

# NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

**Federal Agency Name:** AmeriCorps  
**Funding Opportunity Title:** Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Martin Luther King Day of Service.  
**Announcement Type:** Initial Announcement  
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**Summary Statement:** This funding opportunity is for entities to apply for funds to host events which utilize volunteers to meet a community need and honor the life of Dr. King.

**Disclosure:** Publication of this Notice does not obligate AmeriCorps to award any specific number of grants or to commit any particular amount of funding. The actual level, timing, and process of grant funding will be subject to the availability of annual appropriations. Any award made under this Notice may be terminated by the agency if it no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities. AmeriCorps publishes this NOFO solely for the aforementioned purpose and does not consider this NOFO to meet the definition of a rule requiring publication or notice under Congressional Review Act (CRA) as codified at 5 U.S.C. §§801- 808, and any subsequent notification provided to Congress does not constitute waiver of this position.

## Important Dates

- Applications are due not later than Thursday, **April 30, 2026**, by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.
- AmeriCorps anticipates notifying successful applicants in July 2026
- AmeriCorps anticipates issuing awards in August 2026

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### A. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

In 1994 Congress designated AmeriCorps as the federal agency responsible for implementing the [Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service](#) (annually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in January) on the federal holiday bearing his name.

#### A.1. Purpose of Martin Luther King Jr Day of Service 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 and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serve with organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities and those serving. AmeriCorps helps make service a cornerstone of our national culture.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service projects mobilize Americans to observe the Martin Luther King Jr federal holiday as a day of service in communities, to encourage those who serve on this holiday to make a long-term commitment to community service, and to bring people together to focus on service to others and help address community issues.

AmeriCorps also expects each project to include ongoing opportunities to volunteer throughout the year and to share information about how to serve with AmeriCorps and its national service programs.

#### A.2. Funding Priorities

AmeriCorps will invest in existing and new partnerships with non-profit, faith-based, and Tribal organizations and state service commissions to get things done for America. The agency will target its investments toward communities where the need is greatest, particularly those with populations that face poverty. This will enable more Americans than ever to strengthen the communities that need it most across the nation through their service.

AmeriCorps is looking for applications that feature significant activities occurring on MLK Day or within approximately one week of the actual day, engage a significant number of volunteers, and meet a community need.

AmeriCorps' priorities for this funding opportunity for Martin Luther King Jr Day of Service are:

- Providing service opportunities that support and/or facilitating access to services and resources for economically disadvantaged people and communities.
- Providing service opportunities that meet an immediate community need.
- Training volunteers who make a commitment for future or ongoing service.
- Aligns with evidence-based volunteer engagement practices such as:
  - Recruitment and Cultivation: Surveying new volunteers to understand their interests and matching them with appropriate roles;

- Training and Orientation: A clear plan for providing orientation and training, which is directly correlated with a volunteer's sense of belonging and organizational commitment;
- Supervision and Support: Strategies for providing regular feedback and showing appreciation, as these practices are significantly related to a volunteer's intent to continue serving with the organization.

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.

### **A.3. Performance Goals or Expected Outcomes**

MLK Day awardees will be required to provide data on the following indicators in annual Progress Reports:

- Number of episodic volunteers recruited, trained, and coordinated.
- Number of ongoing volunteers, recruited, trained or coordinated.

AmeriCorps will require grantees to report not less than one month in advance and two weeks after the Day of Service activities on locations and projects being supported with federal funding and number of volunteers and elected officials engaged. Grantees will also be required to register their projects in a project's registry tool visible on the AmeriCorps website.

MLK Day grants do not require performance measures. However, applicants who choose to select from the National Performance Measures will be required to report on those on an annual basis.

Additionally, recipients must report values for all volunteer indicators that are relevant to the activities described in the approved grant application in annual progress reports. AmeriCorps expects the reported values to be reasonably ambitious and to correspond to the activities proposed by the recipient in the application.

### **A.4. Program Authority**

Awards under this Notice are authorized by the [National and Community Service Act of 1990](#), as amended, ([42 U.S.C. §12501 et seq.](#)) and the [Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973](#), as amended ([42 U.S.C. §4950 et seq.](#)).

