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City of Milwaukee closer to being an Employer of National Service

The City of Milwaukee is looking to improve its chances of attracting alumni of key national service organizations -- that after action yesterday by the full Common Council.

On Monday the Council voted unanimously in favor of **File # 170543**, a resolution sponsored by **Alderman Cavalier Johnson** allowing city officials to apply to the Corporation for National and Community Service for Milwaukee to be designated an Employer of National Service.

Alderman Johnson said the move would encourage alumni of AmeriCorps, Peace Corps and other national service agencies to apply for positions with the city. "This is exciting because having the Employer of National Service designation means the city can expand its pool of qualified employment candidates, including AmeriCorps and Peace Corps alumni, to help tackle some challenging issues that require a unique range of skills," he said.

The city was awarded federal grants to fund five AmeriCorps positions with My Brother's Keeper organizations, including Running Rebels, the Office of Violence Prevention, Legal Action Wisconsin, Employ Milwaukee and the Legacy Redevelopment Corp., Alderman Johnson said.

"It just makes sense for us to have a pipeline, and Employers of National Service connects AmeriCorps and Peace Corps alumni with employers from the private, public, and nonprofit sectors, thereby increasing access to a dedicated, highly qualified, and mission-oriented pool of potential employees," he said.

The resolution was co-sponsored by **Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II**.

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