MICHIGAN'S AMERICORPS
2027-2028 Competitive Funds

Notice of Funding Opportunity & Application Instructions

State Commission:	Michigan Community Service Commission
Issuing Federal Agency:	AmeriCorps
Funding Opportunity Title:	Michigan's AmeriCorps FY 2027
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Summary Statement: This is a funding opportunity for institutions of higher education, local governments, school districts, and nonprofit organizations in Michigan to apply for AmeriCorps Volunteers to strengthen communities through service.

IMPORTANT DATES	
October 26, 2026	Intent to Apply due by 11:59 p.m. EST (New & Recompete Applicants) Organizational Readiness Assessment due by 11:59 p.m. EST (New Applicants)
November 9, 2026	Applications due in eGrants by 11:59 p.m. EST Supplemental documents due via email by 11:59 p.m. EST
Mid-April 2026	Notification of Selection
Mid-June 2026	Awards Issued

With additional questions, contact LEO-MIAmeriCorps@michigan.gov

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Disclosure from AmeriCorps: Publication of this Notice of Funding Opportunity (Notice) does not obligate AmeriCorps to award any specific number of grants or to commit any particular amount of funding. The actual level, timing, and process of grant funding will be subject to the availability of annual appropriations. Any award made under this Notice may be terminated by the agency if it no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities. AmeriCorps publishes this NOFO solely for the aforementioned purpose and does not consider this NOFO to meet the definition of a rule requiring publication or notice under Congressional Review Act (CRA) as codified at 5 U.S.C. §§801-808, and any subsequent notification provided to Congress does not constitute waiver of this position.

APPLICATION RESOURCES

Important Note: In 2025 AmeriCorps began a transition from the term "AmeriCorps member" to "AmeriCorps Volunteer" to refer to individuals that serve in AmeriCorps. As such, what were formally called members will be referred to as ***AmeriCorps Volunteers*** *throughout this and accompanying documents.*

Similarly, AmeriCorps began using the term "partner" to refer to any organization or agency that hosts AmeriCorps Volunteers or receives AmeriCorps federal funds. The term ***partner*** *replaces "grantee," "subgrantee," "host site," and other such terms and will be used throughout this and accompanying documents.*

Use this document to apply for Michigan's AmeriCorps State Competitive grant funding for program year 2027-28 if you are a recompeting applicant, a competitive continuation applicant, or a new applicant who meets the eligibility criteria and is applying as a single-state applicant in Michigan.

If you are submitting a request for continuation, please see the Continuation Requests section of this document.

These grants are awarded to organizations that propose to place AmeriCorps Volunteers in service solely within Michigan. If you are a national or multi-state applicant, please refer to AmeriCorps' National list of Funding Opportunities.

These application instructions conform to the Corporation for National and Community Service's online grant application system, eGrants.

This document should be read together with the AmeriCorps regulations, Performance Measure Instructions, and Mandatory Supplemental Information. AmeriCorps Regulations (45 CFR § 2520–2550), the MI AmeriCorps Application Attachments. Resources to help complete this application can be found at the MI AmeriCorps Funding page and the AmeriCorps Funding Opportunities page.

The AmeriCorps regulations include pertinent information. The full regulations are available online on the Code of Federal Regulations website.

Requirements in the AmeriCorps Regulations

Topics	Citation in the AmeriCorps Regulations
Volunteer Service Activities	§2520.20 - §2520.55
Prohibited Activities	§2520.65
Tutoring Programs	§2522.900-2522.950
Matching Funds	§2521.35-2521.90
Volunteer Benefits	§2522.240-2522.250
Calculating Cost Per Volunteer Service Year[1]	§2522.485
Performance Measures	§2522.500-2522.650
Evaluation	§2522.500-2522.540 and §2522.700-2522.740
Selection Criteria and Selection Process	§2522.400-2522.475

If there is any inconsistency between the AmeriCorps Regulations, the federal Notice, and the Application Instructions, the order of precedence is as follows:

1. AmeriCorps Regulations 45 CFR §§ 2520–2550 take precedence over the
2. *Notice of Federal Funding Opportunity/Notice of Federal Funding Availability,* which takes precedence over the
3. Application Instructions

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."

A. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Purpose of AmeriCorps State and National Funding

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

Who We Are

The Michigan Community Service Commission (MCSC) utilizes service as a strategy to address the state's most pressing issues and empowers volunteers to strengthen communities. We are governed by a citizen board that is appointed by the Governor. The MCSC is the state agency that administers AmeriCorps State funding in Michigan. Single-state applicants in Michigan must apply for AmeriCorps State funding through the MCSC.

[1] One Member Service Year (MSY) is equivalent to at least 1700 service hours, which is a full-time AmeriCorps position. The CNCS cost per MSY is determined by dividing the CNCS share of budgeted grant costs by the number of MSYs requested in the application. It does not include childcare or the cost of the education award.

AmeriCorps is a federal agency that funds organizations to make positive impact in communities. To support the placement of AmeriCorps Volunteers and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers in communities, AmeriCorps provides millions in grants every year.

Funding Priorities

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 Volunteers 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.

Program Authority
Awards under this Notice are authorized by the National and Community Service Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §12501 et seq.

B. FEDERAL AWARD INFORMATION
Estimated Available Funds
AmeriCorps expects a highly competitive AmeriCorps grant competition. AmeriCorps reserves the right to prioritize providing funding to existing awards over making new awards. The actual level of funding is subject to the availability of annual appropriations.

Estimated Award Amount
Award amounts will vary as determined by the scope of the projects.

Period of Performance
AmeriCorps plans to make three-year grant awards. AmeriCorps generally makes an initial award for the first year of the three-year period of performance. Applicants must submit a one-year budget.

The period of performance may not start before July 1, 2027. Continuation awards for future years are not guaranteed; they depend upon future appropriations and satisfactory performance.

Applicants may propose any program start date that aligns with their program design. However, program operations may not occur until the date AmeriCorps awards the grant AND the date of a fully executed grant contract through the MCSC and the State of Michigan. AmeriCorps expects to make competitive funding awards in mid-August.

Grant and Award Types
Grant Types
AmeriCorps makes available different types of grants. The chart below summarizes these grant types and their distinct characteristics.

Grant Types	**Cost Reimbursement**	**Fixed Amount**			
Available Subtypes	Traditional	Full-Cost	Education Award Program	Professional Corps***	No Cost Slots
Maximum Cost per MSY*	$26,800	$26,800	$800 or $1,000**	$1,000	$0
Type of Slots in the National Service Trust	All Slot Types	All Slot Types	All Slot Types	Full-Time Only	All Slot Types
Matching Funds Required	Yes	No			
Budget Submission Required	Yes	No			
Availability of Funds Linked to Enrollment	No	Yes			No

/Retention of Awarded MSYs					
Special Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A	Must place qualified professionals in communities with an inadequate # of such professionals. Volunteer salaries / benefits must be paid entirely by organization where member serves.	N/A
Financial Reporting Requirements	Yes	No			
Available to New Applicants	Yes	No	Yes		

* Member Service Year (MSY): One Member Service Year (MSY) is equivalent to a full-time AmeriCorps position (at least 1,700 service hours). Multiple positions at less than full-time can be combined to equal one MSY.
** For the Education Award Program, AmeriCorps may provide a maximum of $800 per individual enrolled in an approved national service position. If at least 50 percent of a program's enrollees are disadvantaged youth, AmeriCorps may provide $1,000 per enrollee, 42 U.S.C. § 12581a.
***Use Mandatory Supplemental Information (MSI) for further requirements

Award Types

- **AmeriCorps State Competitive Funding Grants:** AmeriCorps State competitive applications are submitted to the MCSC. Eligible applications are reviewed at the state level and then sent to AmeriCorps (federal level) where they are selected for funding or returned to the state for further consideration under the formula grant process.
- **AmeriCorps State Formula Funding Grants:** The State of Michigan receives an annual formula allocation of funds from AmeriCorps. The MCSC determines which applications receive formula grants in the state of Michigan. The formula application process welcomes new applications. An applicant that is not selected for competitive funding may be considered for formula funding. Dependent on funding availability, a separate grantmaking process for formula funds will be conducted in early 2027.