## **B. FEDERAL AWARD INFORMATION**

### **B.1. Estimated Available Funds**

AmeriCorps expects a highly competitive AmeriCorps grant competition. Given limited funding, AmeriCorps may prioritize funding for traditionally underserved geographies. The actual level of funding depends on annual appropriations.

## **B.2. Estimated Award Amount**

Award amounts will vary as determined by the scope of the projects. AmeriCorps expects to make awards in the range of \$100,000 to \$500,000.

## **B.3. Period of Performance**

AmeriCorps anticipates issuing awards to successful applicants in August 2026.

AmeriCorps anticipates making one-year grant awards. Applications for funding must be based on a one-year period of performance and a one-year budget. While AmeriCorps anticipates awarding one-year grant, actual awards period will vary because of program requirements, the availability of appropriations, or specific circumstances of an individual application.

## **B.4. Type of Award**

MLK Day grants will be awarded on a cost reimbursement basis if an application is successful.

# **C. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION**

## **C.1. 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
- nonprofit organizations
- state service commissions
- states and US Territories

In addition to Indian Tribes as defined in [2 CFR 200.1](#), Tribal organizations that are controlled, authorized, or chartered by Federally recognized Indian Tribes are also eligible to apply. If an entity applies for an award as a tribal organization that is controlled or chartered by one or more Indian Tribes [and the organization does not meet any of the other applicant eligibility types,] the organization must provide copies or links to documentation which demonstrates that the organization is controlled or chartered by a federally recognized Indian Tribe. If an entity applies as an organization authorized by a federally recognized Tribe, or multiple specific federally recognized tribes, it must submit a resolution or other authorization, adopted by the Tribal Council (or comparable tribal governing body) of each Indian Tribe. The authorization(s) must identify the entity applying for an AmeriCorps award by name as a tribal organization that is authorized by the Indian Tribe(s) for the purpose of applying for AmeriCorps funding (or federal grant funds generally).

Applicants must have a valid SAM registration and Unique Entity Identifier to receive an award. See Section [D.3. Unique Entity Identifier and System for Award Management \(SAM\)](#) for more information.

## **New Applicants**

AmeriCorps strongly encourages organizations that have not received prior funding from AmeriCorps to apply.

### **C.2. Cost Sharing or Matching**

Federal grant funds requested may not exceed 30 percent of the total program budget. Applicants are required to match funds equal to 70 percent of the total program budget.

For example, if an MLK Day applicant requests \$100,000 in federal grant funds, then the applicant is required to provide \$233,334 in matching funds for a total program budget of \$333,334.

The applicant's match can be cash and/or in-kind contributions matching funds. Applicants must indicate whether the match is proposed or secured. Applicants must demonstrate the ability to meet the 70 percent match requirement at the time of application submission. See section [D.6. Funding Restrictions](#) for more information.

### **C.3. Other Eligibility Requirements**

Even if an organization is otherwise eligible under [C.1](#), 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.

## **D. APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

This Notice should be read together with the Section 198(i) of the National and Community Service Act, ([42 U.S.C. § 12653\(i\)](#)). [Application Instructions](#).

### **D.1. Address to Request an Application Package**

All information associated with this funding opportunity is available through the AmeriCorps Funding Opportunities webpages. Applicants should refer to [AmeriCorps Funding Opportunities](#) for more information and instructions on how to fully respond to this Notice. Applicants can also send an email to [daysofservice@americorps.gov](mailto:daysofservice@americorps.gov) for a printed copy of the Notice *and* Application Instructions.

### **D.2. Content and Form of Application Submission**

#### **D.2.a. Application Content**

Complete applications must include the following elements:

- Standard Form 424 (SF-424) Face Sheet: This is automatically generated when applicants complete the data elements in the eGrants system.

