

AmeriCorps 101: Serve, Impact, Transform

FY23 AmeriCorps Funding Opportunity



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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



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AmeriCorps Seniors

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

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



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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.



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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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LEARN MORE ABOUT AMERICORPS AT

AMERICORPS.GOV

Link to “What is AmeriCorps” video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QgdRkzLKIPM>

In 2022-2023,
VOLUNTEER FLORIDA

WILL ADMINISTER

41



AmeriCorps
Florida



PROGRAMS

WITH

1,755 AMERICORPS MEMBERS



SERVING IN

38 FLORIDA
COUNTIES



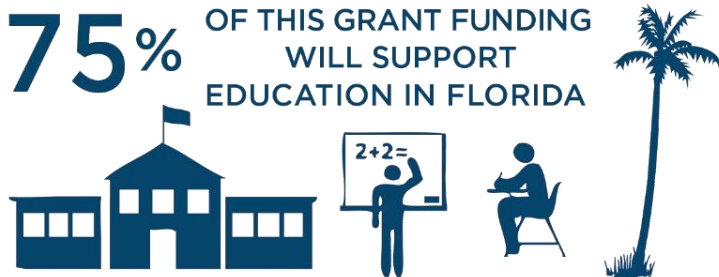
WHO CAN EARN UP TO

\$8.1 IN
MILLION SCHOLARSHIPS



75%

OF THIS GRANT FUNDING
WILL SUPPORT
EDUCATION IN FLORIDA



AmeriCorps in Florida

AmeriCorps members provide tutoring and mentoring, job training and placement, independent living support, environmental stewardship and so much more.



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Focus Areas for National Service

Our members and volunteers support students in nearly 12,000 public, private and charter schools across the country. Through our work we improve attendance and engagement, increase high-school graduation rates and expand college enrollment.



Education

We serve on projects that cover thousands of area of public lands across America – including many with the National Park Service. We help conserve natural habitats, protect clean air and water, and reduce utility bills by improving home energy efficiency.



Environmental Stewardship



When disaster strikes, we repair homes, assist survivors, and help restore communities when it matter most. We have deployed thousands of members and volunteers to areas affected by hurricanes, wildfires, floods, and tornadoes.



Disaster Services



We provide assistance to nearly 500,000 veterans and military families by connecting them to education opportunities, jobs, and the benefits they have earned. Many veterans also volunteer with us so they can continue to serve their country.



Veterans and Military Families

Our programs serve as a pathway to employment opportunities and help develop vital work skills. We build and rehabilitate affordable housing, provide financial literacy training, and connect people to jobs.



Economic Opportunity



We provide independent living services to 365,000 elderly Americans. We also build the capacity of food banks, combat the opioid crisis, tackle homelessness, and address food insecurity.



Healthy Futures



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.

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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

75,000
MEMBERS SERVE
EACH YEAR

BENEFITING
MILLIONS
OF AMERICANS



KATRINA
JOPLIN
SANDY
FLINT
FLORENCE
MICHAEL
AND MORE.



HELPS COMMUNITIES
RECOVER FROM DISASTER



AmeriCorps



21,000+
SERVICE LOCATIONS
TACKLING PROBLEMS
WITH LOCAL SOLUTIONS

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



NEARLY
450,000+
VETERANS
AND MILITARY FAMILIES ASSISTED
THROUGH NATIONAL SERVICE
EACH YEAR

\$3 BILLION



SCHOLARSHIPS EARNED
(\$1 BILLION USED TO REPAY
QUALIFIED STUDENT LOANS)

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

Full-Time:

1700 Hours

Reduced Full-Time:

1200 Hours

Half-Time:

900 Hours

Quarter-Time:

450 Hours

Minimum Time:

300 Hours



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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**



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Volunteer Florida Priorities:
Environmental Stewardship: Resiliency
Economic Opportunity: Housing/Homelessness

(Attachment A, Notice Priority)



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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. Volunteer Florida may consider funding for proposals who commit to increasing to 10 MSY within a three year period.

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.

Budget Example

Applicants can request the maximum of \$28,800 per 1 Member Service Year (MSY).

An applicant requesting 10 full-time members would apply for a \$288,000 grant.

1 full-time member = 1 MSY

Cost per MSY = \$28,800

10 full-time Members = 10 MSY

10 MSY X \$28,800 = \$288,000

Match: 24% cash/in kind of the total grant.



