



## AmeriCorps Grant Opportunity

### Is an AmeriCorps grant a good fit for your organization?

West Virginia AmeriCorps grants provide assistance to programs to recruit, train, and supervise AmeriCorps members meeting critical needs in the areas of education, economic opportunity, environmental stewardship, disaster services, healthy futures, and veterans, active duty military, and their families.

If your organization is interested in an AmeriCorps grant, the first thing to consider is whether your organization has the capacity to manage federal funds and AmeriCorps members.



Consider your answers to the following questions:

- ❖ Has your organization identified a compelling need that is currently unmet? Is there current, local data that supports your organization's desire to address this unmet, compelling need?
- ❖ Will the member service activities chosen to address the need be evidence-based and lead to measurable results?
- ❖ Can your organization recruit and train AmeriCorps members to engage in the evidence-based service activities and provide on-going training and technical assistance to members throughout their term of service?
- ❖ Does your organization have sufficient cash flow management to cover a minimum of two months of grant expenses while cost-reimbursement invoices are processed?

## Who is eligible?

- Nonprofits
- Institutes of Higher Education
- Tribes
- State and Local Governments



## What are my responsibilities?

- Establish clear, written policies and procedures including, but not limited to:
  - o Site application and selection process
  - o Site monitoring plan
  - o Member recruitment, application, selection, and enrollment process
  - o Site supervisor and member orientation and training plan
  - o National Service Criminal History Check process
  - o Data collection and evaluation plan
  - o Financial management
  - o Member management
  - o Site management
- Attend in-person Program Meetings (typically July, October, & January) and Program Monitoring Calls (typically fall and spring)
- Submit all required reports and documentation as requested
- Ensure your program follows all federal, state, and local regulations

## How do I apply?

1. Contact [Cassandra.L.Argo@wv.gov](mailto:Cassandra.L.Argo@wv.gov) to schedule a conference call to discuss your ideas, program design, and member service activities.
2. Attend Technical Assistance Calls (dates, times, and additional information provided in the Formula Notice of Funding Opportunity)
3. Submit an application via eGrants, the online AmeriCorps grants management system.

## Who do I contact with questions?

Please contact our AmeriCorps Program Officer, Cassandra Argo, at [Cassandra.L.Argo@wv.gov](mailto:Cassandra.L.Argo@wv.gov) to request additional information or to schedule a technical assistance call.