C. ELIGIBLITY INFORMATION

Eligible Applicants

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

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

Eligibility in Michigan

To be an eligible applicant for competitive funding through the MCSC, an entity must qualify in one or more of the following ways:

- Entity has been a recipient of a Michigan's AmeriCorps State grant for at least 12 months;
- Entity is operating an AmeriCorps planning grant at the time of application or has operated a Michigan's AmeriCorps State planning grant within 12 months of application;
- Entity can demonstrate significant past experience operating a national service program; or
- Entity has consulted with the MCSC staff prior to application and determined applying for competitive funding makes sense for the circumstances.

Types of Applicants

New Applicants

AmeriCorps encourages organizations that have not received prior funding from AmeriCorps to apply. New Applicants under this NOFO are those who you are applying for the first time, have only received formula funding in the past, are a former competitive grantee whose last AmeriCorps grant was received more than five years ago, or are a planning grantee applying for an operational grant. New applicants are eligible to apply for cost reimbursement, Education Award Program, and Professional Corps grants, but are not eligible to apply for full cost fixed amount grants.

Recompeting Applicants

Recompeting applicants under this NOFO are those that have previously received competitive funding through the AmeriCorps agency and are applying for a new cycle of funding.

Continuation Applicants

Continuation requests under this NOFO are applicable only to programs that are currently operating mid-funding cycle and are not required to recompete. Continuation applicants must submit an application in order to be eligible to receive funding for the following year. See Continuation Requests section for instructions.

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 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. 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 less than 20 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.

Universal Identifier

All applicants must register with the System for Award Management (SAM) and maintain an active SAM registration until the application process is complete. If an applicant is awarded a grant, it must maintain an active SAM registration throughout the life of the award. Use the SAM Quick Guide for Grantees for more information.

Other Eligibility Requirements

Even if an organization is otherwise eligible, an organization is not eligible if:

- It has violated a federal criminal statute.
- It proposes activities that are not allowed under AmeriCorps' laws, rules, or terms and conditions.
- It has any unpaid federal taxes that are not being paid through an agreement with the relevant tax authority. However, this does not apply if a federal agency decided that a suspension or debarment for the corporation is not necessary.
- It is described in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. §501 (c)(4) and lobbies

D. FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

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.

A first-time successful applicant is required to match at 24% for the first three-year funding period. Starting with year four, the match requirement gradually increases every three years to 30% by year ten.

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

The MCSC strongly recommends applicants do not significantly exceed their required match percentage when budgeting except to include required budget elements.

Match Requirements

Program requirements, including requirements on match are located in the AmeriCorps Regulations and summarized below.

Match Requirements in the AmeriCorps Regulations

Grant Type	Match Requirement
Cost Reimbursement including States and Territories without Commissions, Native Nations	Minimum grantee share is 24% of program costs for the first three years. Overall grantee share of total program costs increases gradually beginning in year four to 30%* by the tenth year of funding and any year thereafter.
Education Award Program (EAP) Fixed Amount Grants	There are no specific match requirements for fixed amount grants. Grantees pay all program costs over the costs provided by AmeriCorps.

Professional Corps Fixed Amount Grants	There are no specific match requirements for fixed amount grants. Grantees pay all program costs over the costs provided by AmeriCorps.
Stipended Fixed Amount Grants	There are no specific match requirements for fixed amount grants. Grantees pay all program costs over the costs provided by AmeriCorps.

- Partners are required to meet an overall matching rate that increases over time. You have the flexibility to meet the overall match requirements in any of the three budget areas, as long as you maintain the minimum match of 24% for the first three years and the increasing minimums in years thereafter. See 45 CFR §§ 2521.35–2521.90 for the specific regulations.
- If you are applying for the first time, you must match with cash or in-kind contributions at least 24% of the project's total Operating Costs (Section I) plus Volunteer Costs (Section II) plus Administrative Costs (Section III). If you are recompeting, please see 45 CFR §§ 2521.40-2521.95 for the match schedule.
- The acceptable sources of matching funds are federal, state, local, and/or private sector funds in accordance with applicable AmeriCorps requirements.
- In the "Source of Funds" field that appears at the end of Budget Section III, enter a brief description of the match. Identify each match source separately. Identify if the match is secured or proposed. Include dollar amount, the match classification (cash or in-kind), and the source type (Private, State/Local, or Federal) for your **entire match**. (The total amount in the Source of Funds field should match the total amount in the budget narrative exactly.) Define all acronyms the first time they are used.

NOTE: AmeriCorps legislation permits the use of non-AmeriCorps federal funds as match for the grantee share of the budget. Please discuss your intention of using federal funds to match an AmeriCorps grant with the other agency prior to submitting your application. Section 121(e)(5) of the National Community Service Act requires that grantees who use other federal funds as match for an AmeriCorps grant report the amount and source of these funds to AmeriCorps. If you use other federal funds as match, you must ensure you can meet the requirements and purpose of both grants. Grantees who use federal funds as match will be required to report the sources and amounts on the Federal Financial Report (FFR).

Match Waiver

Please use the Match Waiver information for AmeriCorps State and National Grantees located on the AmeriCorps.gov Manage Your Grant webpage. Applicants for funding through MI AmeriCorps must submit match waiver request to the MCSC who will submit them to the AmeriCorps agency on your behalf. 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.

AmeriCorps Volunteer Living Allowance

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A living allowance is not considered a salary or a wage. Programs are not required to provide a living allowance for AmeriCorps Volunteers serving in less than full-time terms of service. If a program

chooses to provide a living allowance to a less than full-time AmeriCorps Volunteer, it must follow the limits in the table below. Organizations applying for Cost Reimbursement grants must include the living allowance in the budget, either as AmeriCorps share or match.

Fixed Amount grant applicants must give AmeriCorps Volunteers a living allowance that follows the minimum and maximum amounts in the chart below and should indicate that amount in the application.

Member Service Year (MSY) and Living Allowance Amounts for FY27

Service Term	Minimum # of Hours	Member Service Year (MSY) Calculation	Minimum Living Allowance	Maximum Total Living Allowance
Full-time	1,700	1.0	$20,954	$41,908
Three Quarter-time	1,200	0.70	n/a	$29,336
Half-time	900	0.50	n/a	$20,954
Quarter-time	450	0.26455027	n/a	$10,896
Minimum-time	300	0.21164022	n/a	$8,801

Exceptions to the Living Allowance Requirements

- ***Programs existing prior to September 21, 1993*** do not have to offer a living allowance. If an organization chooses to offer a living allowance, it does not have to pay its AmeriCorps Volunteers the minimum but cannot exceed the maximum.
- ***Education Award Program EAP Grantees*** are not required to provide a living allowance. If an organization chooses to offer a living allowance, it does not have to pay its AmeriCorps Volunteers the minimum but cannot exceed the maximum.
- ***Professional Corps Grantees*** must provide AmeriCorps Volunteers a living allowance or salary. Organizations must pay AmeriCorps Volunteers the minimum and can exceed the maximum. Professional Corps AmeriCorps Volunteer salaries and benefits including childcare cannot be included in the federal share budget request to AmeriCorps.

