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AMERICORPS STATE AND NATIONAL GRANTS**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

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Program Description

This Serve Alaska RFP is an overview of the process for submitting AmeriCorps applications within the State of Alaska. All dates and requirements in this RFP should be followed. If applying in multiple states, the complete FY 2027 AmeriCorps State and National Grants funding opportunity documents can be found here:

<https://www.americorps.gov/funding-opportunity/fy-2027-ameri-corps-state-national-grants>.

Purpose of AmeriCorps State and National Funding

AmeriCorps improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. AmeriCorps brings people together to tackle some of the country's most pressing challenges through national service and volunteerism.

AmeriCorps grants are awarded to eligible organizations that engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions to strengthen communities. An AmeriCorps member is a person who does community service through AmeriCorps. Members may receive a living allowance and other benefits. After successful completion of their service, members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award that they can use to pay for higher education expenses or apply to qualified student loans.

AmeriCorps Funding Priorities

Faith-Based:

- **Organizations that are faith-based.**

Serve Communities:

- **Serve communities with concentrated poverty**, rural communities, and tribal communities.
- Implement programs for or **expand access to high-quality youth mental health and substance use recovery services** and prepare AmeriCorps members to enter behavioral health careers. These may include individuals who have experienced substance use and mental health challenges.
- **Focus on improving quality of life for veterans, active-duty members of the Armed Forces, and their families** through models that provide effective interventions or services or that are designed to recruit veterans, military spouses, and their older children into national service, e.g., veterans serving in mentorship roles.
- **Focus on public safety, crime prevention, and/or partnerships between law enforcement and the community.**
- **Focus on expanding outdoor recreation opportunities for future generations** by maintaining public lands; supporting wildland fire mitigation and sustainable forest management; and providing reforestation services.
- **Create workforce pathways for AmeriCorps members**, including deliberate training, such as pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship opportunities, certifications, and hiring preferences or support;

- **Focus on strengthening families**, e.g., activities that aim to support low-income parents through parenting education, responsible parenting and healthy relationship skills.

Benefit AmeriCorps Members:

- **Enhanced member experience** by providing opportunities for skill attainment, personal growth and connection to the community they are serving in support of a lifetime of civic participation.
- **Enhance and expand services to formerly incarcerated and at-risk youth** and/or engage those youth as AmeriCorps members.

Use Evidence:

- Utilize reports from the [AmeriCorps Evidence Exchange](#) on programs assessed as having moderate or strong evidence to scale, replicate, or adapt the intervention.

To receive priority consideration, applicants must show that the priority area is a significant part of the program focus and intended outcomes, and must include a high-quality program design. Proposing programs that receive priority consideration does not guarantee funding.

Serve Alaska Funding Priorities

A prime focus of Serve Alaska, as directed by the State Service Commission, is to address the unmet needs of underserved communities. Current Serve Alaska priorities include education, mental health, workforce development, conservation, senior support services, veterans and military families, homelessness and housing, tribal organizations, public safety and criminal justice, bridge building, and missing/murdered indigenous people.

AmeriCorps Performance Measures

All applications must include at least one aligned performance measure (output and outcome) that corresponds to the proposed primary intervention. This may be a national performance measure or an applicant-determined measure. For more information, please refer to the [AmeriCorps Performance Measures Instructions](#).

Federal Award Information

Estimated Available Funds

AmeriCorps expects a highly competitive AmeriCorps grant competition. Given limited funding, AmeriCorps may prioritize funding existing grantees instead of making new awards. The actual level of funding depends on annual appropriations.

Period of Performance

AmeriCorps plans to make three-year grant awards. AmeriCorps generally makes an initial award for the first year of the three-year period of performance. Applicants must submit a one-year budget. Applicants may propose a project start date that fits their program design. The period of performance may not start before August 1, 2027. Continuation awards for subsequent years are not guaranteed; they depend upon availability of appropriations and satisfactory performance.

Types of Grants

The only funding available with this RFP are full programmatic AmeriCorps grants. See Appendix A for more information on the types of AmeriCorps grants offered under this RFP.

Fixed Amount and Cost Reimbursement Grants: AmeriCorps grants can be awarded on a Cost Reimbursement or Fixed Amount basis. AmeriCorps will not provide both types of grants for the same project in one fiscal year. New applicants are eligible to apply for Cost Reimbursement grants but are not eligible to apply for Fixed Amount grants.

New or Re-Compete Applications: These types of programmatic grants are for first-year funding of a new program, or fourth-year funding of an existing program. Both types of grants will go through a competitive and complete review by Serve Alaska. If approved at the state level, the New and Re-compete grants will go through a second review at the national level.

Maximum Cost per Member Service Year (MSY)

The AmeriCorps cost per MSY is determined by dividing the AmeriCorps share of budgeted grant costs by the number of MSYs requested. It does not include childcare or the value of the education award a member may earn.

