2017-18 West Virginia AmeriCorps
National Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity

Volunteer West Virginia announces an opportunity for program funding via AmeriCorps State grants. Potential applicants will apply via a competitive process to operate an AmeriCorps program utilizing at least twenty AmeriCorps members to conduct direct service activities to create community change.

Eligible applicants are restricted to current West Virginia AmeriCorps programs receiving operational funding via either the National Competition or the West Virginia Formulary Award Process.

Volunteer West Virginia, the state's Commission for National and Community Service, challenges West Virginians to strengthen their communities through service and volunteerism. The Commission administers West Virginia's direct service AmeriCorps programs along with additional programming to help meet the state's volunteer and community service needs. Programs focus on Educational Support, Community Investment (service projects, historic and cultural preservation, and community development), Healthy Futures, Veterans and Military Families, Training (Grantwriting, Annual Volunteer Conference) and Disaster Services. For more information about Volunteer West Virginia programming in 2016, view our annual report at
http://www.volunteerwv.org/2/about/assets/downloads/2016AnnualReport.pdf.

Important Dates

- Deadline #1: Applications for new and recompeting programs are due **Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time** to Volunteer West Virginia in eGrants.
- Continuation Deadline: Applications for continuation grants are due in eGrants by **Tuesday, January 2, 2018 by 5:00 p.m**. Eastern Time.
- Revision Period: Applications with written feedback will be returned to potential grantees on December 20 by 5:00 p.m. for re-work.
- Deadline #2: Revised applications must be returned to Volunteer West Virginia in eGrants by **12:00 p.m. on Friday, December 29, 2017.**
- Final Clarification Period: Grant applicants must designate a staff contact to address final clarifications **Tuesday, January 9-Friday January 12.**
- Application Notification: Successful applicants will be notified **by Monday, May 15, 2018**.

Where to Find More Information

If you need information about…	Look for it in…
Section Headings and How to Write the Narrative	Notice of Funding Opportunity

Eligible Applicants and Threshold Information	Notice of Funding Opportunity
How to create an application in eGrants	Application Instructions
Glossary and General Definitions	Mandatory Supplemental Guidance
National Performance Measures and Definitions	Performance Measure Instructions
How to conduct a review of your own performance measures	Performance Measures Instructions Appendix B: Review Checklist
Budget Checklist	Application Instructions
Budget Instructions	Application Instructions
Reviewer Criteria	Notice of Funding Opportunity
Information for Continuation Applicants	Application Instructions, Section I and page 13
Volunteer West Virginia Technical Assistance Q&A Calls Thursday, November 9, 2017, 8:30 a.m. Friday, December 1, 2017, 8:30 a.m. Friday, December 8, 2017, 8:30 a.m.	To participate dial 866-453-5550, enter pin 3730200#. These calls are an open forum for potential applicants to ask questions about the application process. The number of questions determines the length and topic of the calls. All potential applicants are welcome to join the call and ask questions about the funding process. A Q & A document will be available on our website after the calls.
Technical Assistance Documents	**Technical Assistance Documents** 2018 Intro to AmeriCorps State and National (PDF) 2018 AmeriCorps Key Terms (PDF) 2018 Intro to AmeriCorps Members (PDF) 2018 Categories of AmeriCorps Grants (PDF) 2018 AmeriCorps Program Management and Design (PDF) 2018 Evidence Checklist (PDF) 2018 NOFO Evidence Quality and Evidence Capacity Standards Resource (PDF) AmeriCorps Regulations 45 CFR Sections 2520-2550 (PDF) Uniform Guidance Resources How to Develop a Logic Model (PDF)

Technical Assistance Calls & Information from CNCS

2018 AmeriCorps State & National Grant Competition: Program Management and Design
For questions including appropriate AmeriCorps member service activities, staffing for the program, grantee responsibilities, or any other question related to program design or program management. Participants are encouraged to review the following materials before the call: 2018 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO); 2018 Mandatory Supplemental Guidance; Categories of AmeriCorps Grants; and AmeriCorps Program Management and Design.

- **Replay:** 800-570-8795 | **Passcode:** N/A

2018 AmeriCorps State & National Grant Competition: Best Practices in Budget Development
For guidance about how to create a compliant grant budget for an AmeriCorps program. Participants are encouraged to review the "Developing and Managing Your Budget" and "Preparing the Grant Budget for AmeriCorps Programs" online courses before the webinar.

- **Replay:** Recorded webinar video (includes audio and closed captioning)

2018 AmeriCorps State & National Grant Competition: Best Practices in Developing Performance Measures
For guidance about how to create high-quality performance measures that align with an applicant's program design and meet AmeriCorps requirements. Participants are encouraged to review the "Overview of Performance Measurement" and "High Quality Performance Measures" online courses before the webinar.

- **Wednesday, October 25, 2017; 1:00 PM EST** | Click here to register and receive call information
- **Join the live webinar:** Join Skype Meeting (for guest users)
- **Alternative dial in:** 866-670-8282| **Passcode:** 12250468

2018 AmeriCorps State & National Grant Competition: Best Practices in Demonstrating Evidence
For guidance about how to identify a program's level of evidence and support it with relevant data, studies, and/or evaluation reports. Participants are encouraged to review the 2018 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and "Reporting and Using Evaluation Results" online course before the webinar.

- **Monday, October 30, 2017; 1:00 PM EST** | Click here to register and receive call information
- **Join the live webinar:** Join Skype Meeting (for guest users)
- **Alternative dial in**: 866-670-8282| **Passcode:** 12250468

2018 AmeriCorps State & National Grant Competition: Elements of a Successful AmeriCorps State & National Application
This call will provide potential applicants with information on the "do's" and "don'ts" of a successful AmeriCorps application. It will cover strategies for developing and submitting an AmeriCorps application and will provide participants with an opportunity to ask questions. Participants are encouraged to review the 2018 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), Mandatory Supplemental Guidance, and Application Instructions before the call.

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