

AmeriCorps 101: Serve, Impact, Transform

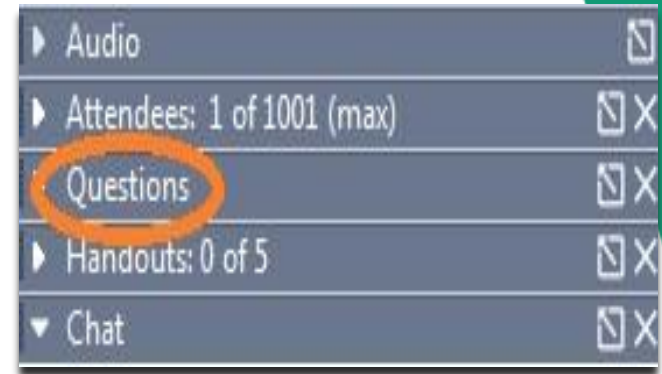
FY 2022 AmeriCorps Funding
Opportunity



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- 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?

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





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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 2021-2022, VOLUNTEER FLORIDA

WILL ADMINISTER

37



AmeriCorps
Florida



PROGRAMS

WITH

1,612 AMERICORPS MEMBERS



SERVING IN

36 FLORIDA
COUNTIES



WHO CAN EARN UP TO

\$7.4 MILLION IN
SCHOLARSHIPS



78% 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

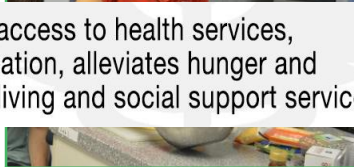


AmeriCorps supports the military community by engaging veterans in service, helping veterans readjust to civilian life, and providing support to military families.

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

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 restored

Community gardens created

Urban heat awareness/education

Solar installations and energy efficiency retrofits for home owners

Home energy audits

Youth environmental education programming



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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.



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Budget Example

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				
A. Living Allowance				
1. Full Time (1700 hrs)	\$360,000.00	\$36,048.00	\$396,048.00	24 Full-Time Members @ \$16,502 each = \$396,048
2. Three Quarter Time (1,200 hrs)	\$160,901.00	\$0.00	\$160,901.00	13 Three-Quarter Time Members @ \$12,377 each = \$160,901
2. 1-Year Half Time (900 hrs)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
3. Reduced Half Time (675 hrs)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
4. Quarter Time (450 hrs)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
5. Minimum Time (300 hrs)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Line A. Subtotal Total Living Allowance	\$520,901.00	\$36,048.00	\$556,949.00	
B. Member Support Costs				
1. FICA for Members	\$42,607.00	\$0.00	\$42,607.00	FICA at 7.65% of total living allowance cost = \$556,949 x .0765 = \$42,606.60 rounded to \$42,607
2. Worker's Compensation	\$2,506.00	\$0.00	\$2,506.00	\$.45 per \$100 of payroll = Total Payroll \$556,949/\$100 x \$.45 = \$2,506.27 rounded to \$2,506
3. Health Care	\$93,200.00	\$22,000.00	\$115,200.00	\$400 x 24 Full-Time Members x 12 months = \$115,200
Line B. Subtotal for Member Support Costs	\$138,313.00	\$22,000.00	\$160,313.00	
Section II. Subtotal	\$659,214.00	\$58,048.00	\$717,262.00	
Section II. Percentages	91.91%	8.09%		
Section III. Administrative Costs				
A. Corporation Fixed Percentage				
1. Corporation Fixed Amount	\$21,300	\$26,333.00	\$47,633	CNCS Share = (CNCS Section I \$15,692 + CNCS Section II \$659,214) x .0526 x .60 = \$21,300.03 rounded to \$21,300; Grantee Share = (Total Section I \$160,515 + Total Section II \$717,262 x .03) = \$26,333.30 rounded to \$26,333 (can include up to 10%; we are using 3% for this sample)
2. Commission Fixed Amount	\$14,200	\$0.00	\$14,200	CNCS Share = (CNCS Section I \$15,692 + CNCS Section II \$659,214) x .0526 x .40 = \$14,200.02 rounded to \$14,200
B. Federally Approved Indirect Cost Rate	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Section III. Subtotal	\$35,500.00	\$26,333.00	\$61,833.00	
Section III. Percentage				
Budget Totals	\$710,406	\$229,204	\$939,610	
Budget Total Percentages	75.61%	24.39%		
Required Match	24%			
# of Years Receiving CNCS Funds	1.00			
# of MSY (eGrants will populate once budget entered)	33.10			You will need to enter this number for the cost per MSY to calculate correctly in this sample budget.
Cost per MSY (eGrants will calculate once budget)	\$21,462			Please note the maximum cost per MSY cannot exceed \$21,600
Source of Funds				
<i>(List Revenue Sources - Secured or Proposed)</i>				
1. United Way of _____ - Secured			\$49,775.00	Assist with Personnel Salaries and Benefits
2. School Board of _____ County - Secured			\$42,000.00	In-kind for program operating costs (operational space)
3. Green Memorial Foundation Grant - Proposed			\$61,096.00	Assist with supplies, program operating costs, member living allowances, member support costs, etc.
			\$26,333.00	Assist with grantee share of administrative costs
Total Anticipated Revenue (Must equal Grand Total of Grantee Share above)			\$229,204.00	

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)

- **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



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— 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.

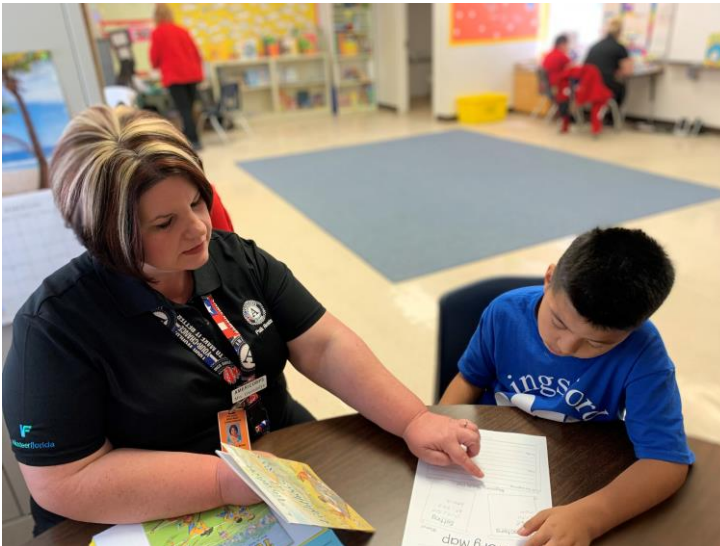
Resources

Volunteer Florida Website

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

AmeriCorps.gov

<https://americorps.gov/funding-opportunity/fy-2022-ameri-corps-state-national-grants>



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, americpsrpf@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)