- Narrative Sections:
  - Executive Summary: This is a brief description of the proposed program. This is a brief description of the proposed program. Executive Summaries must match the template as provided in Section E.1.a of the Notice. Executive Summaries of all awarded applications will serve as the basis for congressional notifications and press. For this reason, Executive Summaries **must** follow the template.
  - Program Design
  - Organizational Capability
  - Cost-Effectiveness & Budget Adequacy

### **D.2.b. Page Limits**

Applications may not exceed **8** double-spaced pages as according to the pages printed out from eGrants. The application sections that count toward the page limit are the:

- SF-424 Face Sheet;
- Executive Summary; and
- Program Design
- Organizational Capability
- Cost Effectiveness & Budget Adequacy

The application page limit does not include the Budget, Performance Measures, or any required additional documents. Text entered into clarification or continuation sections of the narrative will not be read or reviewed. These sections may be used after the review process concludes.

Please note that the length of the application as a word processing document may differ from the length of the document printed out from eGrants. The character limits in eGrants do not align with page limits set in the Notice. **AmeriCorps strongly encourages applicants to print out the application from the "Review and Submit" tab in eGrants prior to submission in order to confirm that the application does not exceed the page limit.**

AmeriCorps will not consider the results of any alternative printing methods when determining if an application complies with the page limit. Reviewers will also not consider material that is over the page limit, even if eGrants allow applicants to enter and submit additional text.

### **D.3. Unique Entity Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM)**

All applicants **must** register with the [System for Award Management \(SAM\)](#) and maintain an active SAM registration 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](#).

SAM registration must be renewed annually. 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 use their SAM-registered legal name and physical address on all grant applications to AmeriCorps.**

**The legal applicant's name and physical address in eGrants 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. The UEI and Employer Identification Number 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.

If an applicant has not fully complied with these requirements by the time AmeriCorps is ready to make a federal award, AmeriCorps may determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive an award and use that determination as a basis for making a federal award to another applicant.

#### **D.4. Submission Dates and Times**

##### **D.4.a. Application Submission Deadline**

Applications are due not later than **Thursday, April 30, 2026 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.**

AmeriCorps will not consider applications submitted after the deadline, except as noted in [Section D.4.c. Late Applications](#). AmeriCorps reserves the right to extend the submission deadline. AmeriCorps will post a notification in the event of an extended deadline on AmeriCorps' website.

##### **D.4.b. Additional Documents Deadline**

Additional documents are due by the application submission deadline. [See Sections D.4.a. Application Submission Deadline](#) and [D.7.b. Submission of Additional Documents](#) for more information.

##### **D.4.c. Late Applications**

All applications received after the submission deadline published in this Notice, of **Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 5:00 pm Eastern Time**, are presumed to be non-compliant. To overcome this presumption, the applicant must:

- submit a written explanation or justification of the extenuating circumstance(s) that caused the delay, including:
  - the timing and specific cause(s) of the delay
  - the ticket number if a request for assistance was submitted to the AmeriCorps Hotline
  - any information provided to the applicant by the AmeriCorps Hotline
  - any other documentation or evidence that supports the justification
- ensure that AmeriCorps receives the written explanation or justification and any other evidence that substantiates the claimed extenuating circumstance(s), via email to [LateApplications@AmeriCorps.gov](mailto:LateApplications@AmeriCorps.gov) no later than 24 hours after the application deadline as stated in the Notice

Communication with AmeriCorps staff, including an applicant's AmeriCorps regional office staff or applicant's AmeriCorps Regional Mailbox, is not a substitute for a written explanation or justification of the extenuating circumstance that caused the delay as outlined above. Applicants are required to continue working in [eGrants, AmeriCorps' web-based application system](#), and with the AmeriCorps Hotline to submit the application. AmeriCorps will determine whether or not to accept a late application on a case-by-case basis.

Applicants that do not meet the application submission deadline and do not submit a written explanation or justification or any other evidence to overcome the presumption of non-compliance within the published timeframe will be deemed noncompliant. If AmeriCorps sustains a noncompliant determination, the application will not be reviewed or selected for award.

AmeriCorps will *not* consider an advance request to submit a late application. Please carefully review and follow the guidance in this section and submit your application as soon as possible.

