

AmeriCorps State and National

2021 Tribal Grants NOFO

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Objectives and Mission



- AmeriCorps Tribal Grantee Overview
- Understanding the Notice of Funding Opportunity
- Identifying Application Resources

The AmeriCorps mission is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering.

AmeriCorps State and National engages in strategic grant-making to support organizations that see service as a solution to local and national challenges and create powerful member experiences that result in lifelong civic engagement.



AmeriCorps Tribal Grant Process



- Each year, 1% of AmeriCorps funding is set aside specifically for federally-recognized Indian Tribes.
- The total amount available changes depending on the size of the appropriation and other factors.
- Applicants must be Indian Tribes and tribal organizations controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by Indian Tribes.





The 2021 AmeriCorps Tribal Grant NOFO



In this presentation we will cover:

- Where to access the NOFO
- Important Dates
- Funding Priorities
- Selection Criteria
- Cost per MSY

Resources:

- Mandatory Supplemental Guidance
- Performance Measure Instructions
- Application Instructions





ASN Tribal Notice of Funding Opportunity



Where do I access the NOFO?

- [AmeriCorps.gov](https://americorps.gov)
- <https://americorps.gov/funding-opportunity/fy-2021-ameri-corps-indian-tribes-grants>

This page also provides links and guidance for:

- Mandatory Supplemental Guidance
- Application Instructions
- Performance Measure Instructions
- Technical Assistance Calls





ASN 2021 Funding Priorities



- COVID-19: Efforts to help local communities recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Applicants may propose programming in any AmeriCorps focus area to aid communities as they recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Programs that actively engage in removing structural racial inequities, advancing racial equality, and increasing opportunity in order to achieve sustainable change in communities.
- Economic Opportunity – a program model that increases economic opportunities for communities by preparing people for the workforce i.e. broad band and building/renovating low income housing.
- Education – improving student academic performance in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), and/or serving students who attend Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools.
- Environmental Stewardship – i.e. traditional food systems
- Healthy Futures – a program model that reduces and/or prevents prescription drug and opioid abuse.
- Veterans and Military Families – a program model that improves the quality of life outcomes of veterans and improves military family strength.
- Programs that reduce child poverty.





Application Content



Applicants will complete materials for the following:

- Standard form 424 Face Sheet
- Narratives
 - Executive Summary
 - Program Design
 - Organizational Capability
 - Cost Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy
 - Evaluation Plan (if applicable)
- Logic Model
- Standard Form 424 Budget
- Performance Measures
- Authorization, Assurances, and Certification





Page Limits

Application sections that count towards the page limit:

- SF-424 Face Sheet
- Executive Summary
- Program Design, Organizational Capability, and Cost-Effectiveness & Budget Adequacy narratives

Page limits does not include the Budget, Performance Measures, or any required additional documents

Limits are:

- 10 pages for program grant narrative
- 7 pages for planning grants
- 3 pages for logic model

****Adhere to the identified page limits! Any information beyond the page limit for the grant will not be reviewed****



Selection Criteria



Application Review Criteria

- For a program grant applicant, this information begins on page 14 of the Notice of Funding Opportunity
- For planning grant applicants, this information begins on page 22

There are specific point values, as outlined in the Notice, for each of the criteria

Review Criteria Categories:

- Executive Summary – 0%
- Program Design – 50%
- Organizational Capability – 25%
- Cost Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy – 25%





Cost per MSY



Member Service Year = MSY

Does not include:

- Child Care
- Value of Education Award

New and re-competing applicants held to maximum cost/MSY for their grant type

*Page 11 in the NOFO

AmeriCorps Share
of MSYs Requested

Grant Program	Maximum
Indian Tribes (cost reimbursement)	\$18,000
Professional Corps Fixed Amount Applicants/Grantees	\$1,000**
Education Award Program Fixed Amount Grant	\$800 or \$1,000***
Full-cost Fixed Amount Grant	\$18,000



Changes in the NOFO from last year?