Table: Maximum Cost per MSY

Grant Program	Maximum
Competitive Cost Reimbursement Grant	\$26,800
Competitive Full-cost Fixed Amount Grant	\$26,800

Member Living Allowance

A living allowance is not considered a salary or a wage. Programs are not required to provide a living allowance for members serving in less than full-time terms of service. If a program chooses to provide a living allowance for a less than full-time member, it must follow the limits in the table below. Organizations applying for Cost Reimbursement grants must include the living allowance in the budget, either as AmeriCorps share or match.

Fixed Amount grant applicants must give members a living allowance that follows the minimum and maximum amounts in the chart below and should indicate that amount in the application.

Service Term (MSY Value)	Minimum # of Hours	Minimum Living Allowance	Maximum Total Living Allowance
Full-time (1.0 MSY)	1,700	\$20,954	\$41,908
Three Quarter-time (0.7000 MSY)	1,200	n/a	\$29,336
Half-time (0.5000 MSY)	900	n/a	\$20,954
Quarter-time (0.26455027)	450	n/a	\$10,896
Minimum-time (0.21164022)	300	n/a	\$8,801

Costs Associated with Evidence Building

These include activities such as performance data collection and management, foundational research, and program evaluation. As noted in [2 CFR § 200.455](#), costs associated with evidence building activities are allowable expenses or match under AmeriCorps grants. This includes costs related to performance data collection and management, foundational research, program evaluation, and related activities.

Indirect Costs

Application budgets may include indirect costs. Based on qualifying factors, applicants may –

- i. use a Federally approved indirect cost rate if they have one;
- ii. use a 15 percent *de minimis* rate of modified total direct costs; or
- iii. [may claim certain costs directly](#).

All methods must be applied consistently across all Federal awards. No more than five percent of award funds may be used to recover indirect costs on AmeriCorps State and National grants under section 121 (d) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990, as amended and AmeriCorps' regulations at [45 CFR 2521.95](#) and [2540.110](#).

Use the [eGrants Indirect Cost Rate \(IDCR\) User Instructions](#) to enter the organization's Federal negotiated indirect cost rate or the *de minimis* rate information. Applicants should not submit documentation addressing the cost rate agreement via email.

Pre-Award Costs

Applicants funded under this Notice are approved for pre-award costs for 90 days prior to the start of their program where such costs are incurred in anticipation of the award and are necessary for efficient and timely performance of the scope of work. See the [Mandatory Supplemental Information](#) for more detail.

Cost Sharing or Matching

Cost Reimbursement Grant Match: Applicants are required to match funds provided by AmeriCorps. The applicant's match can be non-AmeriCorps cash and/or in-kind contributions. Applicants must show that they can meet the match requirement when they submit the application. Applicants must say in their application if they have already secured the match funding.

A first-time successful applicant is required to match at 24 percent for the first three-year funding period. Starting with year four, the match requirement gradually increases every three years to 30 percent by year ten.

AmeriCorps Funding Year	Years 1,2, and 3	Years 4,5, and 6	Years 7,8, and 9	Years 10 +
Grantee Share Requirements	24%	26%	28%	30%

Fixed Amount Grant Match:

There is no cost share or matching requirement for Fixed Amount grants. AmeriCorps does not provide all the funds necessary to operate the program. Organizations should raise the funds needed to operate the program.

Timeline and Deadlines- New and Recompete

Request for Proposal (RFP) Timeline

Timeline for 2026-27 Competitive Funding (FY26AC-C)	Dates
Serve Alaska RFP Released	August 31, 2026
Notices of Intent to Apply Due by 5:00 pm AKST	September 8, 2026
Mandatory Pre-Application Teleconference at 9:00 am AKST	September 11, 2026
Applications Submitted to Serve Alaska by 5:00 pm AKST	October 23, 2026
Application Clarification Period	November 6 - 20, 2026
Applications Re-submitted in AmeriCorps' Grants Management System by 4:00 pm AKST	November 20, 2026
Commission Decision on Funding	December 8, 2026
Applicants Notified of Status	December 10, 2026
Appeals Due by 5:00 pm AKST	December 18, 2026

Deadlines

Deadlines listed in this RFP must be followed. If a deadline cannot be met, and prior to any deadline, applicants must submit an email explaining the extenuating circumstance which caused the delay. This request must be sent to Serve Alaska via email to serve.alaska@alaska.gov. If email is not available, use the phone number listed above in the Contact Person section. Missed deadlines are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Any exceptions/approval of extension requires written approval by Serve Alaska.

Eligibility Information

Eligible Applicants

The following non-Federal entities (all of which are defined in 2 CFR 200.1 or 42 U.S.C. 12511(21)) are eligible to apply:

- Indian Tribes;
- Institutions of higher education;
- Local governments, including school districts;
- Nonprofit organizations;
- States and US Territories

Applicants must have a valid SAM registration and Unique Entity Identifier to receive an award. See Mandatory Online Resources/References section below for more information.

National Direct Applicants

Multi-State: Organizations that propose to operate AmeriCorps programs in more than one State or Territory must apply directly to AmeriCorps.

Threshold Issues

Specific types of applicants must meet the following requirements:

- If service activities require special member qualifications and/or training, such as [tutoring programs](#), the applicant must describe how these requirements will be met.

