



FY19 AmeriCorps State Formula Grant Competition

Intro Summary

Serve DC – The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism and Partnerships announces the availability of **AmeriCorps State Formula funding for Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020** to eligible organizations. CNCS and Serve DC are seeking to fund programs that can demonstrate community impact and solve community problems through an evidence-based approach (e.g. performance data, research, theory of change).

Subject to the availability of appropriations for Fiscal Year 2019 (FY2019) by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), new applicants with high-quality proposals will compete locally with other State and National programs for Formula funds made available through Serve DC and CNCS.

AmeriCorps is a national service network that provides full- and less than full-time opportunities for participants, called members, to serve their communities and build the capacity of nonprofit organizations to meet local environmental, educational, public safety, homeland security, or other human needs. Within these focus areas programs may submit proposals that address specific problems of local communities.

The National and Community Service Act of 1990, as amended by the Serve America Act, emphasizes measuring the impact of service and focusing on a core set of issue areas. In order to carry out Congress' intent and to maximize the impact of investment in national service, CNCS has the following focus areas:



- **Disaster Services**
- **Economic Opportunity**
- **Education**
- **Environmental Stewardship**
- **Healthy Futures**
- **Veterans and Military Families**

Serve DC will give priority consideration to the following 2019 AmeriCorps Funding Priorities:

- **Disaster Services** - improving community resiliency through disaster preparation, response, recovery, and mitigation
- **Economic Opportunity** - increasing economic opportunities for communities, specifically opportunity youth- both as the population served and as AmeriCorps members.
- **Education** - improving student academic performance in Science, Technology, Engineering, and/or Mathematics (STEM).
- **Veterans and Military Families** -- positively impacting the quality of life of veterans and improving military family strength

Applicants proposing programs that receive priority consideration are not guaranteed funding. Serve DC will pursue a balanced portfolio across the Focus Areas. Furthermore, programs must demonstrate significant program focus, design and impact to receive priority consideration.

Request Guidelines

The total amount of an applicant's grant request must not exceed **\$15,192 per Member Service Year**. Applicants must request no more than **twenty (20) Member Slots**. For Professional Corps, the applicant's grant request must not exceed **\$1,000 per Member Service Year** and must request no more than **twenty (20) Member Slots**. For Education Award Programs, the applicant's grant request must not exceed **\$800 per Member Service Year** and must request no more than **(50) member slots**.

Mandatory Supplemental Guidance is located at:

https://serve.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/serve/page_content/attachments/2019%20Competitive%20MSGuidance%20%281%29.pdf



Match Requirements

Cost Reimbursement Grants: 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 year to 50 percent by year ten, according to the minimum overall share chart found in 45 CFR 2521.60.

AmeriCorps Funding Year	1, 2, 3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
Grantee Share Requirements	24%	26%	30%	34%	38%	42%	46%	50%

How do I apply?

Serve DC requires new and re-competing applicants to submit a logical model prior to application submission. Logic Models and cover pages will be reviewed by the Serve DC staff and commissioners. Following the initial review of logic models, Serve DC will invite applicants with quality logic models that demonstrate a strong theory of change to submit a full application. Please follow the logic model template provided in the eGrants web based grants management system. New applicants need to establish an eGrants account by accessing this link: <https://egrants.cns.gov/espan/main/login.jsp> and selecting "Don't have an eGrants account? Create an account."

Limit your logic model to 3 pages and email it to AmeriCorps@dc.gov by **Tuesday, April 23, 2019**. *Please note: Continuation applicants and unfunded 2019 Competitive applicants do not need to submit a logic model.*

Applicants who submit a full proposal will undergo a peer and staff review. Following this review, Serve DC will recommend programs to the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) for Formula funding consideration. Serve DC reserves the right to reject applicants at any stage of the application process from Formula grant funding consideration. Serve DC anticipates notifying Formula awardees by *early July 2019* and anticipates making grant awards in the *first week of August 2019*.

Deadlines

The deadline for submission is **Wednesday, May 15, 2019** 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 late at 5:01 p.m.

New and Re-competing applicants are required to attend one of the following technical assistance (TA) sessions (but may forego the general orientation):

- **AmeriCorps orientation**- recorded webinar is available at available online: <https://serve.dc.gov/>
- **Technical assistance session (re-competing applicants)** - April 9, 2019 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at the Frank D. Reeves Municipal Center, 2000 14th Street, NW, Suite 101, Washington, DC 20009
- **Technical assistance session (new applicants)** - April 11, 2019 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at the Frank D. Reeves Municipal Center, 2000 14th Street, NW, Suite 101, Washington, DC 20009

Date	Submission Action	Additional Details
Thursday, April 4, 2019	NOFA and RFP Released	Available to view https://serve.dc.gov/
Tuesday, April 23, 2019	Logic Models Due to Serve DC – All Applicants	by 5pm – Please email all submissions to americorps@dc.gov
Wednesday, May 15, 2019	Full Applications due to Serve DC by 5pm	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.

Who can apply?

Criteria for Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants are local nonprofit organizations and/or state and local units of government. 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 this opportunity. 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.

Questions?

For additional information or to RSVP for one of the technical assistance sessions, please contact by telephone or email:

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