



Guidance: Volunteer Louisiana Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 State Formula Request For Proposals (RFP) process for New and Continuation Applications

The Volunteer Louisiana Commission 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 Processes

Volunteer Louisiana invites current subgrantees from its portfolio and new organizations to apply for AmeriCorps funding through one of two processes.

- New applicants and current AmeriCorps State Formula programs seeking funding for a second or third year of their 3 year grant will apply through the **Volunteer Louisiana FY26 State Formula RFP process**.
- National Competitive programs seeking funding for a second or third year of their 3 year grant and State Formula programs completing their third year of funding for their 3 year grant will apply through the **FY26 National Competitive RFP Application Process**. That document is available upon request from the Volunteer Louisiana Director of National Service, Jacob Brumfield at jbrumfield@crt.la.gov

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](#) webpage.

For the purpose of Volunteer Louisiana's FY26 State Formula RFP process, **New Applicants** are defined as organizations with programs that are not currently part of the Volunteer Louisiana's AmeriCorps Louisiana portfolio (<https://volunteerlouisiana.gov/ameriCorps>).

Notice of Interest to Apply (NOI): Required for New applicants by Sun., March 1

Given the abbreviated timeframe for this grant opportunity, Volunteer Louisiana is requiring **New applicants** for the FY26 State Formula RFP process to submit a Notice of Interest to Apply (NOI) by 11:59 p.m. on Sun., March 1 via Volunteer Louisiana's online form (<https://forms.gle/uVMLqaXtKFNG6dhE6>).

Volunteer Louisiana will issue each organization a secure Dropbox folder in which organizations will submit their application materials (described on page 2) by 11:59 p.m. Sun., March 8.

Additional Requirements for New Applicants

1. Since all New Applicants may not have access to AmeriCorps' eGrants platform (Grant Management System), Volunteer Louisiana will accept **New applicants' materials via two editable files:**
 - VOL LA FY26 Face Sheet and Narrative.docx
 - VOL LA FY26 State Formula Budget.xlsxApplicants must upload both filled documents in their assigned Dropbox folder by the Sun., March 8 deadline.
2. **Foundational Online Course:** In FY24, Volunteer Louisiana began requiring New Applicants to complete a 1 hour, online **AmeriCorps 101 for Staff** course hosted by On3Learn. Volunteer Louisiana asks that one representative of the organization who will be responsible for filing their application or administering the proposed program complete the course by March 1, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.

AmeriCorps 101 for Staff <https://on3learn.digitalchalk.com/learn/americorps-101-for-staff-2>
60 mins., On3Learn website

- Users will need to add the training to your "cart" and use the Coupon Code "LASUB21" to zero out the cost. This course is provided at **no cost** through Volunteer Louisiana. If you have trouble with the system accepting this code, please contact me via e-mail or phone. **Do not pay for this training at all.**
- When the video mentions "AmeriCorps State" grants and programs, those are guided by our Volunteer Louisiana Commission office in Baton Rouge (us).

Once you complete the course, download the certificate, and e-mail to jbrumfield@crt.la.gov.

For this session, users will need to add the training to their "cart" and use the Coupon Code "LASUB21" to **change the cost to \$0**. These courses are provided at **no cost** through Volunteer Louisiana's On3Learn membership. If you have trouble with the system accepting this code, please contact the Volunteer Louisiana staff. **Do not pay for this training.**

New applicants who completed On3Learn's AmeriCorps 101 for Staff course since August 1, 2024 do not have to re-take the course. Submit this your completed certificate for this course by March 1 to Jacob Brumfield at jbrumfield@crt.la.gov and volunteerlouisiana@crt.la.gov.

3. **Proposed Member Position Description:** Beginning with the FY26 process, Volunteer Louisiana will ask all New Applicants to submit a proposed Member Position Description(s) with their application. Volunteer Louisiana believes that a well-written Member Position Description will help applicant reviewers and the applicant understand the opportunities for its proposed AmeriCorps members and the members' potential impact for delivering meaningful service.

An editable copy of AmeriCorps' most recent **Member Position Description Outline** (October 2024) is included in the VOL LA FY26 *Face Sheet and Narrative.docx* file available here:
<https://volunteerlouisiana.gov/grant-opportunities>.

The On3Learn platform offers a 1-hour online course **Developing & Integrating AmeriCorps Member Position Descriptions** that builds

capacity around writing and implementing compliant, high quality and inclusive position descriptions. As a result of time in this course, users are able to define and integrate the essential elements of a compliant, high quality, and inclusive position description; write and promote position descriptions; and recognize the benefits of high quality and inclusive position descriptions.

Link: <https://on3learn.digitalchalk.com/delivery/course/32808b966f80fcd016f8c5955675d82/328094c299383b16019939d4c8b84ca8>

Instructions for accessing the On3Learn platform are on page v.

