



AmeriCorps New Jersey

AmeriCorps Focus Areas (*for reference only*)

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 maximize the impact of investment in national service, AmeriCorps has the following focus areas:

Disaster Services

Grants will support increased and improved disaster services for individuals and communities to prepare and adapt to disasters. Activities will provide support to increase preparedness for disasters, improve readiness to respond to disasters, support recovery efforts from disasters, and/or assist in the implementation of pre-disaster mitigation and adaptation measures. Grants will support communities and individuals in planning for disasters.

Economic Opportunity

Grants will provide support and/or facilitate access to services and community resources that contribute to the improved economic well-being and security of people; to have improved access to services that enhance financial literacy; transition into or remain in safe, healthy, affordable housing; and/or have improved employability leading to increased success in becoming employed, economic mobility for communities experiencing persistent unemployment or underemployment.

Education

Grants will provide support and/or facilitate access to services and resources that contribute to improved educational outcomes for economically disadvantaged children; improved school readiness; improved educational and behavioral outcomes of students in lowachieving elementary, middle, and high schools; and/or support in students' preparation for success in post-secondary educational institutions. Also, educational opportunity for students experiencing homelessness or those in foster care.

Environmental Stewardship

Grants will support responsible stewardship of the environment, while preparing communities and helping Americans respond to and recover from disruptive events: programs that conserve natural habitats; protect clean air and water; maintain public lands; support wildland fire mitigation and sustainable forest management; cultivate individual and community resilience; and provide reforestation services after floods or fires, such as nature-based solutions. Also, environmental stewardship, including renewable energy and energy efficiency, building community resilience, sustainable food systems and agriculture, and conservation and habitat preservation.

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Healthy Futures

Grants will provide support for activities that will address the opioid crisis; increase seniors' ability to remain in their own homes with the same or improved quality of life for as long as possible; and/or increase physical activity and improve nutrition with the purpose of reducing obesity.

Also, efforts to help local communities respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Applicants may propose programming to aid communities in their efforts to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, including outcomes of COVID-19 on student subgroups described in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

NOTE: *May be removed in upcoming 26.27Competitive NOFO.*

Veterans and Military Families

Grants will improve the quality of life of veterans and improve military family well-being; increase the number of veterans, wounded warriors, military service members, and their caregivers, families, and survivors served by AmeriCorps programs; and/or increase the number of veterans and military.

For additional information, see [AmeriCorps Performance Measures Instructions AmeriCorps State and National 2025](#)