Maximum Cost per Member Service Year (MSY)

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 aan AmeriCorps Volunteer may earn.

Maximum Cost per MSY

Grant Program	Maximum
Individual Competitive State/Territory Program (cost reimbursement)	$26,800
Professional Corps competitive Fixed Amount Applicants/Grantees	$1,000*
Full-cost competitive Fixed Amount Grant	$26,800
Education Award Program Fixed Amount Grant (competitive & formula)	$800 or $1,000**

*AmeriCorps requires Professional Corps programs to cover the operating expenses associated with the AmeriCorps program through non-AmeriCorps resources. AmeriCorps will only consider operating funds of up to $1,000 per MSY if an applicant is able to show significant organizational financial need.
** For the Education Award Program, AmeriCorps may provide a maximum of $800 per individual enrolled in an approved national service position. If at least 50 percent of a program's enrollees are disadvantaged youth, AmeriCorps may provide $1,000 per enrollee, 42 U.S.C. § 12581a.

***$18,000 adjusted for inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (As of March 2024 CPI was 0.4).
AmeriCorps may 1) treat an applicant as a professional corps if they meet the legal requirements for a professional corps (even if they did not submit a professional corps application); and 2) decide not to provide a grant to an organization that it determines cannot operate effectively without AmeriCorps operating funds.

Costs Associated with Evidence Building Activities

As noted in 2 CFR § 200.455, costs associated with evidence building activities are allowable expenses or match under AmeriCorps grants. This includes costs related to performance data collection and management, foundational research, program evaluation, and related activities.

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 –

a) a 15 percent *de minimis* rate of modified total direct costs outlined in AmeriCorps' Indirect Cost Guidance; or
b) 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.

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.

NOTE: AmeriCorps reserves the right to award applications in an amount less than the requested level of funding.

E. APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

How to Apply

1. **Notice of Intent to Apply – New and Recompete Applicants Only**
   Due: October 26, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. EST
   All new and recompete applicants must submit a mandatory Notice of Intent to Apply via an online form: https://www.research.net/r/M6G6DD7.

2. **Organizational Readiness Assessment – New Applicants Only**
   Due: October 26, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. EST
   All new applicants must submit the Organizational Readiness Assessment via an online form: https://www.research.net/r/JNPQ3PS.

3. **Unique of Entity Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM)**
   All applicants must register with the System for Award Management (SAM) and maintain an active SAM registration from the time of submission until the application process is complete. If an applicant is awarded a grant, it must maintain an active SAM registration throughout the life of the award.

   AmeriCorps and the MCSC suggest that applicants finalize a new registration or renew an existing one **at least three weeks** before the application deadline, to allow time to resolve any issues that may arise. Applicants must ensure that their registration will remain active through the intended award date identified in this document.

   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.

   Applications must include a valid Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), which is generated as part of the SAM registration process. AmeriCorps will not make awards to entities that do not have a valid SAM registration and UEI. Applications must include an Employer Identification Number (EIN). The UEI and EIN must be entered by the organization's Grantee Administrator as an organization attribute, and this will apply the information to all applications for the organization.

4. **Establish an eGrants account: New Applicants Only**
   Establish an eGrants account by accessing this link: http://egrants.cns.gov/
   Select "Don't have an eGrants account? Create an account."

5. **Initiate an application in eGrants**
   To apply as a Michigan's AmeriCorps subgrantee of the MCSC:

   New Applicants (organizations applying for a new project OR organization that are former grantees whose last AmeriCorps grant was received more than five years ago OR organizations that are current planning grantees applying for an implementation grant) must:
   - Start a new application by selecting **New** under Creating an Application from the eGrants homepage
   - Select a Program Area (AmeriCorps) and click Go (do not click Next)
   - Select the NOFA titled "FY 2027 AmeriCorps State and Territory Commission (New and Cont)" *The January 13 deadline listed with this NOFA is relevant to the MCSC, not to its subgrantees who must submit by the deadline in these instructions.*
   - Select Michigan
   - Enter application components using the navigation bar on the left

   Recompete Applicants (organizations that are current grantees in the final year of a funding cycle and are applying for a new grant cycle OR organizations that received a competitive grant in the past five years and are seeking a new funding cycle) must:
   - Visit http://egrants.cns.gov/ and log in
   - If the applicant **received competitive funding** in its most recent grant cycle:
     - Select **Continuation/Renewal** under Creating an Application to continue a current grant
     - Locate the grant you wish to continue and click "Continue"

- If the applicant **received formula funding** in its most recent grant cycle:
  - Select **New** under Creating an Application from the eGrants homepage
  - Select a Program Area (AmeriCorps) and click Go (do not click Next)
- Select the appropriate NOFA:
  - "FY 2027 AmeriCorps State and Territory Commission (New and Cont)" for cost reimbursement grants
  - "FY 2027 AmeriCorps State and Territory Commission Fixed and EAP (New and Cont)" for fixed price and EAP grants
    The January 13 deadline listed with this NOFA is relevant to the MCSC, not to its subgrantees who must submit by the deadline in these instructions.
- Select Michigan
- Enter application components using the navigation bar on the left

Continuation Applicants: See Continuation Requests section

6. **Write a high-quality proposal that is responsive to this NOFO**
   The MCSC recommends preparing the application components outside of eGrants first. The MCSC AmeriCorps Funding Site has tools available to assist with this.

7. **Submit the application in eGrants**
   Due: November 9, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. EST
   All applications must be submitted in eGrants by the legal applicant's authorized representative.

8. **Submit additional documents via email**
   Due: November 9, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. EST
   Additional documents cannot be uploaded in eGrants. They must be sent via email to LEO-MIAmeriCorps@michigan.gov

Late Applications

The MCSC will not consider applications received after the deadline unless explicit written permission is given by the MCSC to an applicant. To request an extension if extenuating circumstances arise, please email LEO-MIAmeriCorps@michigan.gov. The MCSC reserves the right to extend the submission deadline. Submitting an application after the deadline will result in disqualification of the application.

Submitting Your Application in eGrants

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 eGrants 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. When contacting the AmeriCorps Hotline, be prepared to provide the application ID, organization name, and the name of the Notice to which the organization is applying. If the issue cannot be fixed by the deadline, applicants must continue working with the AmeriCorps Hotline to submit via the grant system.

If you are applying in a continuation year, please skip to Continuation Requests Instructions

F. APPLICATION COMPONENTS

Complete applications in eGrants must include the following elements:

- Standard Form 424 (SF-424) Face Sheet: This is automatically generated when applicants complete the data elements.
- Applicant Info
- Application Info
- Narrative Sections:
  - Executive Summary
  - Program Design
  - Organizational Capability
  - Cost-Effectiveness & Budget Adequacy
- Logic Model
- Performance Measures
- Program Information
- Documents
- Standard Form 424A Budget
- Funding/Demographics
- Authorization, Assurances, Certifications

Page Limits

Page counts are determined by the number of pages that print out from the grant system. Application content which exceeds the page limit for either the narrative or logic model will not be reviewed. **AmeriCorps strongly encourages applicants to print out the application from the grant system prior to submission to confirm that the application does not exceed the page limit.**

There are two application sections with different page limits:

Narratives: 11 pages

- Applications must not exceed 11 double-spaced pages for the Narratives when printed with the application from the "Review" tab in eGrants.
- The application sections that count towards the page limit include:
  - SF-424 Face Sheet
  - Executive Summary, Program Design, Organizational Capability, and Cost-Effectiveness & Budget Adequacy narratives

- The application page limit does not include:
  - Evaluation Plan Summary Form
  - Clarification Summary
  - Continuation Changes
  - Budget
  - Performance Measures
  - Any required additional documents

Logic Model: 8 pages

- The Logic Model may not exceed eight pages when printed with the application from the "Review" tab in eGrants.

