AmeriCorps Competitive Notice of Funding Opportunity

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SECTION 1: AMERICORPS GRANT OPPORTUNITY NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT INFORMATION AND TIMELINE

DESCRIPTION OF THE GRANT PROGRAM

AmeriCorps improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. AmeriCorps brings people together to tackle some of the country's most pressing challenges through national service and volunteerism.

AmeriCorps grants are awarded to eligible organizations that engage AmeriCorps Members in evidence based or evidence-informed interventions to strengthen communities. An AmeriCorps Member is a person who does community service through AmeriCorps. AmeriCorps Members may receive a living allowance and other benefits. After successful completion of their service, AmeriCorps Members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award they can use to pay for higher education expenses or apply to qualified student loans.

This FY27.28 Competitive NOFO reflects the FY 2027 AmeriCorps State and National Competitive NOFO and the NJ Commission FY27.28 Competitive Grant Application Timeline. Federal requirements and NJ-specific requirements should be read together.

Changes from the prior year's Competitive NOFO:

- Revision of the Use Evidence priority to include demonstration of any evidence supporting the performance data described in the application
- Cost/MSY increase to $26,800 for cost reimbursement and full cost fixed awards
- Cost/MSY increase to $27,000 for non-EAP formula programs
- Increase to the full-time minimum living allowance
- Increase to the maximum living allowances for all slot types
- Reduction of available slot type from seven to five for all applicants
- Applicants funded under the FY Notice are approved for pre-award costs for 90 days prior to program start
- Submission of the Operational and Financial Management Survey no longer required
- Decrease in AmeriCorps Volunteer recruitment criterion point value
- Increase in AmeriCorps Volunteer retention criterion point value
- Applicants must not be listed on Do Not Pay or the exclusion list in SAM.gov
- Continuation applicants may not request an increase in funding. Continuation applicants may request an increase in slots/MSY.

Funding Priorities

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AmeriCorps expects a highly competitive AmeriCorps grant competition. Given limited funding, AmeriCorps may prioritize funding existing partners instead of making new awards. The actual level of funding depends on annual appropriations.

AmeriCorps' priorities for this funding opportunity are:

Faith-Based:
• Organizations that are faith-based.

Serve Communities:
• Serve communities with concentrated poverty, rural communities, and tribal communities.
• Implement programs for or expand access to high-quality youth mental health and substance use recovery services and prepare AmeriCorps Volunteers to enter behavioral health careers. These may include individuals who have experienced substance use and mental health challenges.

- Focus on improving quality of life for veterans, active-duty members of the Armed Forces, and their families through models that provide effective interventions or services or that are designed to recruit veterans, military spouses, and their older children into national service, e.g., veterans serving in mentorship roles.
- Focus on public safety, crime prevention, and/or partnerships between law enforcement and the community.
- Focus on expanding outdoor recreation opportunities for future generations by maintaining public lands; supporting wildland fire mitigation and sustainable forest management; and providing reforestation services.
- Create workforce pathways for AmeriCorps Volunteers, including deliberate training, such as pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship opportunities, certifications, and hiring preferences or support.
- Focus on strengthening families, e.g., activities that aim to support low-income parents through parenting education, responsible parenting and healthy relationship skills.

Benefit AmeriCorps Volunteers:

- Enhance AmeriCorps Volunteer experience by providing opportunities for skill attainment, personal growth and connection to the community they are serving in support of a lifetime of civic participation. • Enhance and expand services to formerly incarcerated and at-risk youth and/or engage those youth as AmeriCorps Volunteers.

Use Evidence:

- Utilize reports from the AmeriCorps Evidence Exchange on programs assessed as having moderate or strong evidence to scale, replicate, or adapt the intervention, or demonstrate any evidence supporting the performance data described.

To receive priority consideration, applicants must show that the priority area is a significant part of the program focus and intended outcomes and must include a high-quality program design. Proposing programs that receive priority consideration does not guarantee funding.

Through this AmeriCorps Competitive Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), the New Jersey Commission on National and Community Service (hereinafter, the NJ Commission) seeks submission of applications that demonstrate that they will engage AmeriCorps members in an evidence-informed and evidence-based approach to providing a service intervention that will result in intended solutions to community problems (e.g., based on proposed program's performance and evaluation data or research demonstrating the effectiveness of a similar intervention). Applicants will be awarded points for providing evidence that their proposal intervention will lead to the outcomes identified in the logic model. Applicants shall provide evidence that the proposed intervention is effective for the proposed population and community challenge.