FY26 Timeline for AmeriCorps State Grants: State Formula Applicants

Mon., Feb. 2	Volunteer Louisiana releases FY26 Request for Proposals
Fri., Feb. 6	Volunteer Louisiana opens grant applications in eGrants for Continuation applicants. New applicants will use the two files listed in the Add'l Requirements section (p. ii)
Tues., Feb. 10 to Fri., Feb. 13	Volunteer Louisiana hosts RFP Reviews for State Formula applicants. Note there are different sessions based on whether an applicant will file a New application or whether the applicant will file a Continuation application for a second or third year of funding. (see RFP Review Sessions section in this document)
Thurs., Feb. 19 and Fri., Feb. 20	Volunteer Louisiana hosts RFP Training and Technical Assistance Sessions for applicants (See RFP Drop-In Training and Technical Assistance Sessions section in this document)
Sun., March 1, 11:59 p.m.	Deadline for New Applicants to submit their Notice of Intent to Apply (NOI) via the Online form: https://forms.gle/XeyuFx4JqRSqzqRd6 Following an applicant's NOI form submission, Volunteer Louisiana will issue a secure Dropbox folder to applicant representatives for their application materials due by March 8.
Sun., March 1, 11:59 p.m.	Deadline for at least one representative from each New Applicant organization to complete the 1-hour AmeriCorps 101 for Staff online course. See the Additional Requirements for New Applicants section (p. 2) for access and submission info.
Sun., March 8, 11:59 p.m.	State Formula RFP applications due: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuation applicants will submit their application in eGrants New applicants will submit application materials via the <i>VOL LA FY26 Face Sheet and Narrative</i> (Word file) and the <i>VOL LA FY26 State Formula Budget</i> (Excel file) via the Dropbox folder link issued to them on Mon., March 2
Wed., March 11, TBA between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.	Volunteer Louisiana Commission may host some Continuation RFP applicants for presentations at Quarterly Board meeting (more information to follow)
Mon., March 16	Revised for clarity: Volunteer Louisiana Commission will update any New Applicant organization(s) whose applications does not meet a minimum score to proceed in the FY26 RFP process. For all New Applicant organizations that do meet a minimum score to proceed and for Continuation applicants, Volunteer Louisiana will issue letters covering application items that need clarification or correction. Applicants will be invited applicants to schedule an individual clarification meeting on Zoom between March 17 and 20 to discuss those items.
Tues., March 17 -Fri., March 20	Volunteer Louisiana hosts clarification meetings with applicants on Zoom.
March 16 – April 10	Applicants can continue to refine their State Formula applications.
Fri., April 10, 11:59 p.m.	Final State Formula RFP applications due: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuation applicants will submit their application in eGrants New applicants will submit application materials via the <i>VOL LA FY26 Face Sheet and Narrative</i> (Word file) and the <i>VOL LA FY26 State Formula Budget</i> (Excel file) via the Dropbox folder link issued to them on Mon., March 2
Second half of April	AmeriCorps Committee of the Volunteer Louisiana Commission Board will review all State Formula RFP applications and prepare recommendations for discussion at the May 6 Quarterly Board meeting.
Wed., May 6, TBA between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.	Volunteer Louisiana Commission may host New and Continuation RFP applicants for presentations at Quarterly Board meeting (more information to follow). The Board will discuss annual State Formula Funding applications on this date.
May – July (Date expected by late Feb.)	Volunteer Louisiana Commission submits selected State Formula applicants via eGrants to AmeriCorps.
Unknown (Date expected by late Feb.)	AmeriCorps will issue Notice of Grant Awards (NOGAs) to Volunteer Louisiana for selected State Formula applicants. Awarded programs cannot have members earn service hours or have their organizations reimbursed for most program expenses before the date of their NOGA.



AmeriCorps' Recordings with FY26 Training and Technical Assistance for Applicants

Volunteer Louisiana encourages all applicants to review AmeriCorps resources for:

- Technical Assistance Information
www.americorps.gov/funding-opportunity/fy-2026-ameri-corps-state-national-grants#info
- Technical Assistance Webinars
www.americorps.gov/funding-opportunity/fy-2026-ameri-corps-state-national-grants#webinars

Volunteer Louisiana is committed to offering helpful and equitable Training and Technical Assistance for all applicants and will host **RFP Review Sessions** and **RFP Drop-In Training and Technical Assistance Sessions** on Zoom.

