2027 AMERICORPS COMPETITIVE NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY







The NJ Commission on National and Community Service, NJ Department of State, announces funding opportunities for 2027 AmeriCorps Competitive grants for new, re-competing, and continuation programs. AmeriCorps is a federally funded national service program. Through this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), the NJ Commission will identify projects that deploy AmeriCorps members to solve significant community problems using evidence-based or evidence-informed program models. In return for their service, full-time members receive a living allowance of at least $20,954 (up to a maximum of $41,908) and a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award of about $7,395 to pay for higher education or qualified student loans.

This competition invites applications that address AmeriCorps' funding priorities, including serving communities with concentrated poverty, rural communities, and tribal communities; youth mental health and substance use recovery; veterans and military families; public safety and crime prevention; outdoor recreation and public lands; workforce pathways; strengthening families; enhancing the member experience, including for formerly incarcerated and at-risk youth; and the use of evidence. Faith-based organizations are encouraged to apply. Awards will support the first year (September 1, 2027 – August 31, 2028) of a three-year grant cycle.

MEMBER BENEFITS

$20,954 living allowance (full-time)
$7,395 education award for college attendance or eligible federal student loans (full-time service)
NOTE: Minimum 20 members and preliminary-or-above evidence data required.

FOCUS AREAS

- Disaster Services
- Economic Opportunity
- Education
- Environmental Stewardship
- Healthy Futures
- Veterans and Military Families

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Public or private nonprofits (including Indian Tribes, community and faith-based organizations); local education agencies including charter schools; institutions of higher education; state and local government entities; labor organizations; and eligible partnerships or consortia.

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

PRIORITY CONSIDERATION

AmeriCorps will prioritize organizations that: serve impoverished communities; address youth mental health/substance abuse; support active military and veterans; focus on public safety, crime prevention, or partner with law enforcement; provide outdoor recreation; offer workforce development for members; strengthen families; enhance member experience; target formerly incarcerated or at-risk youth; use evidence-based approaches; or are faith-based organizations.

Priority areas must be a significant part of the program focus and intended outcomes. Priority consideration does not guarantee funding.

IMPORTANT DATES

REQUIRED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SESSION
November 10 at 2:00 PM
Register through the NJ Commission's funding opportunities page. Session will be recorded. Attendance live or viewing the recording is required.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

November 30 by 4:00 PM EST
Applications are due to the Commission via eGrants.

RESOURCES & QUESTIONS

https://www.state.nj.us/state/volunteer-grant-opportunities.shtml
Questions: AmeriCorps.NJ@sos.nj.gov

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

New Jersey Commission on National and Community Service

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