The AmeriCorps Competitive program is federally funded and requires a local combination of significant cash and in-kind match.

A. Purpose of AmeriCorps Funding

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term of service. Members over the age of 55 at the start of service may transfer their Education Award to a child, grandchild, stepchild, or foster child which is held in trust for up to ten years.
This information is intended as informational only and the New Jersey Commission on National and Community Service makes no representations or guarantees as to the availability or continued existence of any such benefits.

Single state applicants from New Jersey will submit directly to the NJ Commission on National and Community Service on eGrants. The application will be reviewed and scored among other New Jersey applicants. Selected applications which score 75 points or above will be submitted to the NJ Commission on National and Community Service Board for review. Those that are favorably voted on by the Board, will be included in the application package submitted to the national AmeriCorps competition where they will compete with submissions from other state commissions for final selection. Applications must score above 75 points in order to be elevated to the national competition. Applications submitted for the Competitive NOFO will also be eligible to apply for funding consideration in the subsequent state-level Formula NOFO process.

In reading this Competitive NOFO, applicants must follow the NJ Commission's due dates first.
Section I of this NOFO contains all of the NJ Commission specific requirements.
Section II contains all of the AMERICORPS STATE AND NATIONAL specific requirements.

The following should be read in order to develop a complete application:
Section I: 2026 NJ Commission Grant Information and Timeline
Section II: 2027 AmeriCorps State and National Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
Section III: 2027 Mandatory Supplemental Information
Section IV: 2027 AmeriCorps State and National Application Instructions
Section V: 2027 AmeriCorps State and National Performance Measure Instructions
Section VI: 2027 Applicant Determined Performance Measures Supplement

B. Timeline:

FY27.28 AMERICORPS NJ COMPETITIVE NOFO GRANT APPLICATION TIMELINE	
DATE	**ACTIVITY**
Tues, October 27	Dissemination of NOFO flyer announcing the AmeriCorps 2027/28 Competitive Grants opportunity. NOFO goes live on the NJ DOS website: https://www.state.nj.us/state/volunteer-grant-opportunities.shtml
Tues, November 10	General Technical Assistance Session via ZOOM. Live at 2:00 pm. Register here to attend the live session. Session will be recorded and available at the NJ Department of State AmeriCorps grants website within 24 hours. Mandatory for Competitive applicants.
Thurs, November 12	Notice of Intent to Apply due to Commission by 4:00 pm. Form available here. Nonbinding, for planning purposes only.
Mon, November 30	Competitive applications due to Commission on eGrants by 4:00 pm EST.
Wed, December 2	Staff and Independent Readers review of applications and budgets are begun.
Thu, December 17	Competitive Applications Reader Arena 11:00 am via ZOOM. Arena scores and final rankings.

Tue, December 22	Notification of Competitive Applicants selected for submission to national competition. Staff and reader revisions requested for applications recommended for national competition.
Tue, December 29	Final revisions from applicants due back in eGrants.
Mon Jan 4	Final staff review on revisions.
January 6-7	NJ Commission board vote on selected applicants (date to be confirmed).
Mon, January 11	NJ Commission target date for submission of Competitive packages to AmeriCorps. Federal ASN application deadline is January 13, 2027.
Mid-April 2027	Successful Competitive applicants to be notified by AmeriCorps National.
Mid-July 2027	Successful Competitive applicants to be issued awards.

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NOTE: Attendance at the NOFO Technical Assistance Sessions is required in order to submit an application. Please register via this zoom link to the technical assistance sessions.

AWARD INFORMATION

The NJ Commission is offering the opportunity to compete for a three-year cycle of Competitive AmeriCorps programs. Awards from this Competitive NOFO will implement the first year of the program which runs from September 1, 2027 to August 31, 2028.

Types of Award

The NJ Commission will accept applications for Cost-Reimbursement Grants including Traditional Professional Corps. Professional Corps are not eligible to apply for Cost-Reimbursement. The NJ Commission will also accept Fixed Amount Grants for Full-time, Education Award Only, or Professional Corps. Please refer to Section II *AMERICORPS STATE AND NATIONAL NOFO* for a fuller description of the Grant Types and Sub-Types.

