



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

AmeriCorps State Competitive  
Conference Call  
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- Q. Is there a typo on page 8 of the application? The charts refers to C,D, and E. But the application states A, B, and C?
- A. This is a typo. The 71,000 characters covers sections A, B, and C in eGrants.
- Q. How should applicants identify match sources in the proposal?
- A. Applicants should state their source of match and match amounts if that information is known. If an applicant is currently seeking funds for match, then it should be noted as such in the application. In cases where the source of match is to be determined, we recommend that the applicant provide some information on the organizations track record in fund raising in the organizational capacity section.
- Q. Can an organization outsource the payroll for member living allowances?
- A. Yes, payroll services are allowable costs to the AmeriCorps grant.
- Q. If AmeriCorps members are not employees, why is FICA taken out of the living allowance.
- A. The federal rule requires FICA to be deducted from the AmeriCorps member living allowance. This specific rule can be found in the AmeriCorps provisions at [americorps.org](http://americorps.org)/click on manage current grants.
- Q. What documents must be submitted via hard copy to Volunteer Florida
- A. There are only two documents that must be submitted via hard copy (1) the most recent copy of your organization's audit or financial statements and (2) an evaluation of your program or agency.



- Q. Can AmeriCorps Members work during their year of service?
- A. Yes, AmeriCorps members can also work during their year of service if their work does not affect their service requirements. However, we do not allow an applicant to recruit their current employees as AmeriCorps members.
- Q. Can AmeriCorps Members be paid mileage?
- A. AmeriCorps Members can be paid mileage if the costs are budgeted. We recommend that Members not be required to drive long distances on a regular basis because it may lead to member attrition. However, applicants are encouraged to consider recruiting and placing members so that they have reasonable travel to get to their service sites.
- Q. Why does the application on eGrants have a January 8 due date? The application instructions on the Volunteer Florida website have a due date of November 16<sup>th</sup>.
- A. The eGrants system is based upon national requirements. The January 6th due date is the date that Volunteer Florida must submit selected applicants to the Corporation for National and Community Service for funding consideration. Applicants for this competition should apply via eGrants which will come directly to Volunteer Florida and that due date is November 16. If you are applying for funding for this competition, you must submit your application via eGrants by **November 16, 2007 5:00 p.m. eastern.**