



Guidance: Volunteer Louisiana Request For Proposals (RFP) Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 AmeriCorps State Grants

National Competitive Process for Current National Competitive Applicants and All Recompete Applicants

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. All current National Competitive programs, as well as State Formula programs applying as a recompetite, will apply through the National Competitive application process and timeline outlined in this RFP packet.

New applicants, as well as all current AmeriCorps State Formula programs applying as a continuation, will apply using the State Formula application process outlined in the FY 2024 ASN State Formula 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 2025 Timeline for AmeriCorps State Grants: National Competitive Applicants

Aug. 23, 2024	Volunteer Louisiana releases FY 2025 Request for Proposals
Sept. – Oct. 2024	Technical and Training Attendance sessions offered for National Competitive applicants (see page 2 for dates)
Sept. 22, 2024 by 11:59 p.m.	Deadline to submit Notice of Intent (NOI) to apply via online survey
Oct. 27, 2024 by 11:59 p.m.	Applications due to Volunteer Louisiana (submitted through eGrants)
Nov. 12 - 27, 2024	Volunteer Louisiana hosts clarification period for National Competitive applicants
Mid December 2024	Volunteer Louisiana Commission informs National Competitive applicants of their selection for further National Competitive consideration. If not selected for National Competitive submission to AmeriCorps, these applicants will automatically join the State Formula application process after this date
Dec. 15, 2024 by 11:59 p.m.	Revised grant applications due to Volunteer Louisiana (via eGrants)
Jan. 16, 2025	Volunteer Louisiana submits National Competitive applications to AmeriCorps agency
Jan. 23, 2025	Final Deadline (4 p.m., Central) for Volunteer Louisiana to submit its National Competitive applications to AmeriCorps Agency
Mid-April 2025	Successful applicants notified
Mid-July 2025	Notice of Grant Awards issued



Notice of Interest to Apply (NOI)

Once organizations complete the Notice of Interest to Apply (NOI), the Director of National Service will send

- Registration and/or recording links for Volunteer Louisiana Training and Technical Assistance Open Sessions, including the dates and times listed below

National Competitive applicant organizations must file an NOI by Sunday, Sept. 22 at 11:59 p.m.

Training and Technical Assistance

Volunteer Louisiana encourages applicants to review AmeriCorps’ Technical Assistance Information and Technical Assistance Webinars to:

- access ongoing assistance through the AmeriCorps Hotline (phone or e-mail)
- register for scheduled training, and
- review recorded trainings

These resources are published on the FY 2025 AmeriCorps State and National Grants webpage

<https://americorps.gov/funding-opportunity/fy-2025-ameri-corps-state-national-grants>

Volunteer Louisiana is committed to offering helpful and equitable Training and Technical Assistance for all applicants and will host Technical Assistance Open Forums on Zoom.

Mon., Sept. 23	10 – 11 a.m.
Wed., Sept. 25	11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 30	9 – 10 a.m.
Thurs., Oct. 3	2 – 3 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 8	1 – 2 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 10	11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 14	2 – 3 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 15	10 – 11 a.m.