Funding Period

For New or Re-competing applications, this is Year 1 of 3 of a multi-year grant period covering the following funding periods:

Year 1 September 1, 2027 to August 31, 2028
Year 2 September 1, 2028 to August 31, 2029
Year 3 September 1, 2029 to August 31, 2030

ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

The following non-Federal entities (all of which are defined in 2 CFR 200.1 or 42 U.S.C. 12511 (21) are eligible to apply:

- Indian Tribes;
- institutions of higher education;
- local governments, including school districts;
- nonprofit organizations;
- State Service Commissions (submit sub-applicants but not operate programs); and
- states and US Territories.

In addition to Indian Tribes as defined in 2 CFR 200.1, Tribal organizations that are controlled, authorized, or chartered by Federally recognized Indian Tribes are also eligible to apply. If an entity

applies for an award as a tribal organization that is controlled or chartered by one or more Indian Tribes, and the organization does not meet any of the other applicant eligibility types, the organization must provide copies or links to documentation which demonstrates that the organization is controlled or chartered by a federally recognized Indian Tribe. If an entity applies as an organization authorized by a federally recognized Tribe, or multiple specific federally recognized tribes, it must submit a resolution or other authorization, adopted by the Tribal Council (or comparable tribal governing body) of each Indian Tribe. The authorization(s) must identify the entity applying for an AmeriCorps award by name as a tribal organization that is authorized by the Indian Tribe(s) for the purpose of applying for AmeriCorps funding (or federal grant funds generally).

Applicants must have a valid SAM registration and Unique Entity Identifier to receive an award. See Section Unique Entity Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM) for more information. **Applicants must use their SAM-registered legal name and physical address on all grant applications to AmeriCorps. The legal applicant's name and physical address in eGrants must match exactly the applicant's SAM-registered information**

New Applicants: AmeriCorps strongly encourages organizations that have not received prior funding from AmeriCorps to apply, e.g., small community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, etc.

New applicants are eligible to apply for cost reimbursement, Education Award Program (EAP), and Professional Corps grants, but are not eligible to apply for full cost fixed amount grants.

Threshold Issues

Specific types of applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Professional Corps must show that the community where it will place AmeriCorps Volunteers has a shortage of professionals in the relevant area, e.g., teachers, medical professionals, etc.
- If service activities require special AmeriCorps Volunteer qualifications and/or training, such as tutoring programs, the applicant must describe how these requirements will be met.
- All applicants must propose program designs that are either evidence-based or evidence-informed (See section E.1.b (2) Evidence Base in Section II). Applicants rated as insufficient evidence are removed from funding consideration. Insufficient evidence is determined by:
    - An applicant being assessed as in the pre-preliminary evidence tier AND
    - providing inadequate responses to the Evidence Quality review standards below.
- **All FY 2027 competitive applicants must submit an application that proposes to enroll a minimum of 20 AmeriCorps Volunteers.** New/recompete and continuation competitive applications with fewer than 20 AmeriCorps Volunteers will be deemed noncompliant and will not be reviewed. The minimum of 20 AmeriCorps Volunteers does not apply to Indian Tribe applicants, Tribal organizations that are controlled, authorized, or chartered by Federally recognized Indian Tribes, applicants who apply as states or territories without commissions, or formula applicants.

Please refer to **Section II AMERICORPS STATE AND NATIONAL NOFO** for a fuller description of Types of Applicants.

COST SHARING OR MATCHING

Cost Reimbursement Grants

Applicants are required to match funds provided by AmeriCorps. The applicant's match can be non-AmeriCorps cash and/or in-kind contributions. Applicants must show that they can meet the match requirement when they submit the application. Applicants must say in their application if they have already secured the match funding.

AmeriCorps Funding Year	Years 1,2, and 3	Years 4,5, and 6	Years 7,8, and 9	Years 10 +
Grantee Share Requirements	24%	26%	28%	30%

Match Waiver

Please use the Match Waiver information for AmeriCorps State and National Grantees located on the AmeriCorps.gov Manage Your Grant webpage. AmeriCorps encourages Tribal Nations to request match waivers to reduce barriers. Every effort will be made to reduce the match requirements to improve accessibility to funding.