- All applicants must propose program designs that are either evidence-based or evidence-informed (See Evidence Base section under Application Narratives). Applicants rated as insufficient evidence are removed from funding consideration. Insufficient evidence is determined by:
 - An applicant being assessed as in the pre-preliminary evidence tier AND
 - providing inadequate responses to the Evidence Quality review standards below.
- All FY 2027 competitive applicants must submit an application that proposes to enroll a minimum of 20 AmeriCorps members. New, re-compete, and continuation competitive applications with less than 20 members will be deemed noncompliant and will not be reviewed. The minimum of 20 AmeriCorps members does not apply to Indian Tribe applicants, Tribal organizations that are controlled, authorized, or chartered by Federally recognized Indian Tribes.

Other Eligibility Requirements

Even if an organization is otherwise eligible, an organization is not eligible if:

- It has violated a federal criminal statute.
- It proposes activities that are not allowed under AmeriCorps' laws, rules, or terms and conditions.
- It has any unpaid federal taxes that are not being paid through an agreement with the relevant tax authority. However, this does not apply if a federal agency decided that a suspension or debarment for the corporation is not necessary.
- It is described in the [Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. §501 \(c\)\(4\)](#) and lobbies.

RFP Requirements

The application deadline for this competition is **October 23, 2026, at 5:00 pm AKST.**

State of Alaska Contact Person:

All correspondence having to do with this RFP should be sent to:

Lily Tegner, Grant Administrator 2
 Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
 Division of Community and Regional Affairs, Serve Alaska
 550 W 7th Ave, Suite 1640
 Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3569
Serve.Alaska@alaska.gov
 Phone: (907) 269-6720

AmeriCorps and Serve Alaska require that all applicants make every effort to submit their applications electronically utilizing the AmeriCorps' Grants Management System.

Notice of Intent to Apply (NOIA) – Due September 8, 2026, at 5 PM AKST.

Each program that will be applying through Serve Alaska (re-competes and new applicants) for an AmeriCorps grant **must** complete a Notice of Intent to Apply (NOIA). Submit the NOIA using the form attached to this RFP to Serve.Alaska@alaska.gov by **September 8, 2026, at 5 PM AKST.**

This NOIA must include:

1. Summary (one or two paragraphs) of what the program is proposing
2. Number of AmeriCorps members the program is expecting to enroll
3. A general budget (not detailed)
4. Estimated match source(s)

The NOIA does not commit an organization to apply but ensures that organizations interested in applying receive all documents and information.

Mandatory Pre-Application Teleconference

A mandatory Pre-Application Teleconference for new and re-competing applications will be held on **September 11, 2026 at 9 AM AKST**.

Required Additional Documents: (due **October 23, 2026, at 5:00 pm AKST** with Application)

- Serve Alaska Documents Checklist, completed
- Cost Reimbursement Budget Workbook
- Training Waiver Form (If applicable)
- Most recent single audit report and/or financial statements
- IRS Form 990 (new and re-competing)
- Evidence supporting reports/studies/briefs (all applicants, if applicable)
- Evaluation Plan Summary Form or Report (Re-competing applicants only)

Requirements Specific for Serve Alaska State Programs

Days of Service

All subrecipients, with full-time (FT) and three-quarter time (TQT) members, are required to organize three National Day of Service events during each program year. All members regardless of slot type must participate in at least one Day of Service event. Ideally these National Day of Service events are organized by the Subrecipient to encourage esprit de corps among members while meeting a community need. Day of Service activities require member participation, including creation and organization of the event, recruitment of volunteers (if applicable), and promotion of the event. All Day of Service activities must be free of prohibited activities according to AmeriCorps regulation [45 CFR 2520.65](#).

Staff Capacity

Serve Alaska requires one dedicated employee to manage the programmatic aspect of an AmeriCorps program of 20 members. The number of dedicated staff for larger than 20 Member programs will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Dedicated staff must be clearly written in the grant and budget narratives.

New and Recompete Application Process

Applicants will submit their application in the AmeriCorps' Grants Management System, eGrants, no later than 5:00 pm on October 23, 2026. The **Application Instructions** and document provides guidance for navigating eGrants and submitting the application.

Application Content

Complete applications must include the following elements:

- Standard Form 424 FACE Sheet: Automatically generated when applicants complete the data elements.
- Narrative Sections:
 - Executive Summary;
 - Program Design;
 - Organizational Capability;
 - Cost-Effectiveness & Budget Adequacy; and
 - Evaluation Summary
- Performance Measures.
- Logic Model.
- Standard Form 424A Budget.
- Cost Reimbursement Budget Workbook
- Continuation Changes.
- Clarification.
- Authorization, [Assurances](#), and [Certifications](#).

