



2026 AmeriCorps COMPETITIVE Notice of Funding Opportunity

The NJ Commission on National and Community Service, NJ Department of State, announces funding opportunities for 2026 AmeriCorps Competitive grants. AmeriCorps is a federally-funded national service program. Through this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), the NJ Commission seeks to identify evidence-based or evidence-informed program models. Projects will deploy a cadre of AmeriCorps participants to solve significant community problems. In return for their service, participants benefit from a living allowance of \$20,400 (F/T) and an educational award for college attendance or to pay back existing federal loans (about \$7,395 for F/T service).

This competition invites applications that address the AmeriCorps and NJ's State Service Plan within the focus areas of: Disaster Services; Economic Opportunity; Education; Environmental Stewardship; Healthy Futures; and/or Veterans and Military Families.

AmeriCorps will prioritize consideration from organizations that:

Serve Impoverished Communities; Youth Mental/Address Substance Abuse; Support Active Military & Vets: Public Safety, Crime Prevention or Partner w/Law Enforcement, Outdoor Rec, Workforce development for AmeriCorps Members; Strengthen Families: Enhance Member Experience; Target formerly incarcerated or at-risk Youth; Use Evidence; Faith-Based Organizations.

To receive priority consideration, applicants must show the priority area is a significant part of the program focus and intended outcomes. Priority consideration does not guarantee funding.

Eligible agencies include: public or private non-profit organizations, including Indian Tribes, community organizations and faith-based organizations; Local Education Agencies (LEAs) including charter schools; institutions of higher education; government entities within the state (e.g., cities/municipalities, counties, state departments); labor organizations; and partnerships or consortia consisting of the aforementioned.

ALL AMERICORPS GRANT AWARDS ARE SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL FUNDING.

Applications are due to the Commission online via [eGrants](#) on March 2, 2026 at 5PM.

Applicants must have a valid [SAM registration and Unique Entity Identifier](#) to receive an award.

The NJ Commission's NOFO for Competitive funding along with additional application resources is available at:

[New Jersey Department of State - Volunteer and National Service Grant Opportunities](#)

[Competitive NOFO General Technical Assistance Session: Wednesday, February 11, 2025 at 2:00PM](#)

Click title to register. NOTE: Attendance (live or recorded viewing) at the General Technical Assistance session is **required**.

Questions? Please email us at AmeriCorps.NJ@sos.nj.gov