Fixed Amount Grants

There is no cost share or matching requirement for Fixed Amount grants. AmeriCorps does not provide all the funds necessary to operate the program. Organizations should raise the funds needed to operate the program.

STATUTORY/REGULATORY SOURCE AND FUNDING

The applicant's project must be designed and implemented in conformance with all applicable state and federal regulations. In addition to the program requirements outlined in this NOFO.

INDIRECT COSTS

Application budgets may include indirect costs. Based on qualifying factors, applicants may use a federally approved indirect cost rate if they have one and if not, may use either –

i. a 15 percent *de minimis* rate of modified total direct costs outlined in Indirect Cost Guidance; or
ii. may claim certain costs directly.

All methods must be applied consistently across all Federal awards. No more than five percent of award funds may be used to recover indirect costs on AmeriCorps State and National grants under section 121(d) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990, as amended and AmeriCorps' regulations at 45 CFR 2521.95 and 2540.110.

Use the eGrants Indirect Cost Rate (IDCR) User Instructions to enter the organization's Federal negotiated indirect cost rate or the *de minimis* rate information. Applicants should not submit documentation addressing the cost rate agreement via email.

Please note: To request a federally negotiated indirect cost rate agreement, when AmeriCorps is the applicable cognizant agency for an organization's indirect costs, the applicant must submit a request to IndirectCostRate@americorps.gov. The applicant may also obtain instructions and additional information by contacting the email address above.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

General Technical Assistance Workshops will be held as listed in the Timeline section. A zoom technical assistance workshop will be recorded and posted on the NJ Department of State website under AmeriCorps Funding Opportunities. https://www.nj.gov/state/volunteer-grant-opportunities.shtml.

Only applications submitted by agencies that participate in the virtual General Technical Assistance session will be accepted for review.

This is a one-time live session and there will be a recording available on the NJ Department of State website 48 hours after the live sessions. https://www.nj.gov/state/volunteer-grantopportunities.shtml

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

1. Notice of Intent to Apply

Submission of a Notice of Intent to Apply is requested and is due Thursday, November 12, 2026. Please complete the online form: Form available here. Questions on the form:

- Organization Name
- Address
- Contact Name
- E-mail address
- Phone Number
- Focus area your organization plans to address
- Applying as New, Recompeting or Continuation and Regular Cost Reimbursement or Fixed Amount.

The New Jersey Commission on National and Community Service, Department of State operates this grant program in strict conformance with procedures designed to ensure accountability and integrity in the use of public funds and, therefore, ***will not accept late applications for any reason***. The responsibility for a timely submission resides with the applicant.

Applications must be submitted electronically on eGrants
NO LATER THAN 4:00 PM ON Monday, November 30, 2026.

Applications must be submitted to the corresponding NJ Commission Prime application on eGrants.

PLEASE NOTE: Section II of this NOFO indicates a due date of January 13, 2027 which is only for Commissions and National Directs, applications made directly to the ASN. Single-state applicants that must apply through the NJ Commission must meet the due date above of November 30, 2026.

OTHER SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit applications electronically via AmeriCorps' web-based application system. The applicant's authorized representative must be the person who submits the application. The authorized representative must use their own account to sign and submit the application.

Applicants should contact the AmeriCorps Hotline at (800) 942-2677 if they have a problem when they create an account, prepare, or submit the application. Information about the *AmeriCorps Hotline* hours are also posted on the AmeriCorps Hotline webpage.

Submission of Additional Documents:
All documents that are requested in the Section II: *AmeriCorps State and National NOFO* need to be sent to the NJ Commission and not to AmeriCorps State and National. The NJ Commission requires that applicants submit additional documentation directly to the NJ Commission email address: AmeriCorps.NJ@sos.nj.gov. Please see the Section II: *AmeriCorps State and National NOFO* for all of the required additional documents. Please review sections related to the following elements of additional required additional documentation:

Additional documents for all applicants:

1. Evidence documents. Please refer to the Evidence Base section and Mandatory Supplemental Information for detailed instructions by evidence tier.
2. Labor union concurrence, if applicable.

In addition, any applicant that has received three or more years of competitive funding for the same project being proposed must also provide an evaluation plan summary using the evaluation plan summary template. Applicants who have received six or more years of competitive funding for the same project being proposed should also provide an: Evaluation plan summary using the Evaluation Plan Summary Template.

