

AmeriCorps 101: Serve, Impact, Transform

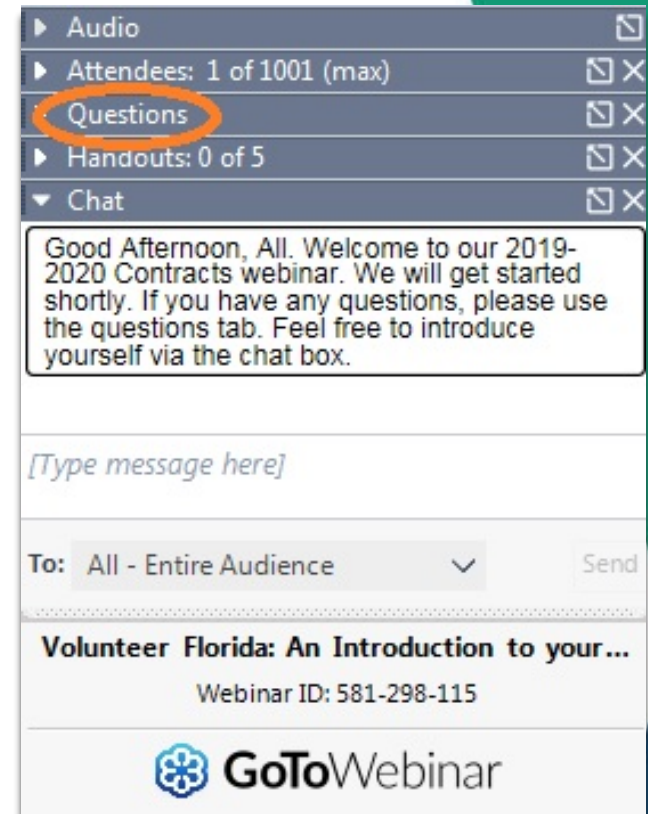
FY 2021 AmeriCorps Funding
Opportunity



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Tips for Participating

- Sound is muted
- To ask questions, use the Questions bar on the panel most likely on the right side of your screen
- Recording will be available after the session at <https://www.volunteerflorida.org/ameriacorps-grant-opportunities/>



OVERVIEW



AmeriCorps

- I. The Big Picture of AmeriCorps**
- II. AmeriCorps: Members, Grant Guidelines, Activities, Budget**
- III. Next Steps**



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Volunteer Florida

Volunteer Florida was established in 1994 by the Florida Legislature to administer grants under the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993.

Volunteer Florida is the Governor's lead agency for volunteerism and national service in Florida.

Volunteer Florida is governed by a Board of Commissioners appointed by the Governor and approved by the Florida Senate.



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What does Volunteer Florida do?



Administers AmeriCorps and National Service programs



Coordinates volunteers and donations before, during and after disasters



Increases volunteerism through grants, trainings and recognitions



Manages the Volunteer Florida Foundation



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AmeriCorps



AmeriCorps

- AmeriCorps State and National
- AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America)
- AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps)



AmeriCorps Seniors

- AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent
- AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program)
- AmeriCorps Seniors Senior Companion

AmeriCorps State and National

AmeriCorps State and National engages tens of thousands of individuals in all 50 states, territories and select tribal nations each year at more than 2,000 locations including **nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based groups** across the country.

AmeriCorps members help communities tackle pressing problems while mobilizing **millions** of volunteers for the organizations they serve.

Provides members an environment that propels personal development, opens diverse career paths, and promotes lifelong civic engagement.



How can the people power of AmeriCorps move the needle on critical issues in my community?



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AmeriCorps in Florida

AmeriCorps programs support local community efforts to address education, environmental stewardship, disaster services, veterans services and other human needs.