RFP Review Sessions with Volunteer Louisiana

Volunteer Louisiana will host Reviews Sessions to assist potential applicants with learning more about the **FY26 State Formula RFP Application Process**

New Applicants

- Wed., Feb. 11 9 – 10:30 a.m. <https://zoom.us/j/91740063746?pwd=v8AbaOckRdi9bw7hiZVNXVTUjPlQXw.1>
Meeting ID: 917 4006 3746
Passcode: 089503
- Thurs., Feb. 12 1 – 2:30 p.m. <https://zoom.us/j/91479486330?pwd=WnzdCLaKKULc1IZlqtqAOge1Xicwx.1>
Meeting ID: 914 7948 6330
Passcode: 415690
- Fri., Feb. 13 9 – 10:30 a.m. <https://zoom.us/j/92513992089?pwd=vJnfwp0NZB8G6yAXrazkHiljVqQLiG.1>
Meeting ID: 925 1399 2089
Passcode: 242767

Continuation Applicants

- Tues., Feb. 10 9 – 10:30 a.m. <https://zoom.us/j/94073543024?pwd=vZ82SdddQ09gyMj4Py04e3MHfKnmvN.1> **Incorrect**
<https://zoom.us/j/93627345237?pwd=xxGhu5ddgeb4RUMjph6Te46tZWtIHa.1> **Correct**
Meeting ID: 936 2734 5237
Passcode: 024605
- Wed., Feb. 11 1 – 2:30 p.m. <https://zoom.us/j/99062522142?pwd=D8MuvX8yLD6XOYogdh3dY3EIAhcN6I.1>
Meeting ID: 990 6252 2142
Passcode: 010671

RFP Drop-In Training and Technical Assistance Sessions with Volunteer Louisiana

Volunteer Louisiana will host “RFP Drop In Training and Technical Assistance Sessions” for applicants of the **FY26 National Competitive RFP Process** or the **FY26 State Formula RFP Process**.

- ~~Thurs., Feb. 12~~ Thurs., Feb. 19 (correct date) 9 – 11 a.m. and 1 – 2 p.m.
- ~~Fri., Feb. 13~~ Fri., Feb. 20 (correct date) 9 – 11 a.m. and 1 – 2 p.m.

All four sessions will be held here:

<https://zoom.us/j/91552849915?pwd=i1zTFFTeuiqEJkCXuTk3uBVTdhtc1.1>



Meeting ID: 915 5284 9915
Passcode: 636136

Optional Online Courses related to AmeriCorps and Grant Expectations

Volunteer Louisiana offers the following online training resources for all RFP applicants:

Foundational and Technical Assistance courses: AmeriCorps' ASN Academy Learning Path

<https://litmos.americorps.gov/home/LearningPath/241807>

Time varies per e-course

This a series of e-courses gives an overview of AmeriCorps State and National, from grants and programs to State Commissions and AmeriCorps members. The following four e-courses are helpful to understand AmeriCorps and the Volunteer Louisiana State Formula RFP process:

- ASN 101: Introduction to AmeriCorps State and National
- ASN 201: AmeriCorps State and National Grants
- ASN 301: Restrictions, Requirements, and Regulations
- ASN 401: AmeriCorps Members

In order to request a new account on the AmeriCorps Learning Management System (Litmos), email LearningCampus@AmeriCorps.gov.

- Additional Litmos access info is available here:
<https://www.americorps.gov/sites/default/files/document/How%20to%20create%20Litmos%20account.pdf>

Foundational and Technical Assistance courses through On3Learn

<https://on3learn.digitalchalk.com/delivery/catalog?tab=courses>

On3Learn offers many supplemental courses to help applicants and organizations with grant awards navigate AmeriCorps' expectations and explore best practices. Follow the instructions in the Required Online Course section above to access these recommended e-courses and other e-courses:

- AmeriCorps 101 for Staff (foundational course)
- Technical Assistance Courses
 - Developing and Integrating Logic Models
 - Selecting and Developing Performance Measurements
 - The AmeriCorps Evidence Series
 - Understanding the AmeriCorps Budget - Part 1: Compliance & Technical Components
 - Understanding the AmeriCorps Budget - Part 2: Budget Types & Financial Reporting
 - Developing & Integrating AmeriCorps Member Position Descriptions

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For these optional courses, Volunteer Louisiana does not need a copy of the certificate(s) of completion.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) STATE FORMULA APPLICATION PROCESS

Commission Name:	Volunteer Louisiana Commission
Federal Agency Name:	AmeriCorps
Funding Opportunity Title:	Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 AmeriCorps State and National Competitive Grants
Announcement Type:	Initial Announcement
Assistance Listing Number:	94.006

Summary Statement: This RFP is for organizations applying for 2025-2026 AmeriCorps grant funds. These grants are awarded to organizations that propose to place AmeriCorps members within the state of Louisiana only.

Disclosure: Publication of this RFP does not obligate AmeriCorps or Volunteer Louisiana 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.

New applicants, as well as current AmeriCorps State Formula programs applying in a continuation year, should follow the guidance in this **FY26 Volunteer Louisiana State Formula RFP**.