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Match Example:

10 full time members:

- Approximately \$288K federal request
- Minimum match estimate \$91K

Source of Match Type:

Cash or In Kind

20 full time members:

- Approximately \$576K federal request
- Minimum match estimate \$182K

Examples:

- In Kind Donations
- Local Foundation Grants
- School District
- State and Federal grants
- Agency General Revenue



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Sample Budget

Section II. Member Costs				
A. Living Allowance				
1. Full Time (1700 hrs)	\$552,000.00	\$48,000.00	\$600,000.00	24 Full-Time Members @ \$25,000 each = \$600,000
2. Three Quarter Time (1,200 hrs)	\$215,000.00	\$28,750.00	\$243,750.00	13 Three-Quarter Time Members @ \$18,750 each = \$243,750
2. 1-Year Half Time (900 hrs)	\$60,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$75,000.00	6 Half-Time Members @ \$12,500 = \$75,000
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	\$827,000.00	\$91,750.00	\$918,750.00	
B. Member Support Costs				
1. FICA for Members	\$51,983.00	\$18,301.00	\$70,284.00	FICA at 7.65% of total living allowance cost = \$918,750 x .0765 = \$70,284.38 rounded to \$70,284
2. Worker's Compensation	\$3,934.00	\$200.00	\$4,134.00	\$.45 per \$100 of payroll = Total Payroll \$918,750/\$100 x \$.45 = \$4,134.38 rounded to \$4,134
3. Health Care	\$87,200.00	\$28,000.00	\$115,200.00	\$400 x 24 Full-Time Members x 12 months = \$115,200
Line B. Subtotal for Member Support Costs	\$143,117.00	\$46,501.00	\$189,618.00	
Section II. Subtotal	\$970,117.00	\$138,251.00	\$1,108,368.00	
Section II. Percentages	87.53%	12.47%		
Section III. Administrative Costs				
A. Corporation Fixed Percentage				
1. Corporation Fixed Amount	\$31,065	\$50,899.00	\$81,964	CNCS Share = (CNCS Section I + Section II (\$14,196 + 970,117) x .0526 x .60 = \$31,065 Grantee Share = (Total Section I + II (\$164,116 + 1,108,368) x .04 (only including 4% but can claim up to 10%) = \$50,899
2. Commission Fixed Amount	\$20,710	\$0.00	\$20,710	CNCS Share = (CNCS Section I + II (\$14,196 + 970,117) x .0526 x .40 = \$20,710
B. Federally Approved Indirect Cost Rate				
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Section III. Subtotal	\$51,775.00	\$50,899.00	\$102,674.00	
Section III. Percentage				
Budget Totals	\$1,036,088	\$339,070	\$1,375,158	
Budget Total Percentages	75.34%	24.66%		
Required Match	24%			
# of Years Receiving CNCS Funds	1.00			
# of MSY (eGrants will populate once budget entered)	36.10			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)	\$28,700			Please note the maximum cost per MSY cannot exceed \$28,800
Source of Funds				
<i>(List Revenue Sources - Secured or Proposed)</i>				
1. United Way of _____ - Secured			\$99,775.00	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			\$146,396.00	Assist with supplies, program operating costs, member living allowances, member support costs, etc.
4. Foundation Donations - Proposed			\$50,899.00	Assist with grantee share of administrative indirect costs
Total Anticipated Revenue (Must equal Grand Total of Grantee Share above)			\$339,070.00	

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 23, 2023** – RFP Released
- **Webinars** (recordings available on **January 27**):
 - AmeriCorps 101 Webinar
 - Budget 101 Webinar
 - Creating Strong Narratives Webinar
- **February 1, 2023 10:00 am EST** – Technical Assistance Call for Continuation Applicants
- **February 1, 2023 2:00 pm EST** – Technical Assistance Call for New/Re-Compete Applicants
- **February 3, 2023** – FAQs Posted on website
- **February 27, 2023 by 5:00 pm EST** – Applications due in eGrants and supporting documentation submitted
- **March 3 - March 20, 2023** – External and Internal Review
- **March 29, 2023** – Clarification provided to applicants considered for funding
- **April 18, 2023 by 5:00 pm EDT** – Revised AmeriCorps Applications due
- **May 12, 2023** – Volunteer Florida Commissioner review and approval
- **May 15, 2023** – Submission of funding recommendation to AmeriCorps
- **July 2023** – Funding Notification from AmeriCorps
- **August 1, 2023** – 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://www.americorps.gov/funding-opportunity/fy-2023-ameri-corps-state-national-grants>

Next Steps

- Gather your partners! Decide who is the lead to apply.
- Review the full application – released January 23, 2023
- Contact Volunteer Florida with your questions, americorpsrfp@volunteerflorida.org
- AmeriCorps Application due in eGrants – February 27, 2023
- AmeriCorps Application supplemental documents due in Blackbaud System – February 27, 2023
- Sign up for Volunteer Florida communications (www.volunteerflorida.org)



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