In 2020-2021, VOLUNTEER FLORIDA

WILL ADMINISTER

36

AMERICORPS PROGRAMS
IN FLORIDA



WITH

1,497

AMERICORPS MEMBERS



SERVING IN

32

FLORIDA
COUNTIES



WHO CAN EARN UP TO

\$6.8
MILLION

IN

SCHOLARSHIPS



77%

OF THIS GRANT FUNDING
WILL SUPPORT
EDUCATION IN FLORIDA



Focus Areas for National Service



AmeriCorps places thousands of teachers, tutors, and mentors into low performing schools, helping students succeed in school and gain skills necessary to get 21st century jobs.

Education



Members build trails, restore parks, protect watersheds, run recycling programs, and promote energy efficiency, weatherization, and clean energy.

Environmental Stewardship



From forest fires and floods, to hurricanes and tornadoes, AmeriCorps members have provided critical support to millions of Americans affected by disasters since 1994.

Disaster Services



AmeriCorps supports the military community by engaging veterans in service, helping veterans readjust to civilian life, and providing support to military families.

Veterans and Military Families



AmeriCorps increases access to health services, provides nutrition education, alleviates hunger and supports independent living and social support services.

Healthy Futures



AmeriCorps is a powerful catalyst and force-multiplier for community volunteering. Last year AmeriCorps members recruited, trained, and supervised more than 4 million community volunteers for the organizations they serve.

Capacity Building



AmeriCorps provides financial education, job training and placement programs, tax preparation services, and connection with community services and benefits.

Economic Opportunity



AmeriCorps Benefits

Living allowance

Student loan deferment, loan forbearance

Segal AmeriCorps Education Award

Skills based and professional development training

Health insurance (full time members)

Child care assistance (full time members)

Engaged learning and connection to community

Career opportunities



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AmeriCorps Member Eligibility

Be a United States citizen, U.S. national, or a lawful permanent resident alien of the United States;

Be at least 17 years of age; and

Have a high school diploma or GED or work towards obtaining one while in the program. It is a requirement to obtain a high school diploma or GED before one is eligible to use the Education Award.

Must be clear of any record on the National Sex Offender Public Registry.

Must have a criminal record clear of any conviction(s) of murder.

Get
Things
Done

Join
AmeriCorps
www.Americorps.gov



AmeriCorps is an **Opportunity**

You can help make the world a better place: help children learn, protect the environment, or bring needed services to a low-income community.

AmeriCorps is an **Experience**

You will learn teamwork, leadership, responsibility and other essential skills that will help you for the rest of your life.


AmeriCorps Offers **Tangible Benefits**

Most AmeriCorps members receive student loan deferment, training, a living allowance and health insurance. After you complete your term of service, you will also receive a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award to help pay for college, graduate school, vocational training or to repay student loans.

8 REASONS TO AMERICORPS

A program of the Corporation for National & Community Service

MORE THAN
1,000,000
AMERICANS HAVE SERVED
SINCE 1994



LEVERAGES
\$1 BILLION
IN OUTSIDE RESOURCES
EVERY YEAR

80,000
MEMBERS SERVE
EVERY YEAR

BENEFITING
MILLIONS
OF AMERICANS





KATRINA
JOPLIN
SANDY
FLINT
BATON ROUGE
AND MORE.

HELPS COMMUNITIES
RECOVER FROM DISASTER



21,000+
LOCATIONS
TACKLING PROBLEMS
WITH LOCAL SOLUTIONS

79%
OF ALUMS PLAN TO BE
ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN
THEIR COMMUNITY



750,000+
VETERANS
AND MILITARY FAMILIES ASSISTED
THROUGH NATIONAL SERVICE
EACH YEAR

\$3.3 BILLION



SCHOLARSHIPS EARNED
(\$1 BILLION USED TO PAY OFF
STUDENT LOAN DEBT)

AmeriCorps Members commit to serve a full year and can serve:

Full-Time – 1700 Hours

Reduced Full-time – 1200 Hours

Half-Time – 900 Hours

Reduced Half-Time – 675 Hours

Quarter-Time – 450 Hours

Minimum Time – 300 Hours



Examples of AmeriCorps Service

Provide **tutoring** and **mentoring** to students

Provide independent living and **financial literacy** to persons with **disabilities**

Provide **career coaching** and **job skills** training resulting in **employment**

Remove **invasive exotics** from public parks, **restore habitat**, visitor **education**

Home repair and housing units made available to disadvantaged individuals

Increase **financial literacy** or **health access** services for individuals

Disaster preparedness, mitigation and **recovery**



Things to Know

1

AmeriCorps programs are funded through federal grants.