Page Limits

Page counts are determined by the number of pages that print out from the AmeriCorps Grants Management system, eGrants. Application content which exceeds the page limit for either the narrative or logic model will not be reviewed. **Serve Alaska strongly encourages applicants to print out the application from the grant system prior to submission to confirm that the application does not exceed the page limit.**

- Narratives:
 - **Applications must not exceed 11 double-spaced pages** for the Narrative
 - The application sections that count towards the page limit include:
 - SF-424 FACE Sheet;
 - Executive Summary;
 - Program Design;
 - Organizational Capability; and
 - Cost-Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy.
 - The application page limit does not include:
 - Evaluation Plan Summary or Report;
 - Clarification Summary;
 - Continuation Changes;
 - Budget, Performance Measures; and
 - Any required additional documents.
- Logic Model:
 - **The Logic Model may not exceed eight pages** when printed with the application from the "Review" tab in the AmeriCorps Grants Management system, eGrants.

Application Narratives

Each applicant must describe a project that will use AmeriCorps members effectively to solve a significant community problem.

Applications must have a well-designed plan with clear justification for the requested funds. Reviewers will assess the quality of applications by using the selection criteria described below and will rate them accordingly.

Prior to issuance, and annually thereafter, awards will be subject to review by one or more AmeriCorps senior officials, or their designees, according to the process described in [Executive Order 14332, "Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking."](#)

Do not assume all sub-criteria below are of equal value.

Review Criteria

Categories/Subcategories	Percentage
Executive Summary	0
Program Design	50
Community and Logic Model	20
Evidence Tier	12
Evidence Quality	8
Notice Priority	4
Member Experience	6
Organizational Capability	25
Organizational Background and Staffing	15
Member Supervision	10
Cost Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy	25
Member Recruitment	7
Member Retention	10
Data Collection	8

Executive Summary (0 percent):

Please fill in the blanks of these sentences to complete the Executive Summary. There are two options for the second paragraph; please choose the appropriate language for your application. *Do not deviate from this template:*

"The [Name of the organization] will have [Number of] AmeriCorps members in [the locations the AmeriCorps members will serve, e.g. – City, State or State(s)]. AmeriCorps members will [service activities the members will do]. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for [anticipated outcome of project]. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage [number of leveraged volunteers, if applicable] who will be engaged in [what the leveraged volunteers will be doing].

Cost Reimbursement grant applicants:

The AmeriCorps investment will be matched with \$[amount of projected match], \$[amount of local, state, and Federal Funds] in public funding and \$[amount of non-governmental funds] in private funding."

Fixed amount grant applicants e.g., EAP, Full-Cost Fixed, No Cost Slots:

In addition to the AmeriCorps investment, \$[amount of local, state, and Federal Funds] in public funding and \$[amount of non-governmental funds] in private funding will support the project."

Program Design (50 percent):

1. Community and Logic Model (20 points)

The applicant will provide a detailed summary of the community problem, and an explanation of how the applicant's intervention(s) will lead to the outcomes identified in the Logic Model.

The applicant must describe in the Logic Model

- The inputs or resources that are necessary to deliver the intervention, including but not limited to:
 - Locations or sites in which members will provide services.
 - Setting and community condition where the intervention is delivered.
 - Number of AmeriCorps members who will deliver the intervention.
 - Characteristics of AmeriCorps members, including specific knowledge, skills, and abilities required to implement the intervention.
- The core activities that members will deliver as part of the intervention including:
 - Length of each activity (e.g., the total number of weeks, sessions, or months of the intervention).
 - Dosage of each activity (e.g., the number of hours per session or sessions per week).
 - Target population for the intervention (e.g., disconnected youth, third graders at a certain reading proficiency level).
- The measurable outputs that result from delivering the intervention (i.e., number of beneficiaries served, types and number of activities conducted). If applicable, identify which [National Performance Measures](#) will be used as output indicators.
- Outcomes that result from the intervention, including meaningful changes in knowledge/skill, attitude, behavior, or condition. If applicable, identify which National Performance Measures will be used as outcome indicators.

Programs should include short, medium, or long-term outcomes. Applicants are not required to measure all components of their Logic Model. The applicant's performance measures should be consistent with the program's Logic Model and should represent significant program activities.

Applicants with multiple interventions should include the above information for each intervention in the logic model.

2. Evidence Base (20 points)

The assessment of an applicant's evidence base has two parts. First, the applicant will be assigned to an evidence tier. Second, the quality of the applicant's evidence, how the evidence aligns with funding priorities, (see Funding Priorities in RFP) and how the evidence supports the proposed program.

a. Evidence Tier, 12 points

Each applicant will receive an evidence tier assessment. This is based on the relative strength of the applicant's evidence base and the likelihood that the proposed intervention will lead to the outcomes identified in the Logic Model narrative.

AmeriCorps values and funds programs at all points along the evidence continuum and expects programs to progress along the evidence continuum over time. Thus, **applicants should not be deterred from applying for funding due to their current evidence level.** In 2026, the evidence tiers of competing applicants recommended for AmeriCorps State and National funding were as follows: 57% Strong, 11% Moderate, 25% Preliminary, 7% Pre-Preliminary.