Application Component: APPLICANT INFO

Information entered in the Applicant Info, Application Info, and Budget sections will populate the SF 424 Facesheet. Enter or update the requested information in the fields that appear. The contact person needs to be the person who can answer questions about the application.

Application Component: APPLICATION INFO

In the Application Info Section enter:

- Areas affected by your proposed program.
  - Please include the two-letter abbreviation with both letters capitalized for the state where you plan to operate (MI).
  - For city or county information, please follow each one with the two-letter capitalized state abbreviation.
  - Examples: "State of MI" (for statewide programs); "Wayne County MI"; "Lansing MI, Detroit MI"
- Requested project period start and end dates.
  - Project start date cannot be before July 1, 2027.
  - Project start date should be the 1st of a month.
  - Project end date cannot be more than one year after the start date and should be no later than December 31, 2028.
  - Project end date should be the last day of a month.
  - Project period can be no longer than one year.
- The Application is Subject to Review by State Executive Order 12372 Process: This is pre-filled as "No, this is not applicable."
- Indicate Yes or No if you are delinquent on any federal debt. If yes, provide an explanation.
- State Application Identifier: Enter N/A.

Application Component: NARRATIVES

Each application must clearly describe a project that will use AmeriCorps Volunteers effectively to solve a significant community problem. The narrative section of the application is your opportunity to convince reviewers that your project meets the selection criteria. 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. Below are some general recommendations to help you present your project in a way the reviewers will find compelling and persuasive.

Lead from your program strengths and be explicit. Do not make the mistake of trying to stretch your proposed program description to fit funding priorities and special considerations articulated in the regulations or this Notice.

Be clear and succinct. Do not use jargon, boilerplate, rhetoric, or exaggeration. Describe clearly what you intend to do and how your project responds to the selection criteria.

Avoid circular reasoning. The problem you describe should not be defined as the lack of the solution you are proposing.

Explain how. Avoid simply stating that the criteria will be met. Explicitly describe how the proposed project will meet the criteria.
Don't make assumptions. Even if you have received funding from AmeriCorps in the past, do not assume your reviewers know anything about you, your proposed program, your partners, or your beneficiaries. Avoid overuse of acronyms.
Use an impartial proofreader. Before you submit your application, let someone who is completely unfamiliar with your project read and critique the project narrative.
Follow the instructions and discuss each criterion in the order they are presented in the instructions. Use headings to differentiate narrative sections by criterion. *Do not assume all sub-criteria are of equal value*.

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

NARRATIVE SECTIONS AND SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. Executive Summary (0 percent)

Please fill in the blanks of these sentences to complete the Executive Summary. There are two options for the second paragraph; please choose the appropriate language for your application. Do not deviate from this template:

> "The [Name of the organization] will have [Number of] AmeriCorps Volunteers in [the locations the AmeriCorps Volunteers will serve, e.g. – City, State or State(s)]. AmeriCorps Volunteers will [service activities the Volunteers will do]. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps Volunteers will be responsible for [anticipated outcome of project]. In addition, the AmeriCorps Volunteers will leverage [number of leveraged volunteers, if applicable] who will be engaged in [what the leveraged volunteers will be doing].
> *Cost Reimbursement grant applicants:*
> The AmeriCorps investment will be matched with $[amount of projected match], $[amount of local, state, and Federal Funds] in public funding and $[amount of non-governmental funds] in private funding."
>
> *Fixed amount grant applicants e.g., EAP, Full-Cost Fixed, No Cost Slots:*
> In addition to the AmeriCorps investment, $[amount of local, state, and Federal Funds]

in public funding and $[amount of non-governmental funds] in private funding will support the project."

2. Program Design [Rational and Approach] (50 percent)
In assessing Program Design (Narrative Section: Rationale and Approach), reviewers will examine the degree to which the applicant demonstrates how AmeriCorps Volunteers and the proposed intervention are particularly well-suited to addressing the identified community problem.

2.a. Community (20 points together with Logic Model)
The applicant will provide a detailed summary of the community problem and an explanation of how the applicant's intervention(s) will lead to the outcomes identified in the Logic Model.

For Logic Model instructions, see Logic Model section.

2.b. Evidence Base (20 points)
The assessment of an applicant's evidence base has two parts. First, the applicant will be assigned to an **evidence tier**. For information on evidence tiers, see the Mandatory Supplemental Information in the Application Attachments available on the MI AmeriCorps funding page. Second, the **quality of the applicant's evidence**, how the evidence aligns with funding priorities, and how the evidence supports the proposed program.

Evidence Base: Evidence Tier (12 points)
Each applicant will receive an evidence tier assessment. This is based on the relative strength of the applicant's evidence base and the likelihood that the proposed intervention will lead to the outcomes identified in the Logic Model narrative.

AmeriCorps values and funds programs at all points along the evidence continuum and expects programs to progress along the evidence continuum over time. Thus, applicants should not be deterred from applying for funding due to their current evidence level. In 2026, the evidence tiers of competing applicants recommended for AmeriCorps State and National funding were as follows: 51% Strong, 10% Moderate, 16% Preliminary, 23% Pre-Preliminary.

To qualify for the **Preliminary**, **Moderate**, or **Strong** evidence tier, applicants may submit up to two evidence documents, plus the evaluation report from their last three-year grant cycle, if applicable. If multiple evidence documents are submitted by the applicant, the most recent, as measured by the date of completion or publication, will be reviewed first, and any documents submitted beyond the allowable number will not be reviewed.

The intervention evaluated in the submitted evidence documents must match the intervention proposed by the applicant in the Community and Logic Model sections of the application (see Mandatory Supplemental Information in the Application Attachments available on the MI AmeriCorps funding page for a definition of "same intervention"). Submitted evidence documents that do not sufficiently match the intervention will not be reviewed or receive any points.

Applicants must meet all requirements of an evidence tier to be considered for that tier. Submitted evidence documents that do not sufficiently match the intervention will not be reviewed or receive any points.

In the Evidence Tier section of the application narrative, applicants must:

- Summarize the study design and key findings of the evidence documents submitted, plus, if applicable, the evaluation report from their last three-year grant cycle; and
- Describe any other evidence that supports their program, including past performance measure data and/or other research studies that inform their program design.

Applicants should provide citations for the studies they describe.

Evidence Base: Evidence Quality (8 points)

Reviewers will score the quality of an applicant's evidence and the extent to which it supports the proposed program design.

Standards for scoring in the **Preliminary**, **Moderate**, or **Strong** evidence tiers:
Submitted evidence documents:

- Are of satisfactory methodological quality and rigor for the type of evaluation conducted e.g., adequate sample size and statistical power, internal and/or external validity, appropriate use of control or comparison groups, etc.
- Describe evaluations that were conducted relatively recently, preferably within the last six years
- Show a meaningful and significant positive effect on program beneficiaries or AmeriCorps Volunteers in at least one key outcome of interest

Standards for scoring in the **Pre-Preliminary** evidence tier:

- The applicant uses relevant evidence, including past performance measure data and/or cited research studies, to inform their proposed program design;
- The described evidence is relatively recent, preferably from the last six years; and
- The evidence described by the applicant indicates a meaningful positive effect on program beneficiaries or AmeriCorps Volunteers in at least one key outcome of interest.

