



**Office of Children
and Family Services**



AmeriCorps
New York

**Commission on National and Community Services
Request For Proposals (RFP) # 1099
American Rescue Plan Act AmeriCorps Formula Pool
New York State Student Support Corps**

Programmatic and Evidence Info Session

September 12, 2022

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NYS Commission on National & Community Service

- Promotes volunteerism and community service as methods to solve local problems.
- Directs national service policy for the state and administers funding awarded by AmeriCorps to support New York State AmeriCorps programs.
- Awards AmeriCorps grants to nonprofits, faith & community-based organizations, public agencies, Native American tribes, and institutions of higher education that will **operate solely in New York State.**

What is AmeriCorps?

- AmeriCorps grants are awarded to eligible organizations proposing to engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions to strengthen communities.
- Each organization uses its AmeriCorps funding to recruit, place and supervise AmeriCorps members, may receive a living allowance and other benefits including an education award upon successful completion of their service.



AmeriCorps-specific provisions and terms

- The requirement that Grant recipients must contribute cash or in-kind (match)
- Solely for program-related expenses and not for general organizational expenses
- Includes an allotment of AmeriCorps member positions and funds that are directly tied to the number of members

Programmatic Documents

NYS Commission on National and Community Services

- Request for Proposal
- Bidder's Notice

AmeriCorps

- [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#)
- [Application Instructions](#)
- [Mandatory Supplemental Information](#)
- [Performance Measures Instructions](#)



Section 1.2 – Calendar of Events

Issuance of Request for Proposals	8/19/2022
Programmatic and Evidence Informational Meeting Session (optional) (see Section 1.3)	9/7/2022 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time
Technical Informational Meeting Session (optional) (see Section 1.3)	9/8/2022 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time
Deadline for Submission of Written Questions (see Section 1.4)	9/16/2022 by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time
Recommended Date to Request to Submit Additional Projects (see Section 2.3), and deadline to Prequalify in the Grants Gateway (see Section 3.2)	9/16/2022 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time
Responses to Written Questions Posted	On or about 9/23/2022
Deadline for Submission of Proposals in eGrants (see Section 5.5) and New York State Supporting Documents (see Section 1.6)	10/7/2022 by 12:00 p.m. (noon) Eastern Time
Anticipated Notification of Award	No earlier than 11/1/2022
Anticipated Contract Start Date	No earlier than January 1, 2023



Section 4.1 - Funding Priorities

Funding Priorities NYS Student Support Corps

NYS The Commission seeks to fund regional consortia that serve each region of the state and that will reach those students who have fallen the furthest behind during the pandemic.

Each consortium must include one or more local schools or school district(s) and/or BOCES, plus at least one or more additional partner(s)

Section 4.1 - Funding Priorities

Funding Priorities NYS Student Support Corps (con't)

- Each application must identify the lead agency for the initiative that will act as an intermediary and fiscal agent.
- The lead agency must meet both the federal and New York State eligibility requirements to receive an AmeriCorps grant (**Section 3.0**).
- Consortia need not cover an entire region and/or may cover more than one region.

Section 4.2 - Program Requirements

Special Consortium Instructions

Applicants are required to submit a partnership agreement (**Attachment 2**), to include the following information:

- a) Name of Consortium (this will become your “program name” in eGrants)
- b) Lead Agency of the Consortium
- c) Partners in the Consortium
- d) NYS Region Served



Section 4.2 - Program Requirements

NYS Student Support Corps programs will be structured as cost-reimbursement grants (not fixed-cost grants)

AmeriCorps programs under this RFP must propose a minimum of five (5) Member Service Years (MSYs).

Member Living Allowance - The applicant's proposed budget must include an annual living allowance for full-time members.

Section 4.2 - Program Requirements

Service Term	Minimum # of Hours	Minimum Living Allowance	Maximum Total Living Allowance
Full-Time	1,700	\$16,502	\$33,004
Three Quarter-Time	1,200	n/a	\$23,103
Half-Time	900	n/a	\$16,502
Reduced Half-Time	675	n/a	\$12,542
Quarter Time	450	n/a	\$8,581
Minimum Time	300	n/a	\$6,931
Abbreviated Time	100	n/a	\$1,980



Section 4.2 - Program Requirements

Maximum Cost per Member Service Year (MSY)

- The maximum cost per MSY is NOT to be confused with the maximum Member Living Allowance
- AmeriCorps cost per MSY is determined by dividing AmeriCorps share of budgeted grant costs by the number of MSYs requested
- Cost Reimbursement Grantees are capped at a maximum cost of \$28,800 per MSY



Section 4.2 - Program Requirements

Cost Sharing or “Match” Requirements

- AmeriCorps requires that applicants submit their applications with the required match and any alternate match schedule.
- Applicants for the SSC are required to match funds at a rate of no less than 24%.
- Match can be non-AmeriCorps cash and/or in-kind contributions
- Match can be either proposed or secured



Section 4.2 - Program Requirements

Match Replacement

- Federal ARPA funds may serve as “match replacement” in your AmeriCorps budget
- Federal funds may be requested on the grantee share of your proposed budget, to enable applicants to meet the matching requirements
- The maximum allowable cost/MSY will consist of BOTH federal funds requested as “CNCS Share” and those requested as match replacement, which should appear as “Grantee Share,”

Section 4.2 - Program Requirements

Match Replacement (con't)

- The United States Department of Education has issued a [blanket authorization](#) for AmeriCorps programs that wish to use Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) funds as match for ARPA funding.
- For more information on ESSER funding, please see [OESE.ed.gov](#).



Section 4.2 - Program Requirements

Performance Measures

- All applications must include at least one (1) aligned performance measure (output and outcome) that corresponds to the proposed primary intervention.
- Depending on the applicant's program model, applicants must choose from the following performance measures:

Education and/or

Healthy Futures



Section 5.1 – Proposal Content

<https://egrants.cns.gov/>

Applications must not exceed twelve (12) pages.

The application sections that count towards the narrative page limit are:

SF-424, Face Sheet; Executive Summary; Program Design, Organizational Capability, and Cost-Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy narratives.

The Logic Model may not exceed three (3) pages

Application Deadline in eGrants

Friday, October 7, 2022

12:00 p.m. (Noon) Eastern Time



Evidence Overview

Evidence Resources

CNCS Evidence Resources & Training

- ASN Mandatory Supplemental Instruction
- Best Practices in Demonstrating Evidence
- CNCS Evidence Exchange



Evidence Resources

2022 Mandatory Supplemental Instruction

Evidence Tiers

Pre-Preliminary

Preliminary

Moderate

Strong



Evidence Resources

CNCS Technical Assistance: Best Practices in Demonstrating Evidence

- Pre-Recorded webinar: <https://youtu.be/SHn-CFvThaM>
 - CNCS' approach to evidence
 - Evidence tiers
 - Evidence quality
 - Tips for applicants
 - Links to additional resources



Evidence Resources

CNCS Knowledge Network

- Evidence Exchange: <https://americorps.gov/about/our-impact/evidence-exchange>



Questions and Answers

- Submit questions no later than the deadline for submission of written questions specified in Section 1.2 Calendar of Events of RFP
- Comprehensive list of questions will be posted on:
 - [NYS Grants Gateway System](#)
 - [OCFS website](#)
 - [Contract Reporter website](#)
 - <https://newyorkersvolunteer.ny.gov/>



QUESTIONS?

Please email to AmeriCorpsRFP@ocfs.ny.gov



THANK YOU!



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