#### **D.5. Intergovernmental Review**

This Notice is not subject to [Executive Order 12372](#), "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

#### **D.6. Funding Restrictions**

##### **D.6.a. Award Funding Requirements**

MLK Day awards under this Notice are subject to cost share or matching requirements. The amount of funding AmeriCorps provides will be limited to 30 percent of the total allowable costs for the funded activity, as determined under [2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E-Cost Principles](#).

There are also limitations on the use of Federal funds to recover indirect costs. As provided in [2 CFR 200.306\(c\)](#), unrecovered indirect costs may be included as part of an applicant's cost sharing or matching requirements.

Applicants who will function as pass-through entities must include in their subawards terms and conditions that will ensure that the pass-through entity's award under this Notice will comply with the cost share and matching requirements. See [2 CFR 200.331\(a\)\(2\)-\(4\)](#) and [2 CFR 200.74](#).

##### **D.6.b. Indirect Costs**

Application budgets may include indirect costs. Based on qualifying factors, applicants may either use a Federally approved indirect cost rate or a 15 percent *de minimis* rate of modified total direct costs, or may claim certain costs directly, as outlined in [2 CFR 200.413](#). States, local governments, and Indian Tribes may use previously approved indirect cost allocation plans. All methods must be applied consistently across all Federal awards. Applicants that have a Federal negotiated indirect cost rate must enter that information in the Organization section in eGrants.

The instructions for how to enter the organization's indirect cost rate are located here: [eGrants Indirect Cost Rate User Instructions](#). Applicants should not submit documentation addressing the indirect cost rate agreement via email.

**Please note:** To request a federally negotiated indirect cost rate agreement, when AmeriCorps is the applicable cognizant agency for an organization's indirect costs, the applicant must submit a request to [IndirectCostRate@americorps.gov](mailto:IndirectCostRate@americorps.gov). The applicant may also obtain instructions and additional information by contacting the email address above.

#### **D.6.c. Pre-Award Costs**

Pre-award costs, where authorized, are allowed after receiving written approval from AmeriCorps.

#### **D.7. Other Submission Requirements**

##### **D.7.a. Electronic Application Submission in eGrants**

Applicants must submit applications electronically via [eGrants, AmeriCorps' web-based application system](#). AmeriCorps recommends that applicants create an eGrants account and begin the application at least three weeks before the deadline. Applicants should draft the application as a Word document, then copy and paste the text into the appropriate eGrants field no later than 10 days before the deadline.

The applicant's authorized representative must be the person who submits the application. The authorized representative must use their own eGrants account to sign and submit the application. A copy of the governing body's authorization for this official representative to sign must be on file in the applicant's office.

Applicants should contact the AmeriCorps Hotline at (800) 942-2677 if they have a problem when they create an account, prepare, or submit the application. [AmeriCorps Hotline website](#).

Be prepared to provide the application ID, organization's name, and the name of the Notice to which the organization is applying. If the issue cannot be resolved by the deadline, applicants must continue working with the AmeriCorps Hotline to submit via eGrants.

If circumstances make it impossible for an applicant to submit in eGrants, applicants may send a paper copy of the application via overnight carrier below. Applicants must include a written explanation and any other documentation or evidence that support their inability to submit their application electronically.

AmeriCorps  
ATTN: Days of Service Application  
250 E Street, SW, Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20525

Please use a non-U.S. Postal Service carrier to avoid security-related delays. **All deadlines and requirements in this Notice also apply to paper applications. AmeriCorps does not accept applications submitted via fax or email.**

#### **D.7.b. Submission of Additional Documents**

Applicants are required to submit the following additional documents by the application submission deadline:

1. Tribal organization eligibility documentation (See Section [C.1 Eligible Applicants](#))
2. All applicants regardless of funding level are required to submit an [Operational and Financial Management Survey \(OFMS\)](#). Please submit the OFMS using the [link to the online form](#), where you will be required to submit your response electronically. Forms submitted as a Word document, PDF, or any other document format may not be accepted.

Failure to submit the required additional documents, following the email instructions in this section, by the deadline may have a negative effect on the determination of the application's eligibility to advance for review.