All current National Competitive programs, as well as current State Formula programs applying in a recompute year, must follow the guidance in the **FY26 National Competitive RFP**.

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

- State Formula applications are due to Volunteer Louisiana by **Sunday, March 8, 2026** at 11:59 p.m. Central Time. This is a Louisiana single state applicant deadline and is significantly earlier than the AmeriCorps deadline for multi State Applications.
 - Continuation applicants will submit their application in eGrants
 - New applicants will submit their application materials via an assigned Dropbox folder link following the submission of their Notice of Intent to Apply (NOI). See the NOI Section in the *Guidance: Volunteer Louisiana Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 State Formula Request For Proposals (RFP) process for New and Continuation Applications* document.
- Successful applicants will be notified by the Volunteer Louisiana Commission by **mid-June 2026**. This date is subject to change and may be updated by March 2026.
- Successful applicants will be issued awards by **mid-August 2026**. This date is subject to change and may be updated by March 2026.

Note to applicants proposing service in more than one state: Multi State Applications should be submitted directly to AmeriCorps via eGrants no later than **Tuesday, March 31, 2026**, by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Consult AmeriCorps' FY26 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) or visit <https://www.americorps.gov/partner/funding-opportunities> for more information.

Important Documents that Accompany this Announcement

The following documents will aid and supplement application processes:

Webpage: Volunteer Louisiana Grant Opportunities

<https://volunteerlouisiana.gov/grant-opportunities>

1. Guidance Volunteer Louisiana FY 2026 State Formula RFP Process (included in this PDF as the first five pages)
2. VOL LA FY26 Face Sheet and Narrative Application (Word file)
3. VOL LA FY26 State Formula Budget (Excel file)

Webpage: FY 2026 AmeriCorps State and National Grants Funding Opportunity

www.americorps.gov/funding-opportunity/fy-2026-ameri-corps-state-national-grants

Sub-Section: Funding Announcement, Mandatory Supplemental Information, and Application Instructions

4. 2026 AmeriCorps State and National Mandatory Supplemental Information (PDF)
5. 2026 AmeriCorps State and National Application Instructions (PDF)
aka Application Instructions: State and National Competitive New and Continuation with Expiration Date: 09/30/2026

Sub-Section: Performance Measure Instructions

6. 2026 AmeriCorps State and National AmeriCorps Performance Measure Instructions (PDF)
7. 2026 Applicant-Determined Performance Measure Instructions (PDF)

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FULL TEXT OF THE NOTICE

A. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A.1. 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 members serve with organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities and those serving.

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 they can use to pay for higher education expenses or apply to qualified student loans.

AmeriCorps State grants in Louisiana are awarded and administered through the Volunteer Louisiana state service commission. Volunteer Louisiana is in the Office of the Lt. Governor and is governed by a bipartisan citizen board of up to 25 members appointed by the Governor. Volunteer Louisiana's mission is to help strengthen Louisiana communities through volunteerism and national service. We achieve this mission by promoting volunteerism, building disaster response capacity and resilience, and supporting AmeriCorps programs and AmeriCorps members throughout the state of Louisiana.

A.2. Funding Priorities

Volunteer Louisiana's 2025-2028 State Service Plan (<https://volunteerlouisiana.gov/sites/default/files/2025-08/2025-2028%20State%20Service%20Plan.pdf>) defines the agency's goals and objectives. Goal 1 is to "Strengthen AmeriCorps throughout Louisiana." Objectives 1 - 4 include:

1. Promote and elevate AmeriCorps throughout Louisiana
2. Implement intentional strategies to increase the geographic, focus area, and organizational diversity of AmeriCorps programs
3. Foster collaborative AmeriCorps ecosystems
4. Ensure high-quality AmeriCorps programs

Volunteer Louisiana will prioritize State Formula funding for 1) community-based, grass-roots organizations, 2) organizations that serve rural and other communities national service is underrepresented, and 3) organizations that foster engagement with philanthropic and other partners to identify and align strategic funding priorities and maximize community impact. To receive priority consideration, applicants must show that the priority area is a significant part of the program focus. However, the inclusion of priority areas in an application does not guarantee funding.

A.3. Performance Goals or Expected Outcomes

State Formula Measures

All State Formula 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, refer to the [National Performance Measure Instructions](#).

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.](#)

B. FEDERAL AWARD INFORMATION

B.1. Estimated Available Funds

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

B.2. Estimated Award Amount

Award amounts will be different depending on the scope of the projects.

Beginning in FY26, all AmeriCorps Louisiana programs will be required to pay a **State Support and Oversight Fee**. This fee will be in lieu of the 1% Commission Fixed Cost fee collected in prior years from each applicant's Budget Section III: Administrative Costs section.