The required and exclusive process for submitting additional documents is that they must be e-mailed to AmeriCorps.NJ@sos.nj.gov with the following subject line: [Legal Applicant Name]– [Application ID number]. **All additional documents must be emailed by the same application deadline of November 30, 2026 by 4:00 PM.**
Emails should include the following information:

- the legal applicant name and its point of contact information
- the application ID number
- a list of documents that should be attached to the email
- individually saved files that are clearly labeled
- Files that include the legal applicant name and application ID number within the body of each document.

Do not submit other items not requested in this Notice or Application Instructions or separately requested by the NJ Commission. The NJ Commission will not review or return them.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS OR BENEFITS

The NJ Commission would like to highlight the following additional requirements and benefits of AmeriCorps.

Terms of Service

Programs may engage members full-time or less than full-time. Full-time members must serve at least 1700 hours during a period of not less than nine months and not more than one year. Reduced Full-time members

must serve at least 1200 hours. Half-time members must serve at least 900 hours. Quarter-time members must serve at least 450 hours; and 300 hours for minimum-time.

Living Allowance

The NJ Commission requires that all AmeriCorps members receive a living allowance regardless of the federal regulation which does not require a living allowance for less than full-time members. Full-time members must receive the minimum stipend amount listed in the chart. Recommended levels for less than full-time members are listed below:

Minimum and Maximum Living Allowance for FY 2027 Competitive Applicants

Slot Types	Minimum # of Hours	Minimum Living Allowance	Maximum Total Living Allowance
Full-time	1,700	$20,954	$41,908
Three Quarter-time	1,200	$14,784	$29,336
Half-time	900	$11,088	$20,954
Quarter-time	450	$5,544	$10,896
Minimum-time	300	$3,696	$8,801

A living allowance is not considered a wage. **In New Jersey, AmeriCorps members are not eligible for unemployment insurance, family leave or disability insurance.**

Maximum Cost per Member Service Year

The AmeriCorps cost per MSY is determined by dividing the AmeriCorps share of budgeted grant costs by the number of MSYs requested. It does not include childcare or the value of the education award a member may earn.

Table: Maximum Cost per MSY

Grant Program	Maximum
Individual Competitive State/Territory Program (cost reimbursement)	$26,800
Multi-state competitive (cost reimbursement)	$26,800
Professional Corps competitive Fixed Amount Applicants/Grantees	$1,000*
Full-cost competitive Fixed Amount Grant	$26,800
Education Award Program (EAP) Fixed Amount Grant (competitive and formula)	$800 or $1,000**
All non-EAP formula subgrants	$27,000***

Please see Section II: AmeriCorps State and National NOFO for additional information on cost per MSY.

Health Insurance

Grantees must provide full-time members with health insurance at the time of acceptance into the program if the member is not otherwise covered by a health insurance policy. If a member who previously had coverage loses it through no deliberate act of his or her own, such as parental or spousal job loss or other qualifying event, the grantee must provide the member with basic health insurance that meets AmeriCorps requirements. In general, AmeriCorps does not pay the costs of health benefits for half-time members unless they serve full-time for a sustained period of time.

Reasonable Accommodation for Individuals with Disabilities

Increasing the participation of individuals with disabilities in national and community service programs is a key interest of AmeriCorps State and National. All AmeriCorps programs are required to actively reach out to people with disabilities for inclusion in AmeriCorps service.

Participation in National Days of Service

As part of the National Service Network, there are a number of opportunities for grantees to participate in national service days. AmeriCorps State and National and the NJ Commission expect all national service programs, including AmeriCorps programs, to participate in one or more days of service, including the 9/11 Commemorative, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday and AmeriCorps Week. In addition, AmeriCorps State and National and the NJ Commission expect programs with AmeriCorps members to participate in other national service activities such as common opening ceremonies (including administration of an oath at Launch), orientations, and training.

STATE COMMISSION TRAINING AND EVENTS

Program Director Trainings and Meetings

All program managers must attend a three-day orientation known as Starting Strong, held annually in early August and any other training (e.g., site supervisor training) developed for program directors during the contract period. Program directors are also required to participate in all monthly conference calls or meetings.