2.c. Notice Priority (4 points)

In the narrative, describe whether one or more of the AmeriCorps funding priorities is a significant part of the program focus and intended outcomes. If your application does not fit a Notice Priority, please state so.

2.d. AmeriCorps Volunteer Experience (6 points)

In the narrative, describe how AmeriCorps Volunteers will be provided opportunities for skill attainment, personal growth and connection to the community they are serving in support of a lifetime of civic participation.

The following language is not required but the MCSC recommends including it for flexibility of AmeriCorps Volunteers service.

Incidental Service: Our AmeriCorps Volunteers will be provided the opportunity for occasional service outside the focus of this program in order to better understand and benefit their community and to participate in National Days of Service. This may also include service opportunities to increase and improve skills that will be valued by future employers. These hours may be counted toward the term of service they are approved by the program director and if they do not interfere with their normal service hours or conflict with prohibited activities.

Disaster Response: Our AmeriCorps Volunteers' service may be temporarily redirected to disaster response efforts in the state as coordinated by the MCSC.

3. Organizational Capability (25 percent)
Reviewers will assess the extent to which the applicant demonstrates organizational background and staffing and structures, including compliance and accountability, to support the proposed program.

3.a. Organizational Background and Staffing (15 points)
In the narrative, describe the roles, responsibilities, and structure of the staff that will implement and provide oversight of the program, including but not limited to demonstrating the organization has sufficient policies, procedures, and controls to effectively implement a federal grant.

3.b. AmeriCorps Volunteer Supervision (10 points)
Describe how AmeriCorps Volunteers will receive sufficient guidance and support from their supervisor to provide effective service. That could include but is not limited to structure for AmeriCorps Volunteer supervision: cadence and format of supervisor/ AmeriCorps Volunteer check-ins, AmeriCorps Volunteer and supervisor opportunities to assess strengths and opportunities for growth, AmeriCorps Volunteer training plan, etc. Applicants should identify best and/or evidence-based practices for successful Volunteer supervision.

4. Cost Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy (25 percent)
In assessing Cost Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy, reviewers will examine the degree to which the budget is cost effective and appropriate for the program being proposed.

4.a. AmeriCorps Volunteer Recruitment (7 points)
In the narrative, provide a description of budget expenses to support recruitment of AmeriCorps Volunteers best suited to serve the community. Applicants should identify best and/or evidence-based practices for successful Volunteer recruitment.

4.b. AmeriCorps Volunteer Retention (10 points)
In the narrative, provide a description of budget expenses to support retention of AmeriCorps Volunteers. E.g., additional AmeriCorps Volunteer benefits such as paying above the minimum living allowance, supporting workforce pathways, certifications, coaching for AmeriCorps Volunteers, resume building, individual benefit as well as community building, network building, AmeriCorps Volunteer recognition, alumni programming, etc. Applicants should identify best and/or evidence-based practices for successful Volunteer recruitment.

4.c. Data Collection (8 points)
In the narrative, provide a description of budget expenses that support data collection and evaluation, including the process for collecting and maintaining high-quality performance data from your organization and community partners, how data will be analyzed, and how this will ensure timely and accurate reporting.

5. Evaluation Plan Summary (0 percent)
Enter N/A in the Evaluation Summary or Plan field of the narrative. Any other text entered will not be reviewed.

If the applicant has previously received three or more years of competitive funding for the same project proposed, the applicant must submit an evaluation plan summary form, which includes Alternative Evaluation Approach request if applicable, as an attachment. The evaluation plan summary will not be scored and will not be reviewed unless it includes an Alternative Evaluation Approach request.

6. Amendment Justification (0 percent)
Enter N/A. This field will be used if the applicant is awarded a grant and needs to amend it.

7. Clarification Information (0 percent)
Enter N/A. This field will be used should an applicant be funded.

8. Continuation Changes (0 percent)
Enter N/A. This field will be used to enter changes in the application narratives in continuation requests.

Application Component: LOGIC MODEL

Logic Model (20 points together with Community narrative)
To begin entering your logic model from your eGrants application page, select "Logic Model" in the left side navigation menu. In the first blank row of the logic model, click "edit." Clicking this link will open a pop-up screen with fields for each column of the logic model. Complete any fields that are applicable; there are no required fields in this screen. When you are finished, click "save and close."

You may add an unlimited number of rows to the logic model by clicking "add a new row." However, please be mindful that the Logic Model cannot exceed eight pages. You may edit or delete an existing row by clicking "edit" or "delete" in the last column of the logic model.

In the Logic Model, describe:

- The inputs or resources that are necessary to deliver the intervention, including but not limited to:
  - Locations or sites in which AmeriCorps Volunteers will provide services
  - Setting and community condition where the intervention is delivered.
  - Number of AmeriCorps Volunteers who will deliver the intervention
  - Characteristics of AmeriCorps Volunteers, including specific knowledge, skills, and abilities required to implement the intervention
- The core activities the AmeriCorps Volunteers will deliver as part of the intervention including:
  - Length of each activity (e.g., the total number of weeks, sessions, or months of the intervention).

    - Dosage of each activity (e.g., the number of hours per session or sessions per week).
    - Target population for the interventions (e.g., disconnected youth, third graders at a certain reading proficiency level).
- The measurable outputs that result from delivering the intervention (i.e., number of beneficiaries served, types and number of activities conducted, equity gaps closed). If applicable, identify which National Performance Measures will be used as output indicators.
- Outcomes that result from the intervention, including meaningful changes in in knowledge/skill, attitude, behavior, or condition. If applicable, identify which National Performance Measures will be used as outcome indicators.

Programs should include short, medium, or long-term outcomes. Applicants are not required to measure all components of their Logic Model. The applicant's performance measures should be consistent with the program's Logic Model and should represent significant program activities. Applicants with multiple interventions should include information for each intervention in the logic model.

Application Component: PERFORMANCE MEASURES

All applications must include at least one aligned performance measure, output and outcome, that corresponds to the proposed primary intervention. This may be a National Performance Measure or an applicant-determined measure. See the Application Attachments on the MI AmeriCorps funding page for instructions on entering performance measures. See the Performance Measure Instructions for details about the number and type of performance measures required.

Application Component: PROGRAM INFORMATION

In the Program Information Section, applicants must check the relevant boxes that align with the proposed program design. Applicants should only check the boxes for those characteristics that represent a significant part of the program.

AmeriCorps Funding Priorities: Check any priority area(s) that apply to the proposed program. Only select priorities that represent a significant part of the program focus and intended outcomes.

Grant Characteristics: Check any grant characteristics that are a significant part of the proposed program.

Additional Documents: See the Documents section for information on responding to these questions.

Application Component: DOCUMENTS

In addition to the application submitted in eGrants, you are required to provide additional documents at the time of your application submission. There are three steps to successful document submission:

1. Submit additional documents. To ensure that all required documents are considered, please provide each document as a separate single file, labeled appropriately. Please do not send multiple documents in one combined filed and do not send a single document in multiple files. See below for instructions on how to submit documents.
2. In the Documents section of eGrants, change the status in eGrants from "Not Sent" to the applicable status: "Sent," "Not Applicable," or "Already on File at AmeriCorps."

3. In the Program Information section of eGrants, answer the following questions:
    a. How many evidence documents did you submit?
    Includes Program Evaluation Report if applicable and any studies. Does not include Evaluation Plan.
    b. Did you submit an evaluation plan?
    c. How many non-evidence documents did you submit?
    Includes all other documents besides Evidence documents and Evaluation Plan.

