



Guidance: Volunteer Louisiana Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 National Competitive Request For Proposal (RFP) Process for National Competitive ReCompete 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 Volunteers (formerly known as “members”) in evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions/practices to strengthen communities through an approved national service position. Volunteers may receive a living allowance and other benefits while serving. Upon successful completion of their service, Volunteers earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award from the National Service Trust that Volunteers can use to pay for higher education expenses or apply to qualified student loans.

RFP Timeline

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

- 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 in the current year will apply for funding in FY27 through this **FY27 National Competitive RFP Application Process**.
- New applicants and current AmeriCorps State Formula programs seeking funding for a second or third year of their 3 year grant in FY27 will apply through the State Formula application process and timeline outlined in the **Volunteer Louisiana FY27 State Formula RFP packet**. That document is available on the Volunteer Louisiana Grant Opportunities page: <https://volunteerlouisiana.gov/grant-opportunities>

These RFPs apply to organizations proposing to place AmeriCorps Volunteers in service solely within Louisiana. National or multi-state applicants should refer to the [AmeriCorps' National list of Funding Opportunities](#) webpage.

FY27 Timeline for AmeriCorps State Grants: National Competitive Applicants

Fri., Aug. 28	Volunteer Louisiana releases FY27 Request for Proposals
Fri., Sept. 4	Volunteer Louisiana opens prime grant applications in eGrants
Sept. 22 - 24	Volunteer Louisiana hosts RFP Reviews for National Competitive applicants (see RFP Review Sessions section in this document)
Sun., Sept. 27, 11:59 p.m.	Notice of Interest to Apply Due, https://forms.gle/RHUJanfVJJ6Zn5Se9
Mon., Sept. 28 – Tues., Oct. 27	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., Nov. 1, 11:59 p.m.	National Competitive RFP applications due in eGrants
Thurs., Nov. 12 – Tues., Nov. 24, times TBA	Volunteer Louisiana invites each applicant to attend a clarification meeting to review technical feedback about their application
Sun., Dec. 13, 11:59 p.m.	Final National Competitive RFP applications due in eGrants
Tues., Dec. 22	Target date: Volunteer Louisiana Commission selects National Competitive applicants to continue developing their applications before the January 2027 submission deadline to AmeriCorps. via eGrants to AmeriCorps for funding considerations. Applicants not selected for submission to AmeriCorps will be forwarded to Volunteer Louisiana's FY27 State Formula RFP Process for funding consideration.
Until Thurs., Jan. 7, 2027	Volunteer Louisiana shares final technical feedback with applicants
Fri. Jan. 8, 2027	Volunteer Louisiana submits the FY27 Prime Application with all National Competitive application to AmeriCorps ahead of Jan. 13 deadline.
Mid-June 2026	AmeriCorps will notify Volunteer Louisiana which National Competitive applicants will be awarded grant funding
Mid-August 2026	AmeriCorps will issue Notice of Grant Awards (NOGAs) to Volunteer Louisiana for successful National Competitive applicants. Awarded programs cannot have Volunteers earn service hours or have their organizations reimbursed for most program expenses before the date of their NOGA.



Notice of Interest to Apply (NOI) <https://forms.gle/RHUjanfVJJ6Zn5Se9>

Volunteer Louisiana requires **all applicants** for the **FY27 National Competitive RFP process** to submit a Notice of Interest to Apply (NOI) by Sun., Sept. 27 at 11:59 p.m.

RFP Review Sessions with Volunteer Louisiana

Volunteer Louisiana will host Reviews Sessions to assist potential applicants with learning more about the **FY27 National Competitive RFP Application Process**

- Tues., Sept. 22 10 - 11 a.m. [Zoom link to Sept. 22 session](#)
Meeting ID: 998 3277 1058
Passcode: 067790
- Wed., Sept. 23 1 - 2 p.m. [Zoom link to Sept. 23 session](#)
Meeting ID: 940 7354 3024
Passcode: 514898
- Thurs., Sept. 24 10 - 11 a.m. [Zoom link to Sept. 24 session](#)
Meeting ID: 939 3967 1131
Passcode: 166833

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

For **FY27 National Competitive RFP Process** applicants.

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| 1. Mon., Sept. 28
10 a.m. – Noon | 3. Mon., Oct. 5
10 a.m. – Noon | 5. Mon., Oct. 12
10 – 11 a.m. | 7. Mon., Oct. 26
2 – 3 p.m. |
| 2. Tues., Sept. 29
1 – 2 p.m. | 4. Wed., Oct. 7
1 – 2 p.m. | 6. Wed., Oct. 14
2 p.m. – 3 p.m. | 8. Tues., Oct. 27
10 – 11 a.m. |

All sessions on Zoom: [Zoom link to Drop-In sessions](#)
Meeting ID: 565 642 0319

Passcode: 038863

AmeriCorps' Information Sessions (Live and Recorded) for Applicants

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

- **AmeriCorps State and National 101**
Overview of AmeriCorps the agency, AmeriCorps State and National the program, and the FY 2027 AmeriCorps State and National Notice of Funding Opportunities.
- **FY 2027 AmeriCorps State and National Competitive Notice of Funding Opportunity:**
Overview of the FY 2027 ASN Competitive Notice, how to apply, and application requirements.
- **FY 2027 AmeriCorps State and National Best Practices for Performance Measures:**
Overview of Performance Measures, performance measure requirements, and best practices for developing performance measures.
- **Best Practices in Budget Development**
An overview of the function of an AmeriCorps budget, the budget management process, and the keys for submitting a compliant and competitive AmeriCorps budget and budget narrative.
- **Active [SAM.gov](#) Registration Instructions**

Optional Online Courses related to AmeriCorps and Grant Expectations

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

Foundational and Technical Assistance courses through On3Learn

[Link to On3Learn.com Catalog of Online 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

For these sessions, 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.**

When the video mentions "AmeriCorps State" grants and programs, those are guided by our Volunteer Louisiana Commission office in Baton Rouge (us).

2. 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 Volunteers. 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 (now known as "Volunteers")

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: [Link to How to Create a Litmos Account](#)

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