In constructing the budget, you should include the cost for transportation, meals, and possible overnight accommodation incurred as a result of all AmeriCorps State and National or NJ Commission training sessions.

Statewide AmeriCorps Member Trainings and Events

All AmeriCorps members and Program Directors are required to attend the following trainings/events:

- AmeriCorps *Launch* – Fall 2027 (October)
- *End-of-the-Year* Training – Spring 2028 (June)
- Other statewide training such as *Career Day*, *Disaster Preparedness* or *GOV Volunteerism* Conference. (GOV Volunteerism Conference held every other year 2026, 2028, 2030)

EVALUATION OF NEW AND RECOMPETING APPLICATIONS

Selection Criteria

Each applicant must describe a project that will use AmeriCorps Volunteers effectively to solve a significant community problem.

Applications must have a well-designed plan with clear justification for the requested funds. Reviewers will assess the quality of applications by using the selection criteria described below and will rate them accordingly.

Please note that prior to issuance, and annually thereafter, awards will be subject to review by one or more AmeriCorps senior officials, or their designees, according to the process described in Executive Order 14332, "Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking."

Categories/Subcategories	Percentage
Executive Summary	**0**
Program Design	**50**
• Community and Logic Model	20
• Evidence Tier	12
• Evidence Quality	8
• Notice Priority	4
• AmeriCorps Volunteer Experience	6
Organizational Capability	**25**
• Organizational Background and Staffing	15
• AmeriCorps Volunteer Supervision	10
Cost-Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy	**25**
• AmeriCorps Volunteer Recruitment	7
• AmeriCorps Volunteer Retention	10
• Data Collection	8

For detailed descriptions of these selection criteria, please refer to Section II of the AmeriCorps State and National NOFO. Do not assume all sub-criteria are of equal value.

STATE LEVEL REVIEW PROCESS

All applications for AmeriCorps Competitive grants will be reviewed first through the NJ Commission.

In year one, the application is evaluated and rated by a panel of three readers. The evaluation panel typically consists of one reader from the originating office, one from another office within the NJ Department of State, and one reader external to the NJ Department of State who is knowledgeable in the content area. Readers of grant applications for the NJ Department of State certify that no conflict of interest exists that would create an undue advantage or disadvantage for any applicant in the application evaluation and scoring process.

Applications are evaluated on the basis of quality, comprehensiveness, completeness, accuracy and appropriateness of response to the guidelines and requirements of the governing NOFO. Applicants may request information about their evaluation scores by writing to the NJ Commission on National and Community Service. The Commission reserves the right to withdraw from

consideration any application that does not include each and every component to be evaluated and scored in the evaluation process.

Applications must receive a score of at least 75 points out of 100 and include all required components to be eligible for funding. Eligible applications are ranked and funded in descending order, from highest to lowest score. In the event of a tied score at or above the NJ Department of State's cutoff score of 75, the NJ Department of State will select the applicant with the highest combined score for the Program Design section.

Selected applications which score 75 points or above will be submitted to the NJ Commission on National and Community Service Board for review. Those that are voted on by the Board, will be included in the application package submitted to the national competition conducted by AmeriCorps State and National, where they will compete with submissions from other state commissions. Applications must score above 75 points in order to be elevated to the national competition. Applications submitted for the Competitive NOFO will also be eligible to apply for funding consideration in the subsequent state-level Formula NOFO process.

PLEASE REFER TO THE LINKS IN THE PAGE INDEX ABOVE OR THIS LINK TO ACCESS THE REMAINING REQUIRED SECTIONS FOR THE AMERICORPS COMPETITIVE APPLICATION.

As noted above, all AmeriCorps grant awards are subject to the availability of federal funding. Furthermore, the federal requirements linked below and New Jersey-specific requirements must be read together, except to the extent any federal condition or requirement is subject to any litigation, stay, injunction, or agreement not to enforce.

https://www.americorps.gov/partner\/funding-opportunities

Section II: 2027 AmeriCorps State and National Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
https://www.americorps.gov/sites/default/files/document/202608/FY27_ASNCompetitiveNotice_Final.508.pdf

Section III: 2027 Mandatory Supplemental Guidance
https://www.americorps.gov/sites/default/files/document/202608/FY27_ASNMandatorySupplementalInformation.508.pdf

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