***Do not submit any items that are not requested in this Notice AmeriCorps will not review or return them.***

### **E. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION**

#### **E.1. Selection Criteria**

Each applicant must describe a project that will honor Dr. King's life and utilize volunteers to meet the needs of a community.

Applications should include a well-designed plan with clear and compelling justifications for receiving the requested funds. Reviewers will assess the quality of applications by using the selection criteria described below and will rate them accordingly. They will also consider the weights assigned to each criterion.

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"](#).

<b>Categories/Subcategories</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Executive Summary</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Program Design</b>	<b>50</b>
• <b>Goals and Objectives</b>	25
• <b>Planned Projects</b>	25
<b>Organizational Capability</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Cost-Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy</b>	<b>25</b>

### **E.1.a. Executive Summary (0 percent)**

**[1. Name of the organization]** proposes to have **[2. Number of]** volunteers who will **[3. what the volunteers will be doing]** to meet **[4. community need]** in **[5. the locations the Day of Service activities will take place]** on the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.

On MLK Day, **[2. # of]** volunteers will be responsible for **[6. anticipated goals of project]**. For MLK Day, the AmeriCorps investment of **[\$7. amount of request]** will be matched with **[\$8. amount of projected match]** in public funding and **[\$9. amount of non-governmental funds]** in private funding.

Applicants must provide:

1. Name of organization
2. Total number of volunteers engaged
3. Description of volunteer activities
4. Community need met through service
5. Where the service will take place
6. Anticipated goals of the project
7. Amount requested
8. Amount of match from public sources
9. Amount of match from private sources

A sample Executive Summary might look like:

XYZ Organization proposes to have 75 volunteers who will hold a book drive and install book sharing boxes to meet the literacy needs in the west end neighborhoods of our city on the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.

On MLK Day, 75 volunteers will be responsible for collecting 1,250 books and installing 25 book sharing boxes. For MLK Day, the AmeriCorps investment of \$100,000 will be matched by \$75,000 in public funding and \$165,000 in private funding.

### **E.1.b. Program Design (50 percent):**

Reviewers will assess the:

- extent to which the proposed project uses volunteers to meet a community need
- extent to which the proposed project would honor the intent of the National Day of Service
- extent to which the proposed project includes an engagement and promotion plan which will elevate and amplify the events and the National Day of Service and AmeriCorps
- extent to which the proposed projects demonstrate a plan and adequate infrastructure to retain and recognize volunteers which includes a description of how engaged volunteers will remain active over the course of grant funding.

### **E.1.c. Organizational Capability (25 percent):**

Reviewers will consider:

- Describe the roles, responsibilities, and structure of the staff that will implement and provide oversight of the project, including but not limited to demonstrating the

organization has sufficient policies, procedures, and controls to effectively implement a federal grant, including

- the extent to which the organization has an effective mechanism in place to report, without delay, any suspected criminal activity, waste, fraud, and/or abuse to both the AmeriCorps Office of Inspector General and AmeriCorps and a plan for training staff and participants on these reporting protocols.
- the extent to which the organization has sufficient policies, procedures, and controls in place to prevent, detect, and mitigate the risk of fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement, this can include an assessment of appropriate segregation of duties, internal oversight activities, measures to prevent timekeeping fraud, etc.

#### **E.1.d. Cost-Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy (25 percent):**

Budget will be evaluated based on the following items:

- The budget demonstrates that costs are reasonable, allocable, allowable, and necessary and conform to the Uniform Guidance
- The budget is clear and in alignment with the program narrative.
- The completeness and reasonableness of the budget

#### **E.2. Review and Selection Process**

AmeriCorps will engage reviewers with relevant expertise to assess the eligible applications. The determinations made by AmeriCorps reviewers may be different from what the applicant self-determined upon submission of its application. The stages of the review and selection process follow.

##### **E.2.a. Initial Application Compliance and Eligibility Review**

AmeriCorps will conduct an initial Compliance and Eligibility Review to determine if an application meets the eligibility requirements published in this Notice and advances to the next stage of the review process.

