

Categories of AmeriCorps Grants



A presentation for AmeriCorps grant applicants

Overview

- ★ The Six Focus Areas for AmeriCorps Funding
- ★ How AmeriCorps Funding Works
- ★ The Different Grant Types for AmeriCorps
- ★ Additional Resources
- ★ Session Evaluation



AmeriCorps Grant Focus Areas

- ★ Disaster Services
- ★ Economic Opportunity
- ★ Education
- ★ Environmental Stewardship
- ★ Healthy Futures
- ★ Veterans and Military Families



AmeriCorps Grant Funding

★ Three-year Grants

- Funds awarded annually
- Recipients submit continuations for years 2 & 3
- Re compete after year 3

★ Cost Reimbursement

★ Fixed Amount



Cost Reimbursement Grants

- ★ Fund a portion of program operating costs and member living allowances
- ★ Flexible - use all of the funds for allowable costs regardless of whether or not the program recruits and retains all AmeriCorps members.



Cost Reimbursement Grants

- ★ Provide a detailed budget with the application submission.
- ★ Must meet specific match requirements outlined in the Notice of Funding Opportunity
- ★ Must submit annual financial reports to CNCS



Fixed Amount Grants

- ★ Fixed amount grants provide a specific dollar amount per MSY to an organization.
- ★ Programs can access all of the funds if they recruit & retain all members based on the MSY level awarded.
- ★ No budget or financial reports and no match requirement.



Fixed Amount Grants

- ★ Stipended
- ★ Professional Corps Program
- ★ Education Award Program



Stipended Fixed Amount

- ★ **Not available to first time applicants for AmeriCorps funding**
- ★ AmeriCorps funding covers direct member costs (i.e. member living allowance).
- ★ Must use other resources to cover remaining program costs



Professional Corps Fixed Amount

- ★ Small fixed amount per member
 - ★ Less than a stipended fixed amount grant
- ★ Enrolls only Full-time AmeriCorps members
- ★ Member salaries paid entirely by your organization or your partners.



Education Award Program

- ★ Small fixed amount per member
 - ★ Less than a stipended fixed amount grant
- ★ Not required to pay a living allowance to less than full-time members
- ★ Can access all funds if all member positions awarded are enrolled



Recap

★ Grant funds can be dispersed as a cost reimbursement or fixed amount grant

Cost Reimbursement	Fixed Amount
Budget	No budget
2 annual financial reports	No financial reports
Match required	No match
Access to all funds regardless of member enrollment or retention	Access to all funds is dependent on member enrollment and/or retention

★ Additional resources to support program operations are required for all grant types



Grant Types

- ★ AmeriCorps State
- ★ National Direct
- ★ Indian Tribes
- ★ Education Award Program
- ★ Professional Corps Program
- ★ Planning Grants



AmeriCorps State

If your program wishes to address community needs in only one state, your organization must apply to your state's State Service Commission for AmeriCorps funding.

<http://www.americorps.gov/about/contact/statecommission.asp>



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Indian Tribes

- ★ Program is developed and administered through federally recognized Indian Tribe.

An Indian Tribe is defined as a federally recognized Indian Tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Native village, Regional Corporation, or Village Corporation, as defined under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. § 1602), that the United States Government determines is eligible for special programs and services provided under federal law to Indians because of their status as Indians. Indian Tribes also include tribal organizations controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by one of the entities described above.

- ★ Submit grant applications directly to the Corporation



National Direct

- ★ Address community needs in *at least two states*.
- ★ Have relationships with entities in different states that will operate the local programs.
- ★ Consult with State Commissions in each of the states where they operate programming.
- ★ Submit grant applications directly to the Corporation



Where do I apply:

If I am:	Grant I apply for:
Operating in One State	AmeriCorps State (through State Service Commission)
Operating in Two or more states	National Direct (directly to CNCS)
Operated by a federally recognized Indian Tribe	Indian Tribe (directly to CNCS)



Education Award Program

- ★ Reviewed previously during Fixed Amount discussion
- ★ Have additional resources to support program operations
- ★ Most desired resource is the AmeriCorps member to deliver the intervention



Professional Corps

- ★ Recruit and place members in positions as teachers, health care providers, police officers, or other professionals in communities with an inadequate number of such professionals.
- ★ Apply for a portion of program costs
- ★ Member salaries paid entirely by your organization or your partners.



Planning Grants

- ★ The purpose of these grants is to support the development of AmeriCorps programs.
- ★ Applicants cannot have previously received an AmeriCorps grant.
- ★ Grants are for up to \$50,000 for one year only.



Which AmeriCorps Grant Program is Right for You?

www.americorps.gov/fitfinder/index.html



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Additional Resources

Webinar Series:

Intro to AmeriCorps State and National

Key AmeriCorps Terms and Concepts

Intro to AmeriCorps Members

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AmeriCorps Program Management and Design

Applicant Resources available online: coming soon!

Live Topical Calls:

AmeriCorps State & National hosts Q&A calls with potential applicants. You can find the call schedule here:

http://www.americorps.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa_detail.asp?tbl_nofa_id=98



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<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ACwebinarEval>



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