    After the application deadline, all applicants that have a difference between the number of documents emailed and the number of documents reported in the web-based system will receive an email. This email will request proof that the missing documents were emailed on time to the correct email address. If applicants do not reply to this email, their evidence documents might not be reviewed.

All documents must be emailed to LEO-MIAmeriCorps@michigan.gov by 11:59 EST on the application submission deadline.

Documents will be submitted by the MCSC to the AmeriCorps agency on your behalf; applicants should not submit documents directly to the AmeriCorps agency. Your application might not receive funding if you do not submit your documents by the application deadline.

Do not submit any items that are not requested as they will not be reviewed.

Document Requirements

Document	Description/Information	New Applicants	Recompete Applicants	How to Submit
Evidence documents	Please refer to the Evidence Base section and the Mandatory Supplemental Information in the Application Attachments for detailed instructions by evidence tier.	Required as applicable to Evidence Tier	Required as applicable to Evidence Tier	Email to LEO-MIAmeriCorps@michigan.gov
Evaluation Plan	Recompete applicants who have previously received **three or more years** of competitive funding for the same project being proposed must submit an Evaluation Plan. If applicable, fill the Alternative Evaluation Approach (AEA) request section. Evaluation plan summary forms are not scored and will not be assessed. Applicants approved for funding will be responsible for confirming they meet all evaluation requirements. Only AEA requests will be reviewed for approval after funding decisions are made. **Use the required Evaluation Plan Template.**	Not Required	Required	Use template and email to LEO-MIAmeriCorps@michigan.gov
Evaluation Report	Recompete applicants who have previously received **six or more years** of competitive funding for the same project being proposed must submit an Evaluation Report from their previously approved Evaluation Plan.	Not Required	Required if applicant has previously received 6+ years of competitive	Email as a Word document to LEO-MIAmeriCorp

	Submit as a Microsoft Word document. The evaluation report should include a title page with: • the AmeriCorps grant number for the project that was evaluated • the name of the project • the date of completion of the report • the evaluator name(s) • evaluator organization name • evaluator type (internal or external) If any of this required information is missing, the applicant may not receive credit for meeting their evaluation requirements.		funding for the same project being proposed.	s@michigan.gov
Federally Approved Indirect Cost Agreement	Applicants applying to AmeriCorps that include a federally approved indirect cost rate amount in their budget must enter the current approved indirect cost rate agreement information into eGrants at the same time they submit their application. See Instructions for entering an indirect cost rate in eGrants.	Require if applicable	Require if applicable	In eGrants: See Instructions
Delinquent Federal Debt	Any applicant that checks Yes to the question on federal debt delinquency must submit a complete explanation.	Require if applicable	Require if applicable	Email to as a Word or PDF document to LEO-MIAmeriCorps@michigan.gov
Operational & Financial Management Survey (OFMS)	Must use **template** available on the MI AmeriCorps funding page for initial application.	Required	Required	Use template and email to LEO-MIAmeriCorps@michigan.gov
Labor union concurrence	Program applicant must submit labor union concurrence documentation if they meet the qualifications.* For the purposes of this ection, "program applicant" includes any applicant to AmeriCorps or a State Commission, as well as any entity applying for assistance or approved national service positions through an AmeriCorps partner or subgrantee/assigned program.	Required if applicable	Required if applicable	Email to LEO-MIAmeriCorps@michigan.gov

* 1) If a program applicant—a) Proposes to serve as the placement site for AmeriCorps Volunteers; and b) Has employees engaged in the same or substantially similar work as that proposed to be carried out by AmeriCorps Volunteers; and c) Those employees are represented by a local labor organization—then the application must include the written concurrence of the local labor organization representing those employees. Written concurrence can be in the form of a letter or e-mail from the local union leadership.

2) If a program applicant: a) Proposes to place AmeriCorps Volunteers at sites where they will be engaged in the same or substantially similar work as employees represented by a local labor organization, then the applicant must submit a written description of how it will ensure that: i) They will not place AmeriCorps Volunteers in positions that were recently occupied by paid staff. ii) They will not place any AmeriCorps Volunteer into a position for which a recently resigned or discharged employee has recall rights as a result of a collective bargaining agreement, from which a recently resigned or discharged employee was removed as a result of a reduction in force, or from which a recently resigned/discharged employee is on leave or strike.

Application Component: BUDGET

See budget attachments in the Application Attachments available on the MI AmeriCorps funding page for full information about the Budget component of the application.

Preparing Your Budget

Your proposed budget should be sufficient to allow you to perform the tasks described in your narrative. Reviewers will consider the information you provide in this section in their assessment of the Cost-Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy selection criterion. Follow the detailed budget instructions in the Application Attachments available on the MI AmeriCorps funding page to prepare your budget.

As you enter your detailed budget information, eGrants will automatically populate a budget summary and budget narrative report. Prior to submission be sure to review the budget checklist in the Application Attachments available on the MI AmeriCorps funding page to ensure your budget is compliant. In addition, eGrants will perform a limited compliance check to validate the budget. If eGrants finds any compliance issues you will receive a warning and/or error messages. You must resolve all errors before you can submit your budget.

As you prepare your budget:

- All the amounts you request must be defined for a particular purpose. Do not include miscellaneous, contingency, or other undefined budget amounts.
- Itemize each cost and present the basis for all calculations in the form of an equation.
- Do not include unallowable expenses, e.g. entertainment costs (which include food and beverage costs), unless they are justified as an essential component of an activity.
- Do not include fractional amounts (cents).

Programs must comply with all applicable federal laws, regulations, and the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Please refer to the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR Part 200) for allowable, allocable, and reasonable cost information, as well as audit requirements, including the need to provide audits to the Clearinghouse if expending over $750,000 in federal funds. The Uniform Guidance is online.

Application Component: FUNDING/DEMOGRAPHICS

In the Funding/Demographics Section, enter the information requested:

Other Revenue funds: Enter the amount of funds that your program uses to run the program that are not identified on the application budget as CNCS share or grantee share (match). Note: Programs should not enter the total operating budget for their organization unless the entire operating budget supports the AmeriCorps program. Programs that have additional revenue sources not included in the matching funds section of the budget should provide the amount of this additional revenue that

supports the program. This amount should not include the CNCS or grantee share amounts in the budget. Fixed amount grantees should enter all non-CNCS funds that support the program in this field. All fixed amount grants will have other revenue.

Number of Volunteers Generated by AmeriCorps Volunteers: Please enter the number of volunteers participating in one-day service projects or ongoing volunteer commitments that the proposed AmeriCorps Volunteers will generate.

Application Component: REVIEW, AUTHORIZE AND SUBMIT

Applicants must submit common federal government-wide Representations and Certifications through SAM.gov. Entities creating new registrations in SAM.gov and existing entities completing their annual registration renewals in SAM.gov are required to review financial assistance representations and certifications before their registration can be activated. As entities renew and re-register their accounts, the data collected make SAM.gov the federal repository for the government-wide information.

eGrants requires that you review and verify your entire application before submitting, by completing the following sections in eGrants: Review, Authorize, Assurances, Certifications, Verify, Submit.

Read the Authorization, Assurances, and Certifications carefully. The person who authorizes the application must be the applicant's Authorized Representative or their designee and must have an active eGrants account to sign these documents electronically. An Authorized Representative is the person in your organization authorized to accept and commit funds on behalf of the organization. You must have a copy of the governing body's authorization for this official representative to sign on file in the applicant's office.
Be sure to check your entire application to ensure that there are no errors before submitting it. When you verify the application, eGrants will also generate a list of errors if there are sections that need to be corrected prior to submission. If someone else is acting in the role of the applicant's Authorized Representative, that person must log into their eGrants account and proceed with Authorize and Submit. After signing off on the Authorization, Assurances, and Certifications, their name will override any previous signatory who may appear and show on the application as the Authorized Representative.

