

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
SERVE DC – THE MAYOR’S OFFICE ON VOLUNTEERISM**

NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

2017 AmeriCorps State Formula Planning Grant Competition

Summary:

Serve DC – The Mayor’s Office on Volunteerism announces the availability of AmeriCorps State Formula Planning Grant funding for Fiscal Year 2017 – 2018 to eligible organizations. Subject to the availability of appropriations for Fiscal Year 2018 (FY2018) by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), Serve DC is requesting applications for planning grants that will be used to develop new national service models that seek to integrate members in innovative ways into evidence-based interventions. An Evidenced Based Intervention is determined by a body of evidence that supports the role of national service in effective education interventions. Many of these service education interventions are currently being funded by AmeriCorps. The purpose of these planning grants is to identify new evidence-based service interventions in focus areas with less evidence such as Economic Opportunity and Healthy Futures. New applicants with high-quality proposals will compete locally with other State programs for Formula funds made available through Serve DC and CNCS. The total amount of an applicant’s grant request must not exceed \$30,000.

Applicants who submit a full proposal will undergo a peer and staff review. Following this review, Serve DC will recommend programs to the federal Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) for Formula Planning Grant consideration. Serve DC reserves the right to reject applicants at any stage of the application process. Serve DC anticipates notifying Formula awardees by early July 2017 and anticipates making Formula grant awards in the first week of August 2017.

Cost Reimbursement Grant: This is a one-time cost reimbursable grant. This grant does not require match and there are no opportunities for an additional contract year.

Criteria for Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants are local nonprofit organizations. Programs applying to Serve DC for funding MUST operate their program only within the District of Columbia. Organizations that have been convicted of a Federal crime are disqualified from receiving funds. An organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(4), that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to apply, serve as a host site for members, or act in any type of supervisory role in the program. **Individuals are not eligible to apply.**

New Applicants: Serve DC encourages organizations that have never received funding from CNCS or AmeriCorps to apply for the grants described in this RFA. All eligible applicants must meet all of the applicable requirements contained in the Request for Applications (RFA). The RFA is available on Serve DC’s website at <http://serve.dc.gov/service/grant-competitions> or in person at Serve DC’s office.

The deadline for submission is June 1, 2017, by 5:00 pm. Applications must be entered in to the CNCS eGrants online system and all required hard-copy documents must be submitted to Serve DC. Late applications will not be accepted. An application is considered to be late at 5:01 p.m.

Applicants are required to attend the technical assistance (TA) sessions listed below:

- May 9, 2017 at the Frank D. Reeves Municipal Center, 2000 14th Street, NW, Suite 101, Washington, DC 20009 from 2:00pm to 3:30pm

For additional information or to RSVP for the technical assistance session, please contact me by telephone or email:

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