To qualify for the preliminary, moderate, or strong evidence tier, applicants may submit up to two evidence documents, plus the evaluation report from their last three-year grant cycle, if applicable. If multiple evidence documents are submitted by the applicant, the most recent – as measured by the date of completion or publication – will be reviewed first, and any documents submitted beyond the allowable number will not be reviewed.

The intervention evaluated in the submitted evidence documents must match the intervention proposed by the applicant in the Community and Logic Model sections of the application. Use the Mandatory Supplemental Information for a definition of same intervention). Applicants must meet all requirements of an evidence tier to be considered for that tier.

Submitted evidence documents that do not sufficiently match the intervention will not be reviewed or receive any points.

In the Evidence Tier section of the application narrative, applicants must:

- Summarize the study design and key findings of the evidence documents submitted, plus, if applicable, the evaluation report from their last three-year grant cycle; and
- Describe any other evidence that supports their program, including past performance measure data and/or other research studies that inform their program design.

Applicants should provide citations for the studies they describe.

b. Evidence Quality (8 points)

Reviewers will score the quality of an applicant's evidence and the extent to which it supports the proposed program design.

Standards for scoring in the preliminary, moderate, or strong evidence tiers:
Submitted evidence documents:

- Are of satisfactory methodological quality and rigor for the type of evaluation conducted e.g., adequate sample size and statistical power, internal and/or external validity, appropriate use of control or comparison groups, etc.;
- Describe evaluations that were conducted relatively recently, preferably within the last six years; and
- Show a meaningful and significant positive effect on program beneficiaries or AmeriCorps members in at least one key outcome of interest.

Standards for scoring in the pre-preliminary evidence tier:

- The applicant uses relevant evidence, including past performance measure data and/or cited research studies, to inform their proposed program design;
- The described evidence is relatively recent, preferably from the last six years; and
- The evidence described by the applicant indicates a meaningful positive effect on program beneficiaries or AmeriCorps members in at least one key outcome of interest.

3. Notice Priority (4 points)

Describe whether one or more of the AmeriCorps funding priorities is a significant part of the program focus and intended outcomes.

4. Member Experience (6 points)

Describe how AmeriCorps members will be provided opportunities for skill attainment, personal growth and connection to the community they are serving in support of a lifetime of civic participation.

Organizational Capability (25 percent):

1. Organizational Background and Staffing (15 points)

Describe the roles, responsibilities, and structure of the staff that will implement and provide oversight of the program, including but not limited to demonstrating the organization has sufficient policies, procedures, and controls to effectively implement a federal grant.

2. Member Supervision (10 points)

Describe how AmeriCorps members will receive sufficient guidance and support from their supervisor to provide effective service. That could include but is not limited to structure for member supervision: cadence and format of supervisor/member check-ins, member and supervisor opportunities to assess strengths and opportunities for growth, member training plan, etc. Applicants should identify best and/or evidence based practices for successful member supervision.

Cost-Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy (25 percent):

1. Member Recruitment (7 points)

Provide a description of budget expenses to support recruitment of AmeriCorps members best suited to serve the community. Applicants should identify best and/or evidence based practices for successful member recruitment.

2. Member Retention (10 points)

Provide a description of budget expenses to support retention of AmeriCorps members. E.g., additional member benefits such as paying above the minimum living allowance, supporting workforce pathways, certifications, coaching for members, resume building, individual benefit as well as community building, network building, member recognition, alumni programming, etc. Applicants should identify best or evidence based practices for successful member retention.

3. Data Collection (8 points)

Provide a description of budget expenses that support data collection and evaluation, including the process for collecting and maintaining high-quality performance data from your organization and community partners, how data will be analyzed, and how this will ensure timely and accurate reporting to AmeriCorps.

Evaluation Plan Summary (0 percent)

If the applicant has previously received three or more years of competitive funding for the same project being proposed, the applicant must submit an evaluation plan summary form (which includes Alternative Evaluation Approach request if applicable). Refer to Additional Documents for instructions for submitting the evaluation plan summary.

The evaluation plan summary will not be scored and will not be reviewed unless it includes an Alternative Evaluation Approach request.

All applicants enter N/A in the *Evaluation Summary or Plan* field of the Narrative. Any other text entered in this field will not be reviewed.

Amendment Justification (0 percent):

Enter N/A. This field will be used if the applicant is awarded a grant and needs to amend it.

Clarification Information (0 percent):

Enter N/A. This field will be utilized should an applicant be funded.

Continuation Changes (0 percent):

Enter N/A. This field will be used to enter changes in the application narratives in continuation requests.

Training Waiver

Serve Alaska will review each application for the following criteria to determine eligibility for a training and education waiver. This waiver allows for 50 percent of the aggregate AmeriCorps member hours in a program to be spent in education and training activities, per [45 CFR 2520.50](#). If you wish to apply for a training waiver, please submit the Training Waiver form as a part of your application, indicating whether your program:

- Is a Registered Apprenticeship program, or
- Is a job training or job readiness program, or
- Includes activities to support member attainment of a GED or high school diploma or occupational, technical, or safety credentials, or
- Primarily enrolls economically disadvantaged AmeriCorps members and is designed to provide soft skills or life skills development for those members.