Note: Anyone within your organization who will be entering information in the application at any point during application preparation and submission in the eGrants system must have their own eGrants account.

G. CONTINUATION REQUESTS

Organizations that have current AmeriCorps State and National awards that will be in program Year 2 or Year 3 in FY 2027 are considered continuation applicants. Continuation applicants must submit an application to be eligible to receive funding for the FY 2027 program year. Continuation applicants must follow the requirements for continuation application content as outlined below.

If your program is currently in the final year of its grant cycle, you must apply using the application instructions for new and recompeting programs. In addition, if you are in year two or three of a cost reimbursement grant cycle, you must submit a "new" application to participate as a fixed amount grant; you cannot continue your existing project and switch from cost reimbursement to fixed amount.

Continuation Funding Information and Requirements

AmeriCorps reserves the right to award applications in an amount less than the requested level of funding and will document the rationale for doing so.

To be approved for continuation funding, recipients must be in good standing. Continuation application review will also be based on progress reports, the federal financial report, evaluation plans, and AmeriCorps staff's knowledge of the grant program. To be approved for continuation funding, recipients must demonstrate satisfactory performance with respect to key program goals and requirements, as well as compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant.

Be sure to review this entire document when preparing your request.

When and How to Submit Your Continuation Request

Continuation requests are due in eGrants by **11:59 p.m. EST on November 9, 2026**. To submit:

- Click **Continuation/Renewal** on your eGrants home page. eGrants will show a list of grants that are eligible to be continued. Select the grant you wish to continue. **Make sure you select the correct one. Do not start a new application.** The system will copy your most recently awarded application.
- Edit your continuation application as directed in the continuation request instructions below.
- When you have completed your work, click the **SUBMIT** button.

What to Include in Your Continuation Request

The following sections of the application should be modified as necessary:

Applicant Info and Application Info

Update the Applicant Info and Application Info Sections in eGrants if necessary. Note in the Continuation Changes Narrative field that you have updated the Applicant Info or Application Info Section(s).

Narrative Sections

Your original application will appear in the narrative sections: Executive Summary, Rationale and Approach/Program Design, Organizational Capability, Cost Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy, Evaluation Summary or Plan, Amendment Justification, Clarification Information, and Continuation Changes, as appropriate. **Do not modify these original narrative fields.**

AmeriCorps expects that programs will maintain a consistent program design for the duration of the three-year project period; however, we recognize that, on occasion, some programmatic changes are necessary. As a result, continuation applicants may request the changes listed below during the continuation process. Information should be provided in the **Continuation Changes** narrative field:

- Changes in Operating Sites
- Significant Changes in Program Scope or Design
- Changes to Performance Measures
- Significant Changes to Monitoring Structures or Staffing
- Budget revisions

If you are not requesting changes that fit within the above categories should enter "N/A" in Continuation Changes. AmeriCorps expects that most continuation applications will not be requesting changes.

The page limit for the Continuation Changes field is six pages, as the pages print out from eGrants.

Logic Model
Continuation applicants do not need to enter content into these fields.

Performance Measures Section
Your performance measures are copied from your previous year's application into your continuation request. If you made changes to your program, such as adding or changing grant-funded activities, or requesting additional slots or MSYs, you may need to revise your performance measures. Continuation applicants whose measures do not align with the current-year Performance Measure Instructions must also revise their measures to conform with the current instructions.

To revise performance measures, "View/Edit" the performance measures that copy over from your original application or add new performance measures (see Application Attachments available on the MI AmeriCorps Funding page). Note in the Continuation Changes Narrative field that you have updated your performance measures. If you are proposing to significantly increase or decrease output or outcome targets for existing performance measures, provide a justification for this change.

Program Information
In the Program Information Section, review and make selections as appropriate. Applicants should only select priorities and characteristics that represent a significant part of the program.

AmeriCorps Funding Priorities: Check any that apply to the proposed program. Only select priorities that represent a significant part of the program focus and intended outcomes.

Grant Characteristics: Check any that are a significant part of the proposed program.

Additional Documents: See the Documents section for information on responding to these questions. Continuation applicants will not submit any evidence or evaluation documents.

Budget Section
Your budget from the previous year's application is copied into your continuation request so you can make the necessary adjustments. Revise your detailed budget for the upcoming year. Incorporate any required AmeriCorps increases, such as an increase to the AmeriCorps Volunteer living allowance, into your budget.

Continuation applicants may request an increase in slots and/or MSY over their awarded FY 2026 amounts in FY 2027. Continuation applicants may not request an increase in funding over their awarded FY 2026 amount in FY 2027.

Source of Funds (Match)
In the "Source of Funds" field that appears at the end of Budget Section III, enter a brief description of the match. Identify each match source separately. Identify if the match is secured or proposed. Include dollar amount, the match classification (cash or in-kind), and the source type (Private, State/Local, or Federal) for your **entire match**. (The total amount in the Source of Funds field should match the total amount in the budget narrative **exactly**.) Define all acronyms the first time they are used.

Carry Forward Funding
The MCSC's competitive prime grant is not in a continuation year and therefore carry forward funds are not available to subapplicants.

Increasing Partner Overall Share of Total Budgeted Costs
AmeriCorps requires grantees to meet an overall matching rate that increases over time. You have the flexibility to meet the overall match requirements in any of the three budget areas, as long as you maintain the minimum match of 24% for the first three years and the increasing minimums in years thereafter. See 45 CFR §§ 2521.35–2521.90 for the specific regulations.

See the Application Attachments available on the MI AmeriCorps Funding page for instructions to apply for a match waiver.

Funding/Demographics Section
In the Funding/Demographics Section, enter the requested information:

Other Revenue funds: Enter the amount of funds that your program uses to run the program that are not CNCS share or match.

Number of Volunteers Generated by AmeriCorps Volunteers: Enter the number of volunteers participating in one-day service projects or ongoing volunteer commitments that the proposed AmeriCorps Volunteers will generate.

Authorize and Submit

Applicants must submit common federal government-wide Representations and Certifications through SAM.gov. Entities creating new registrations in SAM.gov and existing entities completing their annual registration renewals in SAM.gov are required to review financial assistance representations and certifications before their registration can be activated. As entities renew and re-register their accounts, the data collected make SAM.gov the federal repository for the government-wide information.

eGrants requires that you review and verify your entire application before submitting, by completing the following sections in eGrants: Review, Authorize, Assurances, and Certifications, Verify, Submit. Read the Authorization, Assurances and Certifications carefully. The person who authorizes the application must be the applicant's Authorized Representative or their designee and must have an active eGrants account to sign these documents electronically. An Authorized Representative is the person in your organization authorized to accept and commit funds on behalf of the organization. You must have a copy of the governing body's authorization for this official representative to sign on file in the applicant's office.

Be sure to check your entire application prior to submission to ensure that there are no errors. When you verify the application, eGrants will also generate a list of errors if there are sections that you need to correct prior to submission. If someone else is acting in the role of the applicant's Authorized Representative, that person must log into their eGrants account and proceed with Authorize and Submit. After signing off on the Authorization, Assurances, and Certifications, their name will override any previous signatory that may appear and show on the application as the Authorized Representative.

