



2012 AmeriCorps Formula Grant Funding

The NJ Commission on National and Community Service, NJ Department of State, announces funding opportunities for 2012 AmeriCorps Formula grants, a new 3 year cycle. AmeriCorps is a national service program funded by the Corporation on National and Community Service (CNCS). The CNCS strategic plan has highlighted the following focus areas where service can make a major impact: education, economic opportunity, service by and for veterans, disaster services, energy conservation, and health. Agencies eligible to apply include: public or private non-profit organizations; community and faith-based organizations; Local Education Agencies including charter schools; institutions of higher education; local, county or state government. Formula applications are reviewed only at the state level.



AmeriCorps programs provide full and part-time opportunities for participants or "members" to serve in their communities and meet local needs in one or more of these focus areas. In return for their service, AmeriCorps members benefit from a living allowance of up to \$12,100 (F/T) and an educational award of up to \$5,550 held in trust for tuition or to pay back existing loans. AmeriCorps grants require cash and in-kind match.

Visit http://www.state.nj.us/state/programs/dos_program_ameri-corps.html on the NJ Commission's website for more information. The NJ Commission's Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Formula funding will be available on the website on March 15, 2012. The due date for applications to the Commission is **Thursday, May 10, 2012**. Attendance at a technical assistance session will be mandatory in order to apply, unless an agency attended the technical assistance sessions for the previous Competitive NOFA held in the Fall, 2011. Formula technical assistance sessions will be held:

- Thursday, March 22, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Middlesex County Fire Academy, 1001 Fire Academy Drive, Sayreville, NJ.
- Wednesday, April 4, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., American Red Cross, 209 Fairfield Rd., Fairfield, NJ.
- Thursday, April 12, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., NJ Records Storage Center, 2300 Stuyvesant Ave., Trenton.

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