Review and Selection for Funding

Serve Alaska Review

Serve Alaska's Review Committee will review submitted applications and give feedback to the applicant. Some of the feedback will be required edits, while others are suggestions for strengthening the application. This process is called 'Application Clarification' (see timeline). During clarification, the applicant will take the Review Committee comments and incorporate them into the application.

Serve Alaska staff and review committee will assess applications based on Program Design, Organizational Capability, Cost-Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy, and Evidence Selection Criteria, as well as the relevancy to Alaskan beneficiaries. Serve Alaska Commission will make the final decision of which applications to forward to AmeriCorps for further review.

Serve Alaska will not consider submitted material that is over the page limits in the printed application, even if AmeriCorps' Grants Management System allows an applicant to enter and submit text over the limit. This applies to both the application page limit and the logic model page limit. Do not submit other items not requested in the RFP, Serve Alaska will not review them.

Review

Reviewers will assess applications based on the Program Design, Organizational Capability, Cost-Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy, and Evidence Selection Criteria. AmeriCorps will also review and assess the input from the state service commissions about multi-state national direct applications. Staff will also assess budget compliance and review for prohibited activities.

Post-Review Quality Control

AmeriCorps staff will review the initial results for fairness and consistency. Some applications may be selected for a post-review quality control assessment.

Selection for Funding

The review and selection process are designed to:

- Identify how well eligible applications are aligned with the application selection criteria.
- Build a diversified portfolio based on the following strategic considerations:
 - AmeriCorps Funding Priorities;
 - Meaningful representation of:
 - rural communities, and
 - innovative community strategies; and
 - AmeriCorps CEO discretion to advance strategic goals

In selecting applicants to receive awards under this RFP, the AmeriCorps Chief Executive Officer will try to include a diverse portfolio of applications based on staff recommendations, alignment with selection criteria, and strategic considerations.

AmeriCorps reserves the right to adjust or make changes to the review process, if unforeseen circumstances make it impossible, impracticable, or inefficient to conduct the review process as planned. AmeriCorps reserves the right to re-focus program dollars under this Notice in the event of disaster or other compelling needs.

An applicant denied any portion of funding may request reconsideration of a funding decision within 5 business days of receiving notice of their denial. Reconsideration will only be granted if there is clear and substantial error. Any reconsideration of denied applications is entirely subject to the agency's discretion.

Pre-Award Risk Assessment

Risk assessments are a requirement under 2 CFR 200 regulations. The information contained in the assessment is intended to help the Commission understand the agency/organization and to evaluate its overall operational and financial controls.

Serve Alaska will conduct a pre-award risk assessment regarding financial and organizational capacity to administer federal grants with each new agency submitting an AmeriCorps application for funding. Serve Alaska will review all assessments prior to awarding a grant. If Serve Alaska determines that an applicant's operational and financial controls are deficient, the Commission may postpone the grant award until sufficient corrective action is completed or may refrain from awarding the grant altogether. Monitoring timelines will be created in consideration of pre-award risk assessment results

In assessing risks, AmeriCorps may consider:

1. Due diligence, including:
 - Federal debt delinquency;
 - Suspension and debarment;
 - Information available through Office of Management and Budget (OMB)-designated sources of government-wide eligibility qualification or financial integrity information, such as:
 - [U.S. Treasury Bureau of Fiscal Services](#);
 - [System for Award Management \(SAM\)](#); and
 - *Do Not Pay*.
 - Reports and findings from single audits performed under Uniform Administrative Guidance and findings of any other available audits or investigations;
 - IRS Tax Form 990;
 - [Oversight.gov](#); and
 - Public Litigation Records.
2. Past Performance, including:
 - Applicant's record in managing previous AmeriCorps awards, cooperative agreements, or procurement awards, including:
 - Timely compliance with applicable reporting requirements;
 - Accuracy of data reported;
 - Validity of performance measure data reported;
 - Conformity to the terms and conditions of previous Federal awards;
 - Ability to effectively implement statutory, regulatory, or other requirements imposed on award recipients;
 - Timely closeout of other awards;

- Meeting matching requirements;
 - Extent to which any previously awarded amounts will be expended prior to future awards; and
 - Meeting [National Service Criminal History Check \(NSCHC\) compliance](#).
3. Other Programmatic Risks, Financial, Organizational, Compliance, and Fraud including:
- Publicly available information, including from the applicant organization's website;
 - Amount of funding requested by the organization, and
 - Other elements, such as keyword searches for prohibited activities.

Consideration of Integrity and Performance System Information

Before making any award that exceeds \$350,000, AmeriCorps must consider information about the applicant from the designated integrity and performance system accessible through [SAM.gov](#).

Any applicant may comment upon information previously entered by another Federal agency in the designated integrity and performance systems accessible through [SAM.gov](#).

AmeriCorps may consider applicant comments when completing its review of risk. AmeriCorps may also consider other information about any applicant receiving an award, including those under \$350,000.

Feedback to Applicants

Each compliant applicant will receive feedback from the review of its application.

