AmeriCorps State and National FY 2020 Competition Overview

FY 2020 Notice of Funding Opportunity Documents

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

- Application Instructions

- Mandatory Supplemental Guidance

- Performance Measure Instructions

Additional Technical Assistance Calls

- Best Practices in Budget Development

  - October 30th 1:30 – 2:30 PM EST

- Best Practices in Developing Performance Measures

  - November 6th 1:30 – 2:30 PM EST

- Best Practices in Demonstrating Evidence

  - November 13th 1:30 – 2:30 PM EST

AmeriCorps State and National

- Awards grants to non-profits, faith & community-based organizations, public agencies, Indian tribes, and institutions of higher education.

- Provides opportunities for individuals – AmeriCorps members – to serve communities across the country.

- Since 1994, more than ***900,000*** men and women have provided service as AmeriCorps members.

There are 2 ways an organization can become an AmeriCorps grantee

Apply directly to the Corporation for National and Community Service

OR

Submit an application to a State Service Commission

Application Deadline

**Wednesday, January 8th, 2020
5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time**

Priority Areas

- Economic Opportunity

- Education

- Healthy Futures

- Veterans and Military Families

- Rural Intermediaries

- Faith-based organizations

For full descriptions of the above priority areas, please see the NOFO, page 1. To receive priority consideration, applicants must show that the priority area is a significant part of the program focus and intended outcomes, and must include a high-quality program design. Proposing programs that receive priority consideration does not guarantee funding.

AmeriCorps Grant Applications

- NOFO and application instructions are provided by CNCS.

- Organizations submit grant applications to CNCS via online eGrants system or to their State Service Commission's competition.

  - http://www.nationalservice.gov/egrants/

- Applications consist of a narrative, budget, and performance measures, plus a few supplementary items.

- May not exceed 10 pages for the narratives or 12 pages for Rural Intermediaries and Multi-State applicants with more than 5 operating sites

New for FY 2020

Required Changes:

- Increased the minimum living allowance by $287 from $13,992 to $14,279 to be consistent with VISTA average annual subsistence allowance per our statue.

CNCS Policy Changes:

- Eliminated the email of intent.

- Removed medium and strong evidence tiers as strategic considerations and increased the point value of evidence tier and decreased the point value of theory of change and logic model.

- Changes made to CNCS Transparency Policy.

- Strongly recommend use of the two NSCHC vendors.

- Moving forward there will be no Alternative Search Protocols (ASPs).

ASN Policy Changes:

- Expand the Economic Opportunity Priority to be broader than just Opportunity Youth.

- Focused the Education, Healthy Futures, and Economic Opportunity NOFO Priorities on evidence-based interventions.

- Eliminate the Safer Communities Priority due to lack of applications over multiple years.

- Full-Cost Fixed Awards for all slot configurations.

- Increase the maximum cost per MSY from $15,192 to $15,479 to incorporate the $287 increase to the minimum living allowance.

- Increase the maximum cost per MSY for rural and/or opportunity youth from $15,360 to $15,647 to incorporate the $287 increase to the minimum living allowance.

- Add insufficient evidence as a threshold issue for funding consideration.

- Decrease the page limit from 13 to 12 for national directs with more than five operating sites and rural intermediaries.

- Eliminated re-review of Commission ranked #1 as part of the Post Review Quality Control.

- Redistributed points between two subcategories – Culture that Values Learning was 6 points and now is 4 points and Member Supervision was 2 points and now is 4 points.

Questions?

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