The 2026 AmeriCorps State and National Application Instructions state:

If a Commission elects to retain a share of the 5% of federal funds available to programs for administrative costs up to 2%, that decision is identified within each subgrant's budget. A State Commission can take up to 2% in administrative funds, provided the Commission has less than 25% in prior year unexpended funds on the Commission Support Grant.

<https://www.americorps.gov/sites/default/files/document/2026-01/2026-AmeriCorps-State-and-National-Application-Instructions.pdf>, p.27)

Volunteer Louisiana will provide its new policy and procedure covering this cost to grant applicants the week of February 9, 2026.

B.3. Period of Performance

Volunteer Louisiana plans to make three-year grant awards. Volunteer Louisiana 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 any project start date that fits their program design. The period of performance may not start before July 1, 2026. Continuation awards for future years are not guaranteed; they depend upon future appropriations and satisfactory performance.

B.4. Type of Award

Volunteer Louisiana makes available different types of grants.

AmeriCorps may award Operating Grants, including a Cost Reimbursement or a Fixed Amount grant, to any successful applicant, but the availability of a Full-Cost Fixed Amount grant is limited to certain applicants.

Professional Corps applicants are ineligible to receive Cost Reimbursement grants. Use the C.1. Eligible Applicants section and the [Mandatory Supplemental Information](#) document for more information, including definitions of terminology. AmeriCorps will not provide both types of grants for the same project in one fiscal year. It is the Volunteer Louisiana Commission's policy to allow for Professional Corps programs to be considered for Competitive consideration only, but exceptions may be considered on a year-by-year basis based on annual Formula allocations.

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The chart below summarizes these grant types and their distinct characteristics.

Grant Types	Cost Reimbursement	Fixed Amount	Fixed Amount	Fixed Amount	Fixed Amount
Available Subtypes	Traditional	Full-Cost	Education Award Program, EAP	Professional Corps***	No Cost Slots
Maximum Cost per MSY*	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$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	No	No	No
Budget Submission Required	Yes	No	No	No	No
Availability of Funds Linked to Enrollment / Retention of Awarded MSYs	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Special Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A	Must place qualified professionals in communities with an inadequate # of such professionals. Member salaries / benefits must be paid entirely by organization where member serves	N/A
Financial Reporting Requirements	Yes	No	No	No	No
Available to New Applications	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

* Member Service Year (MSY): One MSY is equivalent to a full-time AmeriCorps position, at least 1,700 service hours. Multiple positions 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

B.5. Cost Sharing or Matching

Cost Reimbursement Grants

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%

Match Waiver

Please use the Match Waiver information for AmeriCorps State and National Grantees located on the AmeriCorps.gov [Manage Your Grant](#) webpage. AmeriCorps encourages Tribal Nations to request match waivers to reduce barriers. Every effort will be made to reduce the match requirements to improve accessibility to funding.

Fixed Amount Grants

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.

C. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

C.1. Eligible Applicants

The following non-Federal organizations are eligible to apply:

- Indian Tribes;
- institutions of higher education;
- local governments, including school districts; and
- nonprofit organizations;

Applicants must have a [valid SAM registration and Unique Entity Identifier](#) to receive an award.

New Applicants: AmeriCorps encourages organizations that have not received funding from AmeriCorps before to apply, e.g., small community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, etc.

Types of Applicants

1. State and Territory Service Commissions, for Single-State Applicants

Organizations that propose to operate in only one state must apply through the Governor-appointed state or territory commission called the [Volunteer Louisiana Commission](#) in Louisiana. Each Commission has its own state-based selection process and submits

applications to compete for funding directly to AmeriCorps. In Louisiana, applicants can visit the Volunteer Louisiana Commission's [Grant Opportunities webpage](#) to find application details, timeline, and office contact information. State deadlines may be significantly earlier than the AmeriCorps deadlines and may have additional requirements.

2. National Direct Applicants – Must apply directly to AmeriCorps. See the [2026 AmeriCorps State and National Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)

Threshold Issues

Specific types of applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Single State Applicants in Louisiana must request a minimum of 5 MSYs.

C.2. 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 [AmeriCorps regulations](#), [Application Instructions](#), [Performance Measure Instructions](#), and [Mandatory Supplemental Information](#).

D.1. Ways to Request an Application Package

All information from this funding opportunity is available through the Volunteer Louisiana Grant Opportunities webpage (<https://volunteerlouisiana.gov/grant-opportunities>).

Applicants can also send an email to volunteerlouisiana@crt.la.gov for a printed copy of the Notice, Guidance, and Application Instructions.