Transparency in Grantmaking

AmeriCorps is committed to transparency in grant-making. A list of all approved applications for new and re-competing applications will be published on AmeriCorps Funded Grants within 90 business days after all grants are awarded.

Further information about funded grants and subgrants is also available in [USASpending.gov](#).

Federal Award Administration Information

Federal Award Notices

AmeriCorps will make awards following the selection announcement. All applicants, successful or not, will be notified of funding decisions via email.

Selection notifications are not an authorization to begin performance. The Notice of Grant Award is the document that obligates funds and performance may only begin after the Award is issued and no earlier than the listed Performance Period Start Date. Incurring allowable pre-award costs prior to receiving a Notice of Grant Award is at the applicant's risk. The Notice of Grant Award will be available in eGrants once the award is issued.

Documents that Govern the Grant

The Notice of Grant Award incorporates the approved application as part of a binding commitment under the grant as well as the AmeriCorps regulations and grant provisions. Serve Alaska RFP, the grant agreement, and the Serve Alaska sub-recipient manual are also included in the governing documents.

Uniform Guidance

All awards made under this RFP must follow the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards in [2 CFR Part 200](#) and [2205](#).

AmeriCorps Terms and Conditions

All awards made under this RFP will be subject to the FY 2027 AmeriCorps General Terms and Conditions, and the FY 2027 AmeriCorps State and National Terms and Conditions for the particular program (when applicable). These Terms and Conditions contain detailed, mandatory compliance and reporting requirements. Current versions of the AmeriCorps General and Program Specific Terms and Conditions for each of its programs is available at: [Manage Your Grant: Terms and Conditions](#).

National Service Criminal History Check Requirements

The National Service Criminal History Check, NSCHC, is a specific screening procedure established by law to protect the beneficiaries of national service. Use [45 CFR 2540.200–2540.207](#) and [National Service Criminal History Check Resources](#) for complete information and FAQs.

Use of Material

To ensure that materials generated with AmeriCorps funding are available to the public and readily accessible to recipients and non-recipients, AmeriCorps reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable right to obtain, use, modify, reproduce, publish, or disseminate publications and materials produced under the award, including data, and to authorize others to do so per [2 CFR 200.315](#).

Continuation Funding Information and Requirements

Organizations that have current AmeriCorps State and National awards that will be in program Year 2 or Year 3 in FY 2027 are considered continuation applicants. Continuation applicants must submit an application to be eligible to receive funding for the FY 2027 program year. Continuation applicants must follow the requirements for continuation application content as outlined in the Application Instructions.

To be approved for continuation funding, recipients must be in good standing. Continuation application review will also be based on progress reports, the federal financial report, evaluation plans, and AmeriCorps staff's knowledge of the grant program. To be approved for continuation funding, recipients must demonstrate satisfactory performance with respect to key program goals and requirements, as well as compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant.

AmeriCorps reserves the right to award applications in an amount less than the requested level of funding.

Re-Focusing of Funding

AmeriCorps reserves the right to re-focus program dollars under this Notice in the event of disaster or other compelling needs.

Appeal Process

In the event the Commission does not recommend funding an application, or a deadline has been missed, the following appeal procedure must be followed. All correspondence must be sent to the contact person listed above.

The appeal procedure of Serve Alaska is as follows:

Missed Deadline:

- A request for appeal of a missed deadline must be made prior to the missed deadline. Appeals must be sent via email to Serve.Alaska@alaska.gov.

Funding:

- Serve Alaska will notify proposal applicants of the application review results and potential funding recommendations.
- If the applicant has substantive objections to the results of the Application Review Group and/or the Commission decision, the applicant may request an appeal.
- A request for appeal must be made to the Chair of Serve Alaska by email through the Contact Person listed above by the due date noted in this RFP.
- If a request for an appeal is made, Serve Alaska shall hear such additional information as may be deemed appropriate and pertinent to the matter involved. A delegation of not more than three representatives of the requesting applicant may present such additional information. In its discretion, Serve Alaska may invite discussion or comments from others knowledgeable in the matter being appealed.
- Serve Alaska shall send to the applicant and others as deemed appropriate, its written determination pursuant to the request for appeal. The Chair's determination shall be final.
- If an application, which has previously been rejected by Serve Alaska, is submitted for future funding in a substantially altered condition, Serve Alaska shall treat this grant as a new grant request, and all policies and procedures relating to a new grant will apply.

Mandatory Online Resources/References

- **2026 Application Instructions** This is a **MUST** read – this document has all the details needed to submit a complete and nationally competitive application. Use these instructions in conjunction with the RFP, 2026 Companion Application Information to the RFP, and the AmeriCorps Regulations, 45 CFR 2520–2550. Be sure to use the timeline in this RFP only, if submitting grants to Serve Alaska.
- **2026 Performance Measure Requirements** This a **MUST** read for those that are creating or changing their measures. All applications must include at least one aligned performance measure (output paired with outcome) that corresponds to the proposed primary intervention. This may be a National Performance Measure or an applicant-determined measure depending on the program's Theory of Change. Applications may also include National Performance Measure outputs without associated outcome(s) provided that the output measures a significant program activity. These output-only measures do not fulfill

the requirement for an aligned performance measure but may be selected in addition to the aligned measure(s).

