AmeriCorps 101: Serve, Impact, Transform

FY 2022 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/americorps-grant-opportunities/
I. The Big Picture of AmeriCorps
II. AmeriCorps: Members, Grant Guidelines, Activities, Budget
III. Next Steps
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.
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
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 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?

(In other words - What is the direct service that AmeriCorps members will provide that will make a measurable impact in one year?)
LEARN MORE ABOUT AMERICORPS AT

AMERICORPS.GOV
AmeriCorps in Florida

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

**Education**
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.

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

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

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

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

**Capacity Building**
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.

**Economic Opportunity**
AmeriCorps provides financial education, job training and placement programs, tax preparation services, and connection with community services and benefits.
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
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.
Join AmeriCorps
www.Americorps.gov

Get Things Done

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

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.

HELP COMMUNITIES RECOVER FROM DISASTER

AMERICORPS

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)

NationalService.gov

#AMERICORPSWORKS
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

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

**Home repair** and housing units made available to disadvantaged individuals

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

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

**Disaster preparedness, mitigation** and **recovery**
Environmental Stewardship/Resiliency
AmeriCorps Opportunity

(Attachment A, Notice Priority)

Examples:
Trees planted
Miles of Coastline cleaned
Acres of coastal wetland resorted
Community gardens created
Urban heat awareness/education
Solar installations and energy efficiency retrofits for home owners
Home energy audits
Youth environmental education programming
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 greater than 10 MSY.

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.
Applicants can request up to $28,800 per 1 Member Service Year (MSY).

Examples indicate a $21,600 cost per 1 MSY as the State Commission Average Rate (standard federal request).

If requesting 10 full-time members, you would apply for a $216,000 grant.

1 full-time member = 1 MSY
Cost per MSY = $21,600
10 full-time Members = 10 MSY
10 MSY X $21,600 = $216,000
Match Example:

10 full time members:
- Approximately $216K federal request
- Minimum match estimate $68K

Source of Match Type: Cash or In Kind

20 full time members:
- Approximately $432K federal request
- Minimum match estimate $136K

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.
## Sample Budget

### Section II. Member Costs

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### B. Member Support Costs

| 1. FICA for Members | $42,887.00 | $0.00 | $42,887.00 |
| 2. Workers' Compensation | $2,508.00 | $0.00 | $2,508.00 |
| 3. Health Care | $93,200.00 | $20,000.00 | $113,200.00 |
| **Total B. Subtotal for Member Support Costs** | $148,595.00 | $20,000.00 | $168,595.00 |

### Section III. Administrative Costs

| A. Corporation Fixed Percentage | $21,300 | $20,333.00 | $41,633.00 |
| **Total C. Subtotal** | $35,500.00 | $20,333.00 | $55,833.00 |

### Section III. Percentage

| Budget Totals | $710,406.00 | $229,024.00 | $939,430.00 |
| Budget Total Percentages | 75.81% | 24.19% |

- **Required Match**: 24%
- **No of Years Receiving CNCS Funds**: 1.88
- **# of MSY (Grants will be awarded once budget entered)**: 23.80
- **Cost per MSY (Grants will be awarded once budget)**: $21,402

You will need to enter this number for the cost per MSY to calculate correctly in this sample budget.

- **Please note the maximum cost per MSY cannot exceed $21,402**

### Source of Funds

| 1. United Way or Secured | $60,775.00 | | |
| 2. School Board of County - Secured | $42,000.00 | | |
| 3. Green Mountain Foundation Grant - Proposed | $25,227.10 | | |
| **Total Anticipated Revenue (Must equal Grand Total of Grantee Share above)** | $229,024.00 | | |

### Sample budget available online: [https://www.volunteerflorida.org/americorps-grant-opportunities/](https://www.volunteerflorida.org/americorps-grant-opportunities/)
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.
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)

- February 3, 2022 2:00 pm EST – “AmeriCorps 101” Webinar
- February 7, 2022, 2:00 pm, EST – Technical Assistance Webinar
- February 22, 2022, 2:00 pm, EST – “Creating Strong Narratives” Webinar
- February 24, 2022, 2:00 pm EST – “Budget 101” Webinar
- March 7, 2022 by 5:00 pm EST – Applications due in eGrants and supporting documentation submitted
- March 11 – April 13, 2022 – External and Internal Review
- April 22, 2022 – Clarification provided to applicants considered for funding
- May 19, 2022 by 5:00 pm EST – Revised AmeriCorps Applications due
- May 23, 2022 – Volunteer Florida Commissioner review and approval
- June 6, 2022 – Submission of funding recommendation to AmeriCorps
- June 2022 – Funding Notification from AmeriCorps
- August 1, 2022 – Anticipated contract start date
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/americorps-grant-opportunities/

AmeriCorps.gov
Next Steps

- Gather your partners! Decide who is the lead to apply.
- Review the full application – released January 24, 2022
- Contact Volunteer Florida with your questions, americorpsrfp@volunteerflorida.org
- AmeriCorps Application due in eGrants – March 7, 2022
- AmeriCorps Application supplemental documents due in Blackbaud System – March 7, 2022
- Sign up for Volunteer Florida communications (www.volunteerflorida.org)