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D.2. Content and Form of Application Submission

D.2.a. Application Content

Complete applications for **Continuation Applicants** seeking a second or a third year of funding in their three-year grant period must include the following elements in their eGrants application:

- 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/Plan.
- Performance Measures.
- Logic Model.
- Standard Form 424A Budget.
- Continuation Changes.
- Clarification.
- Authorization, [Assurances](#), and [Certifications](#).

Complete applications for **New Applicants** seeking a State Formula grant must include responses for all sections of the VOL LA FY26 Face Sheet and Narrative Application.

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D.2.b. Page Limits

For Continuation applications, page counts are determined by the number of pages that print out from the eGrants system.

For New applications, page counts can be easily viewed in the Word file.

Volunteer Louisiana strongly encourages Continuation 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
 - Continuation 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 narratives.
 - The application page limit does not include:
 - Evaluation Summary/Plan;
 - 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 AmeriCorps' web-based management system.

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. Use 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 use their SAM-registered legal name and physical address on all grant applications to AmeriCorps. The legal applicant's name and physical address in the grant 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.

D.4. Submission Dates and Times

D.4.a. Application Submission Deadline

Single State Applications

Single State applications are due to Volunteer Louisiana via eGrants by **Sunday, March 8, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. CT**. This process and deadlines apply to all subgrantees that are **current State Formula grant recipients (Continuation Applicants) and those New State Formula applicants for a new three-year grant award**. This is a Louisiana single state applicant deadline and is significantly earlier than the AmeriCorps deadline for multi-State Applications.

Volunteer Louisiana reserves the right to not consider the new applicant's Notice of Intent to Apply (NOIs) or any New or Continuation applications submitted after their respective deadlines. Volunteer Louisiana reserves the right to extend the submission deadline as necessary. Volunteer Louisiana will post such notifications on its webpage.

Applicants are reminded to follow the guidance, timeline, and submission instructions in the **Guidance FY26 Volunteer Louisiana State Formula RFP process document** (the first five pages of this file).

D.4.b. Additional Documents Deadline

Additional documents are due by the application deadline date of Sun., March 8 at 11:59 p.m.

D.4.c. Late Applications

All applications received after the submission deadline are late. Volunteer Louisiana will determine whether to accept a late application on a case-by-case basis. To request consideration of a late application, an organization must:

- Submit a written explanation or justification of the extenuating circumstance(s) that caused the delay, including:
 - Timing and specific cause(s) of the delay;
 - Ticket number if a request for assistance was submitted to the AmeriCorps Hotline;
 - Information provided to the applicant by the AmeriCorps Hotline; and
 - Other documentation or evidence that supports the justification.
- Ensure that AmeriCorps receives the written explanation and any other relevant evidence, via email to volunteerlouisiana@crt.la.gov no later than 24 hours after the application deadline.

Verbal communication with Volunteer Louisiana staff is not a substitute for a written explanation.

Volunteer Louisiana will not consider an advance request to submit a late application. Please carefully review and follow the Late Application guidance 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.](#)

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D.6. Funding Restrictions

D.6.a. Award Funding Requirements

1. 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 to 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.

Table: Minimum and Maximum Living Allowance for FY 2026 New and Recomplete Competitive and Formula Applicants

Slot Types	Minimum # of Hours	Minimum Living Allowance	Maximum Total Living Allowance
Full-time	1,700	\$20,400	\$40,800
Three Quarter-time	1,200	n/a	\$28,560
Half-time	900	n/a	\$20,400
Quarter-time	450	n/a	\$10,608
Minimum-time	300	n/a	\$8,568

Table: Minimum and Maximum Living Allowance for FY 2026 Competitive and Formula Continuation Applicants in Year 2 or Year 3 of Funding

Slot Types	Minimum # of Hours	Minimum Living Allowance	Maximum Total Living Allowance
Full-time	1,700	\$20,400	\$40,800
Three Quarter-time	1,200	n/a	\$28,560
Half-time	900	n/a	\$20,400
Reduced Half-time	675	n/a	\$15,504
Quarter-time	450	n/a	\$10,608
Minimum-time	300	n/a	\$8,568
Abbreviated-time	100	n/a	\$2,448

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Exceptions to the Living Allowance Requirements

a. Programs existing prior to September 21, 1993, do not have to offer a living allowance. If an organization chooses to offer a living allowance, it does not have to pay its members the minimum but cannot exceed the maximum.

b. Education Award Program (EAP) Grantees are not required to provide a living allowance. If an organization chooses to offer a living allowance, it does not have to pay its members the minimum but cannot exceed the maximum.

c. Professional Corps Grantees must provide members a living allowance or salary. Organizations must pay members the minimum and can exceed the maximum. Professional Corps member salaries and benefits including childcare cannot be included in the federal share budget request to AmeriCorps.

2. Maximum Cost per Member Service Year

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.

