

## Volunteer Louisiana Request For Proposal (RFP) Guidance Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 AmeriCorps State Grants: **State Formula Process**

The Volunteer Louisiana Commission awards and administers federal grants from the AmeriCorps agency. AmeriCorps grants are awarded to eligible organizations proposing to engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions/practices to strengthen communities through an approved national service position. Members may receive a living allowance and other benefits while serving. Upon successful completion of their service, members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award from the National Service Trust that members can use to pay for higher education expenses or apply to qualified student loans.

### RFP Timeline

Volunteer Louisiana invites current subgrantees and new organizations to apply for AmeriCorps funding through one of two processes. New applicants, as well as current AmeriCorps Louisiana programs in their first 2 years of operation, will apply through the State Formula application process and timeline outlined in this RFP packet.

Current AmeriCorps programs in their third year or more of operation, as well as all Professional Corps applicants, will apply through the National Competitive Application Process described in the FY 2024 ASN Competitive Louisiana RFP document available on the Volunteer Louisiana Grant Opportunities page: <https://volunteerlouisiana.gov/grant-opportunities>

These RFPs are applicable to organizations that propose to place AmeriCorps members in service solely within Louisiana. If you are a national or multi-state applicant, please refer to the [AmeriCorps' National list of Funding Opportunities](#).

### FY 2024 Timeline for AmeriCorps State Grants: State Formula Applicants

Aug. 28, 2023	Volunteer Louisiana releases FY 2024 Request for Proposals
Dec. 3, 2023 by 11:59 p.m.	Deadline for AmeriCorps 101 course completion and submission of Notice of Intent (NOI) to apply via <a href="#">online survey</a>
February 2024	Technical and Training Assistance sessions offered for State Formula applicants (see page 2 for dates)
March 3, 2024 by 11:59 p.m.	State Formula applications due to Volunteer Louisiana (submitted through eGrants)
March 4 - 28, 2024	Volunteer Louisiana hosts clarification period for State Formula applicants
March 13, 2024	Volunteer Louisiana Commission meeting and presentations from all recompetete and State Formula applicants (required)
April 12, 2024	Final applications for State Formula programs due to Volunteer Louisiana (submitted through eGrants)
May 8, 2024	Volunteer Louisiana Commission meeting to consider funding for State Formula applications
Mid-May 2024	Volunteer Louisiana submits State Formula applications to AmeriCorps agency
Late July 2024	Notice of Grant Awards issued for State Formula applicants

## Training and Technical Assistance

Volunteer Louisiana is committed to offering helpful and equitable Training and Technical Assistance for all applicants.

- Pre-recorded Technical assistance webinars for State Formula applicants will be available on the Volunteer Louisiana website on Monday, Sept. 18.
  
- Volunteer Louisiana will host Welcome sessions to assist those interested in learning more about the State Formula application process on
  - Mon., Sept. 25      9 a.m.
  - Wed., Oct. 18      2 p.m.
  - Mon., Nov. 13      10 a.m.

Zoom links will be posted on the Volunteer Louisiana website.

Should a potential applicant not be available during those times, please contact Jacob Brumfield ([jbrumfield@crt.la.gov](mailto:jbrumfield@crt.la.gov)) to schedule alternate arrangements

- The Notice of Intent (NOI) to apply due on Dec. 3 includes the requirement to complete an AmeriCorps 101 online training module. E-mail Jacob Brumfield ([jbrumfield@crt.la.gov](mailto:jbrumfield@crt.la.gov)) for instructions on how to access that online training.
  
- Technical Assistance Open Forums on Zoom for State Formula applicants
  - Tues., Feb. 6      9 a.m. – 10 a.m. CST
  - Wed., Feb. 7      2 p.m. – 3 p.m. CST
  - Thurs., Feb. 8      9 a.m. – 10 a.m. CST
  - Thurs., Feb. 15      2 p.m. – 3 p.m. CST
  - Tues., Feb. 20      2 p.m. – 3 p.m. CST
  - Wed., Feb. 28      9 a.m. – 10 a.m. CST

Zoom links will be posted on the Volunteer Louisiana website.