An application is compliant if the applicant:

- is an eligible organization
- submitted an application by the submission deadline
- submitted an application that complies with the following program-specific requirements:
  - requested a minimum amount of funding (AmeriCorps Share) of \$100,000 or greater
  - Requested no more than the maximum amount of \$500,000 for a one-year budget

Reviewing for eligibility is intended to ensure that only those applications that are eligible for award are further reviewed. However, determinations of eligibility can take place at any point during the application review and selection process. Applicants that are determined to be ineligible will not receive an award.

## **E.2.b. Application Review**

Panels of AmeriCorps staff reviewers will assess applications based on the [Selection Criteria \(E.1\)](#). All reviewers will be screened for conflicts of interest.

## **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.

## **E.2.d. Pre-Award Risk Assessment**

AmeriCorps staff will assess the risks posed by each applicant. Results from this assessment will inform funding decisions. If AmeriCorps determines that an award will be made to an applicant with risks, special conditions may be applied to the award. AmeriCorps may decide to not fund an applicant based on the level of risk.

In assessing risks, AmeriCorps may consider the following criteria:

### 1. Due Diligence, including:

- Federal debt delinquency
- suspension and debarment
- information available through Office of Management and Budget (OMB)- designated repositories of government-wide eligibility qualification or financial integrity information, such as:
  - U.S. Treasury Bureau of Fiscal Services
  - System for Award Management (SAM)
  - "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](#)
- Public Litigation Records

### 2. Operational and Financial Management, including:

- financial stability
- [Operational and Financial Management Survey \(OFMS\)](#)

### 3. Past Performance, including:

- an applicant's record in managing previous AmeriCorps awards, cooperative agreements, or procurement awards, including:
  - timeliness of compliance with applicable reporting requirements
  - accuracy of data reported
  - validity of performance measure data reported
  - conformance to the terms and conditions of previous Federal awards
  - applicant's ability to effectively implement statutory, regulatory, or other requirements imposed on award recipients
  - timely closeout of other awards
  - meeting matching requirements
  - the extent to which any previously awarded amounts will be expended prior to future awards

- Meeting [National Service Criminal History Check \(NSCHC\) compliance](#).

4. Other Programmatic Risks, including:

- publicly available information, including from the applicant organization's website
- amount of funding requested by the organization

### **E.2.e. Consideration of Integrity and Performance System Information**

Before making any award that exceeds \$250,000, 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 \$250,000.

### **E.2.f. Selection for Funding**

The review and selection process are designed to:

- identify how well eligible applications are aligned with the application [selection criteria \(E.1\)](#)
- build a diversified portfolio based on the following strategic considerations:
  - AmeriCorps Funding Priorities (See Section A.2. *Funding Priorities*)
  - meaningful representation of
    - geographic diversity
    - rural communities
    - small and medium programs
    - single and multi-state programs
    - faith-based organizations
    - focus areas
  - CEO discretion to advance strategic goals

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

AmeriCorps reserves the right to award applications in an amount other than at the requested level of funding and will document the rationale for doing so.

***AmeriCorps reserves the right to adjust or make changes to the review process, if unforeseen challenges or urgent circumstances make it impossible, impracticable, or inefficient to conduct the review process as planned. Any such adjustments or changes will not affect the selection criteria (E.1.) that will be used to assess applications.***

### **E.2.f. Applicant Resolution**

After the application review process, before any grant awards are issued, AmeriCorps may ask an applicant for additional information to address any application compliance or risk

issues. If an applicant does not respond promptly to these requests, then the applicant may be denied funding.

AmeriCorps will ask all grantees for a written compliance implementation plan that includes notification of waste, fraud, and abuse to the agency's Office of Inspector General.

### **E.3. Feedback to Applicants**

Each compliant applicant will receive feedback from its application.

### **E.4. Transparency in Grant-making**

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](#).

## **F. FEDERAL AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION**

### **F.1. Federal Award Notices**

AmeriCorps will make awards following the selection announcement. AmeriCorps anticipates announcing the results of this funding opportunity in July 2026. All applicants, successful or not, will be notified of funding decisions via email.