AmeriCorps is keeping the maximum cost per MSY at the same amount as FY 2025 as a safeguard to ensure the number of members serving remains the same or grows.

Table: Maximum Cost per MSY

Grant Program	Maximum
Individual Competitive State/Territory Program (cost reimbursement)	\$25,000
Multi-state competitive (cost reimbursement)	\$25,000
Professional Corps competitive Fixed Amount Applicants/Grantees	\$1,000*
Full-cost competitive Fixed Amount Grant	\$25,000
Education Award Program (EAP) Fixed Amount Grant (competitive and formula)	\$800 or \$1,000**
All non-EAP formula subgrants	\$25,200***

*AmeriCorps requires **Professional Corps** programs to cover the operating expenses associated with the AmeriCorps program through non-AmeriCorps resources. AmeriCorps will only consider operating funds of up to \$1,000 per MSY if an applicant is able to show significant organizational financial need.

** 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](#).

***\$18,000 adjusted for inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (As of September 2025 CPI was 0.3).

AmeriCorps may: 1) treat an applicant as a Professional Corps if they meet the legal requirements for a Professional Corps (even if they did not submit a Professional Corps application); and 2) decide not to provide a grant to an organization that it determines cannot operate effectively without AmeriCorps operating funds.

3. Costs Associated with Evidence Building Activities e.g. performance data collection and management, foundational research, program evaluation, etc.

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.

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

D.6.b. Indirect Costs

Application budgets may include indirect costs. Based on qualifying factors, applicants may use a Federally approved indirect cost rate if they have one and if not, may use either –

- i. the AmeriCorps-Fixed Percentage method (five/ten percent fixed administrative cost option) outlined in AmeriCorps' [Indirect Cost Guidance](#);
- ii. 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.

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. The applicant may also obtain instructions and additional information by contacting the email address above.

D.6.c. Pre-Award Costs

Applicants funded under this Notice are approved for pre-award costs for one month prior to the start of their program. See the Mandatory Supplemental Information for more detail.

D.7. Other Submission Requirements

D.7.a. Electronic Application Submission

Continuation applicants must submit applications electronically via AmeriCorps' web-based application system.

The applicant's authorized representative must be the person who submits the application. The authorized representative must use their own account to sign and submit the application.

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. Information about the AmeriCorps Hotline hours are also posted on the [AmeriCorps Hotline webpage](#).

When contacting the AmeriCorps Hotline, be prepared to provide the application ID, organization name, and the name of the Notice to which the organization is applying. If the issue cannot be fixed by the deadline, applicants must continue working with the AmeriCorps Hotline to submit via the grant system.

If circumstances make it impossible for an applicant to submit in the grant system, the authorized representative must e-mail Jacob Brumfield, the Volunteer Louisiana Director of National Service, at both jbrumfield@crt.la.gov and volunteerlouisiana@crt.la.gov. Applicants must include an explanation and related documents about why they could not submit their application electronically. Applications must be received by the deadline.

All deadlines and requirements in this Notice also apply to paper applications. Volunteer Louisiana does not accept applications submitted via fax or email.

D.7.b. Submission of Additional Documents

Your application might not receive funding if you do not upload your documents by the application deadline or do not correctly label your documents. **Applicants should wait until directed by Volunteer Louisiana to file the following documentation.**

Additional documents for all applicants:

1. **Labor union concurrence, if applicable.**
2. **Operational and Financial Management Survey (OFMS).** Submit electronically using the online form [linked here](#). Forms submitted as a PDF, or any other document format may not be accepted by AmeriCorps.

Volunteer Louisiana recommends that applicants print a paper copy and/or print-to-PDF a copy that can be retained for their own records. Volunteer Louisiana requests that applicants e-mail volunteerlouisiana@crt.la.gov to inform the Commission that they have completed and submitted the OFMS online form.

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E. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

E.1. Selection Criteria

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 are of equal value.

Categories/Subcategories	Percentage
Executive Summary	0
Program Design	50
• Community and Logic Model with Member Position Description	30
• Notice Priority	8
• Member Experience	12
Organizational Capability	25
• Organizational Background and Staffing	15
• Member Supervision	10
Cost-Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy	25
• Member Recruitment	8
• Member Retention	9
• Data Collection	8

E.1.a. 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.”

E.1.b. Program Design, 50 percent:

1. Community and Logic Model with Member Position Description, 30 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. Additionally, the applicants will provide a proposed AmeriCorps Member Position Description that helps reviewers understand how AmeriCorps members will address the community problem identified in the Program Design and Logic Model section of this document and how organization’s proposed AmeriCorps program and staff will support the AmeriCorps members growth and development.

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.

3. Notice Priority, 8 points

- Describe whether one or more of the AmeriCorps funding priorities is a significant part of the program focus and intended outcomes. Refer to A.2. for list of Funding Priorities.