All performance measures must reflect significant program activities whose outputs and outcomes are consistent with the applicant's core Theory of Change. Applicants are not expected to have performance measures for every program activity. AmeriCorps does not require applicants to use National Performance Measures but expects them to do so if National Performance Measures reflect key outputs and/or outcomes of the logic model. Applicants may not create applicant determined outputs or outcomes that duplicate existing National Performance Measures.

All performance measures, including output-only measures, must be associated with one or more interventions (service activities). Applicants are expected to use the system-defined intervention categories if they appropriately represent the applicant's program activities. Applicants may not create user-defined intervention labels that duplicate existing intervention categories.

- **2026 Mandatory Supplemental Information** This is a **MUST** read. The Supplemental Information is intended to provide applicants with additional information for the preparation of their applications under the RFP. The Supplemental Information provides both detailed definitions of certain terms. Applicants must comply with any requirements stated in this Supplemental Information.
- **eGrants Management System Account**
(<https://egrants.cns.gov/espan/main/login.jsp>) Applicants will need to do this to apply, if one doesn't exist for your organization.
- **Unique Entity Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM)** All applicants must register with the System for Award Management (SAM) at <https://www.sam.gov/SAM/> and maintain an active SAM registration from the time of submission until the application process is complete. If an applicant is awarded a grant, it must maintain an active SAM registration throughout the life of the award. See the [SAM Quick Guide for Grantees](#) for more information.

AmeriCorps suggests that applicants finalize a new registration or renew an existing one at least three weeks before the application deadline, to allow time to resolve any issues that may arise. Applicants must ensure that their registration will remain active through the intended award. **Applicants must use their SAM-registered legal name and physical address on all grant applications. The legal applicant's name and physical address in AmeriCorps' Grants Management System must match exactly the applicant's SAM-registered information.**

Applications must include a valid Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), which is generated as part of the SAM registration process. AmeriCorps will not make awards to entities that do not have a valid SAM registration and UEI.

Applications must include an Employer Identification Number (EIN). The UEI and EIN must be entered by the organization's Grantee Administrator as an organization attribute, and this will apply the information to all applications for the organization.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Public Burden Statement

Public reporting burden for collection of information under this Notice of Funding is estimated to average six hours per submission, including reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing the application and reporting forms. AmeriCorps informs people who may respond to this Notice of Funding that they are not required to respond unless the OMB control number and expiration date are current valid. Use [5 CFR 1320.5\(b\)\(2\)\(i\)](#). This collection is approved under OMB Control #: 3045-0047, Application Instructions, State and National Competitive, New and Continuation, Expiration Date: September 30, 2026.

Privacy Act Statement

The Privacy Act of 1974, [5 U.S.C §552a](#), requires that we notify applicants that the information requested under this Notice of Funding is collected pursuant to [42 U.S.C. §12592](#) and 12615 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 as amended, and [42 U.S.C. §4953](#) of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 as amended.

Purposes and Uses - The information requested is collected for the purposes of reviewing grant applications and granting funding requests. Routine uses may include disclosure of the information to Federal, state, or local agencies pursuant to lawfully authorized requests.

Effects of Nondisclosure - The information requested is voluntary; however, to be a recipient of this grant program, disclosure of personal or sensitive information is required to receive federal benefits.

Appendix A: Types of AmeriCorps Grants: AmeriCorps makes available different types of grants. The chart below summarizes these grant types and their distinct characteristics.

Grant Types	Cost Reimbursement	Fixed Amount			
Available Subtypes	Traditional	Full-Cost	Education Award Program, EAP	Professional Corps***	No Cost Slots
Maximum Cost per MSY*	\$26,800	\$26,800	\$800 or \$1,000**	\$1,000	\$0
Type of Slots in the National Service Trust	All slot types	All slot types	All slot types	FT Only	All slot types
Matching Funds Required	Yes	No			
Budget Submission Required	Yes	No			
Availability of Funds Linked to Enrollment / Retention of Awarded MSYs	No	Yes			No
Special Requirements	N/A	N/A	Must place qualified professionals in communities with an inadequate # of such professionals. AmeriCorps Volunteer salaries / benefits must be paid entirely by organization where AmeriCorps Volunteer serves		N/A
Financial Reporting Requirements	Yes	No			
Available to New Applications	Yes	No	Yes		

* Member Service Year (MSY): One MSY is equivalent to a full-time AmeriCorps position, at least 1,700 service hours. Multiple position at less than full-time can be combined to equal one MSY.

** For the Education Award Program, AmeriCorps may provide a maximum of \$800 per individual enrolled in an approved national service position. If at least 50 percent of a program's enrollees are disadvantaged youth, AmeriCorps may provide \$1,000 per enrollee, [42 U.S.C. § 12581a](#).

*** Use Mandatory Supplemental Information (MSI) for further requirements.