### **F.2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements**

#### **F.2.a. Uniform Guidance**

All awards made under this Notice will be subject to the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), in [2 CFR Parts 200](#) and [2205](#).

#### **F.2.b. Requests for Monitoring or Payment Integrity Information**

AmeriCorps will request documentation from award recipients in order to monitor the grantee and award to ensure compliance with legal requirements, including the [Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019](#). Failure to make timely responses to these requests may result in award funds being placed on manual hold, reimbursement only status, or other remedies may be applied as appropriate.

#### **F.2.c. AmeriCorps Terms and Conditions**

All awards made under this Notice will be subject to the FY 2026 AmeriCorps General Terms and Conditions, and the FY 2026 Program-Specific 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 on the [AmeriCorps Manage Your Grant](#) web page.

### **F.2.d. 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.

### **F.2.e. Official Guidance**

AmeriCorps' active guidance is available on the [agency's guidance webpage](#). The contents of these documents do not have the force and effect of law and are not meant to bind the public in any way unless incorporated into a contract or grant agreement. These documents are intended only to provide clarity to the public regarding existing requirements under the law or agency policies.

### **F.3. 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 ([2 CFR §200.315](#)).

## **G. FEDERAL AWARDING AGENCY CONTACTS**

For more information, email [DaysofService@americorps.gov](mailto:DaysofService@americorps.gov).

For technical questions and problems with the eGrants system, call the AmeriCorps Hotline at (800) 942-2677 Option 3. [AmeriCorps Hotline hours](#) are also posted. Be prepared to provide the application ID, organization's name, and the name of the Notice to which the organization is applying.

## **H. OTHER INFORMATION**

### **H.1. Technical Assistance**

AmeriCorps will host to answer questions about the funding opportunity and eGrants. AmeriCorps strongly encourages all applicants to participate in these sessions. Information for these technical assistance calls is available on the [AmeriCorps' Funding Opportunities website](#).

Resources you need to effectively manage your award, including eGrants instructions, terms and conditions, individual match waiver, pre-award requirements, financial reporting requirements, and training and technical assistance materials are found on the [Manage Your Grant website](#).

## H.2. 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.

## I. 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. (See [5 C.F.R. 1320.5\(b\)\(2\)\(i\)](#).) This collection is approved under OMB Control #: 3045-0187, Application Instructions, Expiration Date: January 31, 2027.

**Privacy Act Statement:** The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C §552a) requires that AmeriCorps 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. In some programs, the information may also be provided to Federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to determine the existence of any prior criminal convictions. The information may also be provided to appropriate Federal agencies and contractors that have a need to know the information for the purpose of assisting the government to respond to a suspected or confirmed breach of the security or confidentiality or information maintained in this system of records, and the information disclosed is relevant and unnecessary for the assistance.
- Effects of Nondisclosure - The information requested is voluntary; however, to be a recipient of this award program, disclosure of personal or sensitive information is required to receive federal benefits.

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## **APPENDIX I**

### **AmeriCorps Focus Areas**

The National and Community Service Act of 1990, as amended by the Serve America Act, emphasizes measuring the impact of service and focusing on a core set of issue areas. In order to carry out Congress's intent and to maximize the impact of investment in national service, AmeriCorps has the following Focus Areas:

#### **Disaster Services**

Helping individuals and communities prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of disasters and increase community resiliency.

#### **Economic Opportunity**

Improving the economic well-being and security of underserved individuals.

#### **Education**

Improving educational outcomes for underserved people, especially children. AmeriCorps is particularly interested in program designs that support youth engagement and service learning as strategies to achieve high educational outcomes.

#### **Environmental Stewardship**

Supporting communities to become more resilient through measures that conserve land and water, and improve at-risk ecosystems, especially in underserved households and communities.

#### **Healthy Futures**

Supporting for health needs within communities, including mitigating the impacts of COVID-19 and other public health crises, access to care, aging in place, and addressing childhood obesity, especially in underserved communities.

#### **Veterans and Military Families**

Improving the quality of life of veterans and improve military family strength.