new identities are designed to be crisp and clear while evoking both the Washington state seal and AmeriCorps.

Finally, I hope that our updated intent to continue process was easy and fast for you. Our program aims to serve our customers (our site staff and AmeriCorps members), serve the community, and ensure we stay in compliance with Serve Washington and the Corporation for National and Community Service, who fund our AmeriCorps grants. This is often no easy task but one we are willing to tackle for you and for the community members we serve across the state. You can bet that you will see more changes like this in the future where we make your life easier to do business with us while maintaining our compliance requirements.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any member of my team.

In Service,

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