4. Member Experience, 12 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.

E.1.c. 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.

E.1.d. Cost-Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy, 25 percent:

1. Member Recruitment, 8 points

- Provide a description of budget expenses to support recruitment of AmeriCorps members best suited to serve the community.

2. Member Retention, 9 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.

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.

E.1.e. Evaluation Plan Summary, 0 percent:

Continuation applicants should enter **N/A** in the *Evaluation Summary or Plan* field of the Narrative when filing their application in eGrants. Any other text entered in this field will not be reviewed.

E. 1. f. Amendment Justification, 0 percent:

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

E.1.g. Clarification Information, 0 percent:

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

E.1.h. Continuation Changes, 0 percent:

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

E.2. Review and Selection Process

Volunteer Louisiana Commission will assess the eligible applications. The determinations made by Volunteer Louisiana Commission 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

Volunteer Louisiana will do an initial compliance and eligibility check before reviewing applications. To pass this check, applicants must:

- Be an eligible organization,
- Have an active SAM.gov registration, and
- Submit an application by the submission deadline.

Eligibility assessment is intended to ensure that only those applications that are eligible for award are 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

Review

External Reviewers will assess applications based on the Program Design, Organizational Capability, Cost-Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy Criteria.

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.c. Pre-Award Risk Assessment

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

In assessing risks, Volunteer Louisiana and/or 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. Operational and Financial Management, including:
 - Financial stability; and
 - Operational and Financial Management Survey (OFMS)
3. 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 (See Section F.2.d. of this document).
4. 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.

E.2.d. 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](https://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](https://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.e. 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:
 - Volunteer Louisiana Funding Priorities listed in Section A.2 (p. 5)
 - Volunteer Louisiana discretion to advance strategic goals and
 - AmeriCorps CEO discretion to advance strategic goals.

Volunteer Louisiana reserves the right to prioritize funding existing awards over making new awards.

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

Volunteer Louisiana 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.

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.

E.2.f. Applicant Resolution

Volunteer Louisiana may ask an applicant for information after notification of grant competition results to resolve any issues prior to award.

After the application review process, before any grant awards are issued, Volunteer Louisiana 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 the review of its application.

E.4. Transparency in Grantmaking

Volunteer Louisiana is committed to transparency in grant-making. A list of all approved applications for continuation, new and re-competing applications will be published 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

Volunteer Louisiana will make awards following the selection announcement. Volunteer Louisiana anticipates announcing the results of this funding opportunity by mid-June 2026 contingent on the availability of congressional appropriations. All applicants, successful or not, will be notified of funding decisions via email.

Notification of an award is not an authorization to begin activities. The Notice of Grant Award (NOGA) signed by the Office of Grant Administration is the authorizing document. An awardee may not expend Federal Funds until the start of the Period of Performance identified on the Notice of Grant Award.

F.2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

F.2.a. Uniform Guidance

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

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

AmeriCorps will request information from grantees to ensure compliance with legal requirements, including the [Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019](#). If grantees do not respond promptly to these requests, then their funds may be placed on manual hold, reimbursement only status, or other restrictions as appropriate.

F.2.c. AmeriCorps Terms and Conditions

All grants must follow 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 mandatory compliance and reporting requirements, and applicants should review these instructions prior to any Notice of Grant Award. 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 webpage](#).

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.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 per [2 CFR 200.315](#).

F.4. 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 2026 are considered continuation applicants. Continuation applicants must submit an application to be eligible to receive funding for the FY 2026 program year. Continuation applicants must follow the requirements for continuation application content as outlined in the Application Instructions.

Please use the [Application Instructions](#) for how to request use of unexpended funds.

Requests by existing continuation applicants for increases in the level of funding or number of positions will be assessed using the selection criteria published in this Notice.

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 Volunteer Louisiana 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.

Volunteer Louisiana reserves the right to award applications in an amount less than the requested level of funding and will document the rationale for doing so.

G. FEDERAL AWARDING Agency Contacts

For more information, email AmeriCorpsGrants@americorps.gov.

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H. Other Information

H.1. Technical Assistance

Volunteer Louisiana will host technical assistance sessions to answer questions about the funding opportunity. Volunteer Louisiana strongly encourages all applicants to participate in these sessions. Information for these technical assistance sessions is available in the Guidance Volunteer Louisiana FY 2026 State Formula RFP Process document (the first five pages of this file).

Additionally, AmeriCorps will host technical assistance calls to answer questions about the web-based application system that may be helpful for Continuation applicants. 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 applicants need to effectively manage their grant award and training and technical assistance materials are found on the [Manage Your Grant webpage](#).

H.2. Re-Focusing of Funding

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

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I. IMPORTANT NOTICES

I.1. 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.

I.2. 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. assistance.

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.

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