2

Organizations apply to Volunteer Florida through a competitive process for a grant to support a minimum of the equivalent 10 full time members. Volunteer Florida **prefers applications with 20 MSY** or greater.

3

The host or lead organization fully manages the program at the local level and includes 1 FTE or the equivalent in budget for program management.

4

AmeriCorps members are not staff and can not be placed in an administrative function.



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Budget Example

Applicants can request up to \$18,000 per 1 Member Service Year (MSY).

Examples indicate a \$16,300 cost per 1 MSY as the State Commission Average Rate (standard federal request).

If requesting 10 full-time members, you would apply for a \$163,000 grant.

1 full-time member = 1 MSY

Cost per MSY = \$16,300

10 full-time Members = 10 MSY

10 MSY X \$16,300 = \$163,000

Match Example:

10 full time
members:

- Approximately \$163K federal request
- Minimum match estimate \$52K

Source of Match
Type: Cash or In
Kind

20 full time
members:

- Approximately \$326K federal request
- Minimum match estimate \$104K

Examples: In Kind
Donations, Local
Foundation Grants,
School District,
State and Federal
grants, Agency
General Revenue

Match: 24% cash/in kind of the total grant. **Match waived by CNCS for FY21.**

Sample Budget

38	Section I. Subtotal	\$7,458.00	\$107,307.00	\$114,765.00	
39	Section I. Percentage	6.50%	93.50%		
70					
71	Section II. Member Costs				
72	A. Living Allowance				
73	1. Full Time (1700 hrs)	\$300,000.00	\$73,800.00	\$373,800.00	24 Full-Time Members @ \$15,575 each = \$373,800
74	2. Three Quarter Time (1,200 hrs)	\$113,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$114,000.00	12 Three-Quarter Time Members @ \$9,500 each = \$114,000
75	3. 1-Year Half Time (900 hrs)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
76	4. Reduced Half Time (675 hrs)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
77	5. Quarter Time (450 hrs)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
78	6. Minimum Time (300 hrs)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
79	Line A. Subtotal Total Living Allowance	\$413,000.00	\$74,800.00	\$487,800.00	
80					
81	B. Member Support Costs				
82	1. FICA for Members	\$35,000.00	\$2,317.00	\$37,317.00	FICA at 7.65% of total living allowance cost = \$487,800 x .0765 = \$37,317
83	2. Worker's Compensation	\$995.00	\$322.00	\$1,317.00	\$.27 per \$100 of payroll = Total Payroll \$487,800/\$100 x \$.27 = \$1,317
84	3. Health Care	\$20,000.00	\$8,800.00	\$28,800.00	\$100 x 24 Full-Time Members x 12 months = \$28,800
85	Line B. Subtotal for Member Support Costs	\$55,995.00	\$11,439.00	\$67,434.00	
86					
87	Section II. Subtotal	\$468,995.00	\$86,239.00	\$555,234.00	
88	Section II. Percentages	84.47%	15.53%		
89					
90	Section III. Administrative Costs				
91	A. Corporation Fixed Percentage				
92	1. Corporation Fixed Amount	\$15,037	\$0.00	\$15,037	CNCS Share = (CNCS Section I + II) x .0526 x .60 (Equals 3%) Grantee Share = (Section I + II) x .10 (may include up to 10%)
93	2. Commission Fixed Amount	\$10,025	\$0.00	\$10,025	CNCS Share = (CNCS Section I + II) x .0526 x .40 (Equals 2%)
94	B. Federally Approved Indirect Cost Rate	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
95	Section III. Subtotal	\$25,062.00	\$0.00	\$25,062.00	
96	Section III. Percentage				
97					
98	Budget Totals	\$501,515	\$193,546	\$695,061	
99	Budget Total Percentages	72.15%	27.85%		
00					
01	Required Match	24%			
02	# of Years Receiving CNCS Funds	1.00			
03					
04	# of MSY (eGrants will populate once budget entered)	32.40			
05	Cost per MSY (eGrants will calculate once budget entered)	\$15,479			Please note the maximum cost per MSY cannot exceed \$15,479
06					
07	Source of Funds				
08	(List Revenue Sources)				
09	1. United Way of _____			\$83,387.00	Assist with Personnel Salaries and Benefits
10	2. School Board of _____ County			\$18,000.00	In-kind for program operating costs (operational space)
11	3. Green Memorial Foundation Grant			\$92,159.00	Assist with supplies, program operating costs, member living allowances, member support costs, etc.
12				\$0.00	
13	Total Anticipated Revenue (Must equal Grand Total of Grantee Share above)			\$193,546.00	