- Updated Agency Priorities (pg. 1-2)
- Raise in living allowance and cost per MSY (pg. 4 & 11)
- Added language to be consistent with blanket match waiver AmeriCorps announced in December 2020 (pg. 6)
- Added language related to agency's new Criminal History Check rule (pg. 28 – 30)
 - <https://americorps.gov/grantees-sponsors/history-check>

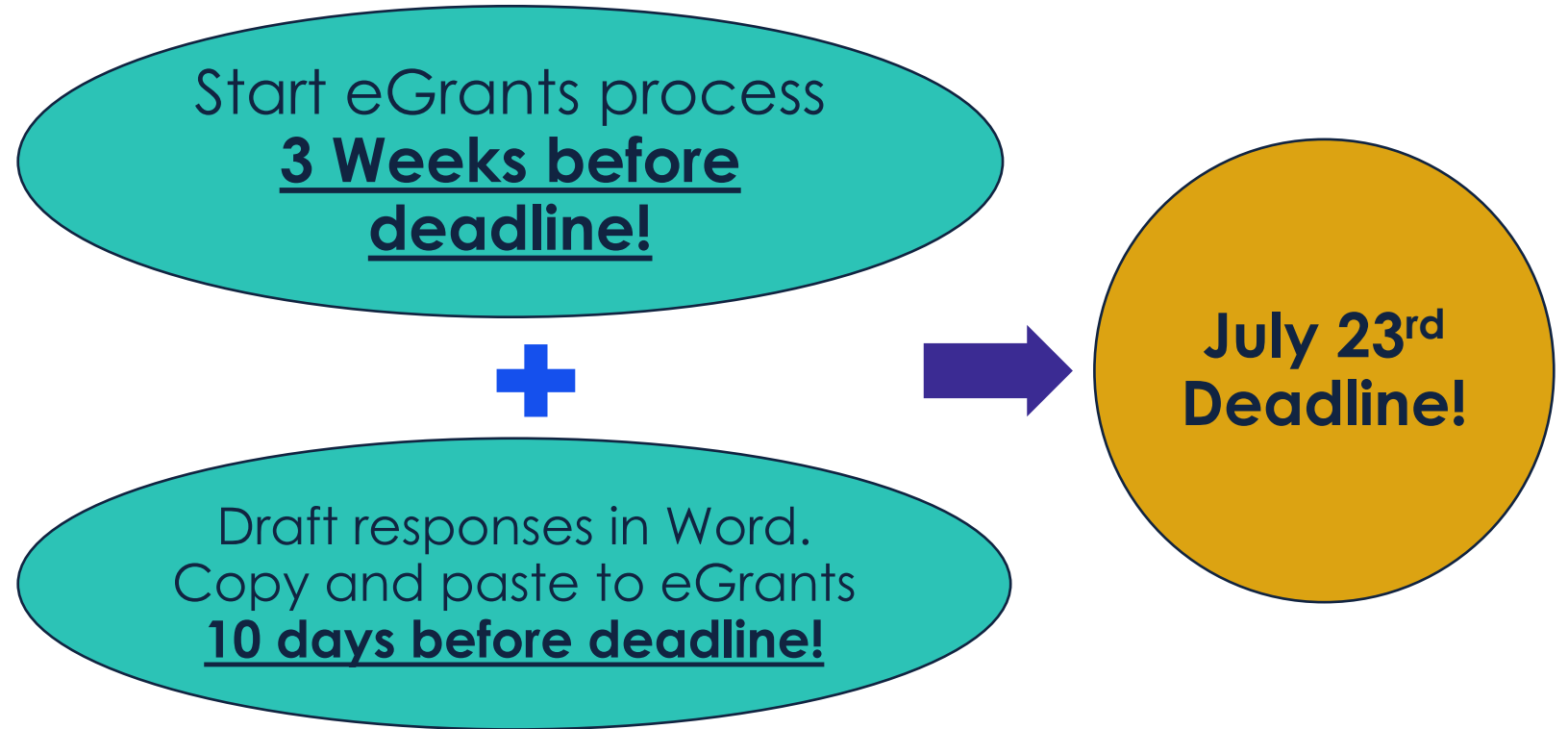




Electronic Application Submission in eGrants

Applicants submit electronically via the CNCS web-based system, eGrants:
<http://www.nationalservice.gov/egrants/>

The Authorized Representative must be the person to submit the application in eGrants





Important Dates



Technical Assistance Calls

- June 2nd 2:30pm EST
- June 15th 2:00pm EST
- June 30th 1:00pm EST

To discuss any questions you may have about the funding opportunity and eGrants process



Applications Due

- Friday, July 23, 2021 by 5:00 PM EST



Successful Applicants Notified

- Late August 2021



Additional Applicant Resources

Tribal NOFO Page:

<https://americorps.gov/funding-opportunity/fy-2021-american-indian-tribes-grants>

This page also provides links and guidance for:

- Mandatory Supplemental Guidance
- Application Instructions
- Performance Measure Instructions
- Applicant Operational and Financial Management Survey (OFMS)
- Technical Assistance Calls

[Agency webpage for Directs and Tribal Grantees:](https://americorps.gov/grantees-sponsors/directs-territories-tribes)

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