Sample budget available online:

<https://www.volunteerflorida.org/american-corps-grant-opportunities/>



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What Does it Mean to “operate” an AmeriCorps Program?

The AmeriCorps program becomes yours!

Your organization must recruit and manage AmeriCorps members.

Your organization must manage payment of AmeriCorps member living allowance.

Your organization will develop local partnerships.

Your organization will track and report progress.

Your organization will submit monthly cost reimbursement invoices and support documentation.



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Training via Volunteer Florida

Program Manager as
the primary staff
person for training
and grant needs

2-3 multi day in-
person trainings
annually

Webinars & training
newsletters

On site technical
assistance/monitoring
visits



Timeline (anticipated)

- **January 28, 2021, 2:00 pm EST** – “AmeriCorps 101” Webinar
- **February 9, 2021, 2:00 pm, EST** – Technical Assistance Webinar
- **February 16, 2021, 2:00 pm, EST** – “Creating Strong Narratives” Webinar
- **February 18, 2021, 2:00 pm EST** – “Budget 101” Webinar
- **March 8, 2021 by 5:00 pm EST** – Applications due in eGrants and supporting documentation submitted
- **March 8 – April 9, 2021** – External and Internal Review
- **April 22, 2021** – Clarification provided to applicants considered for funding
- **May 10, 2021 by 5:00 pm EST** – Revised AmeriCorps Applications due
- **May 14, 2021** – Volunteer Florida Commissioner review and approval
- **June 1, 2021** – Submission of funding recommendation to AmeriCorps
- **June 2021** – Funding Notification from AmeriCorps
- **August 1, 2021** – Anticipated contract start date



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Next Steps

- Gather your partners! Decide who is the lead to apply.
- Review the full application – released January 25, 2021
- Contact Volunteer Florida with your questions, americpsrftp@volunteerflorida.org
- AmeriCorps Application due in eGrants – March 8, 2021
- AmeriCorps Application supplemental documents due in Blackbaud System – March 8, 2021
- Sign up for Volunteer Florida communications (www.volunteerflorida.org)

— AMERICORPS — PLEDGE

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I will get things done for America

to make our people safer,
smarter, and healthier.

I will bring Americans together

to strengthen our communities.

Faced with apathy,

I will take action.

Faced with conflict,

I will seek common ground.

Faced with adversity,

I will persevere.

I will carry this commitment

with me this year and beyond.

I am an AmeriCorps member, and

I will get things done.



Resources

Volunteer Florida Website

<https://www.volunteerflorida.org/ameri-corps-grant-opportunities/>

AmeriCorps.gov

<https://nationalservice.gov/build-your-capacity/grants/funding-opportunities/2021/ameri-corps-state-and-national-grants-fy-2021>