Note: Anyone within your organization who will be entering information in the application at any point during application preparation and submission in the eGrants system must have their own eGrants account.

H. APPLICATION REVIEW AND SELECTION INFORMATION

Review and Selection Process

The MCSC will review applications submitted for Michigan in eGrants. MCSC staff will provide feedback to applicants and may request revisions before submission to the AmeriCorps agency as part of the Michigan's AmeriCorps prime application package.

AmeriCorps will engage reviewers with relevant expertise to assess the eligible applications. The determinations made by AmeriCorps reviewers may be different from what the applicant self-determined upon submission of its application. The stages of the review and selection process follow:

Initial Application Compliance and Eligibility Review

AmeriCorps will conduct an initial compliance and eligibility check before reviewing applications. To pass this check, applicants must:

- Be an eligible organization
- Be eligible to apply for a Full Cost Fixed Grant
- Be eligible to submit directly to AmeriCorps
- Have an active SAM registration
- Not be listed on Do Not Pay or the exclusions list in SAM.gov, and
- Submit an application by the submission deadline

Eligibility assessment is intended to ensure that only those applications that are eligible for award are reviewed. However, determinations of eligibility can take place at any point during the application review and selection process. Applicants that are determined to be ineligible will not receive an award.

AmeriCorps Agency Application Review

Reviewers will assess applications based on the Program Design, Organizational Capability, Cost-Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy, and Evidence Selection Criteria. Staff will assess budget compliance, and review for prohibited activities.

Post-Review Quality Control

AmeriCorps staff will review the initial results for fairness and consistency. Some applications may be selected for a Post-Review Quality Control assessment.

Pre-Award Risk Assessment: AmeriCorps staff will assess the risks posed by each applicant. Results from this assessment will inform funding decisions. If AmeriCorps determines that an award will be made to an applicant with risks, special conditions may be applied to the award. AmeriCorps may decide to not fund an applicant based on the level of risk.

In assessing risks, AmeriCorps may consider:

- Due Diligence, including Federal debt delinquency, suspension and debarment, information available through Office of Management and Budget (OMB)- designated repositories of government-wide eligibility qualification or financial integrity information, such as U.S. Treasury Bureau of Fiscal Services, System for Award Management (SAM), "Do Not Pay", reports and findings from single audits performed under Uniform Administrative Guidance and findings of any other available audits or investigations, IRS Tax Form 990, Oversight.gov, Public Litigation Records
- Past Performance, including applicant's record in managing previous AmeriCorps awards, cooperative agreements, or procurement awards, including timely compliance with applicable reporting requirements, accuracy of data reported, validity of performance measure data reported, conformity to the terms and conditions of previous Federal awards, ability to effectively implement statutory, regulatory, or other requirements imposed on award recipients, timely closeout of other awards, meeting matching requirements, extent to which any previously awarded amounts will be expended prior to future awards, meeting NSCHC compliance
- Other Programmatic Risks, Financial, Organizational, Compliance, and Fraud including publicly available information, including from the applicant organization's website, amount of funding requested by the organization, other elements, such as keyword searches for prohibited activities

Consideration of Integrity and Performance System Information

Before to making any award that exceeds $350,000, AmeriCorps must consider information about the applicant from the designated integrity and performance system accessible through SAM.gov. Any applicant may comment upon information previously entered by another Federal agency in the designated integrity and performance systems accessible through SAM.gov. AmeriCorps may consider applicant comments when completing its review of risk. AmeriCorps may also consider other information about any applicant receiving an award, including those under $350,000.

Selection for Funding

The review and selection process are designed to:

- Identify how well eligible applications are aligned with the application review criteria
- Build a diversified portfolio based on the following strategic considerations:
    - AmeriCorps Funding Priorities
    - Meaningful representation of rural communities and innovative community strategies
    - CEO discretion to advance strategic goals

In selecting applicants to receive awards, the Chief Executive Officer will try to include a diverse portfolio of applications based on staff recommendations, alignment with selection criteria, and strategic considerations. AmeriCorps reserves the right to re-focus program dollars under this Notice in the event of disaster or other compelling needs. AmeriCorps and the MCSC reserve the right to adjust or make changes to the review process, if unforeseen challenges or urgent circumstances

make it impossible, impracticable, or inefficient to conduct the review process as planned. An applicant denied any portion of funding may request reconsideration of a funding decision within 5 business days of receiving notice of their denial. Reconsideration will only be granted if there is clear and substantial error. Any reconsideration of denied applications is entirely subject to the agency's discretion.

Applicant Resolution

After the application review process but before any grant awards are issued, AmeriCorps may ask an applicant for additional information to address any application compliance or risk issues. If an applicant does not respond promptly to these requests, then the applicant may be denied funding. AmeriCorps will ask all grantees for a written compliance implementation plan that includes notification of waste, fraud, and abuse to the agency's Office of Inspector General.

Feedback to Applicants

The MCSC will provide feedback to applicants after initial submission and before final submission to AmeriCorps. The applicant will have an opportunity to incorporate the MCSC's feedback before final submission. Each compliant applicant will receive feedback from AmeriCorps.

Transparency in Grantmaking

AmeriCorps is committed to transparency in grant-making. A list of all approved applications for new and re-competing applications will be published on AmeriCorps Funded Grants within 90 business days after all grants are awarded. Further information about funded grants and subgrants is also available in USASpending.gov.

Reopening and Reconsideration

The MCSC reserves the right to reopen this Funding Opportunity and reconsider applicants.

I. MICHIGAN'S AMERICORPS SUBGRANTEE EXPECTATIONS

AmeriCorps Volunteer and Service Site Selection

Each individual program selects its own AmeriCorps Volunteers. Selection criteria, beyond what is required by AmeriCorps, may vary among programs. Programs must select AmeriCorps Volunteers in a non-partisan, non-political, non-discriminatory manner that is in accordance with State and Federal equal employment opportunity laws. Programs must establish minimum qualifications for AmeriCorps Volunteers related to the service they will provide. Programs must ensure they do not displace any existing employees or community volunteers. Programs must select and support AmeriCorps Volunteer service sites, if applicable, and ensure adequate AmeriCorps Volunteer supervision.

Program Monitoring and Management Responsibilities

Programs are responsible for monitoring AmeriCorps Volunteers and service sites. Monitoring needs to cover each program function, and activity. If approved for an AmeriCorps grant, the host organization is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of grant-supported activities. Activities must be in compliance with applicable federal requirements and address performance goals. The organization is responsible for ensuring program quality and that the program has an impact on the problems facing the communities in which it operates. This includes monitoring the AmeriCorps Volunteer services and service sites, including the timely and accurate documentation of AmeriCorps Volunteer eligibility and service hours. Each program should develop systems to train

AmeriCorps Volunteers and supervisors on these requirements, and to closely track and monitor these requirements.

Michigan's AmeriCorps Program Director Requirements

Michigan's AmeriCorps programs must have a full-time program director dedicated to program oversight unless written approval is given by the MCSC to waive this requirement. Program directors must participate in regularly scheduled program directors meetings and calls.

Communication with the MCSC

Michigan's AmeriCorps programs are expected to maintain reasonable communication with the MCSC, including alerting the MCSC of any information that requires their notification, responding in a timely manner to MCSC communication and requests, answering questions, clarifying issues, and maintaining transparency.

Program Reporting

Michigan's AmeriCorps programs must comply with all reporting requirements from AmeriCorps and the MCSC, including but not limited to programmatic progress reports and expenditure reports. Programs are required to use MCSC designated reporting systems for all aspects of reporting.

AmeriCorps Volunteer Timekeeping

Michigan's AmeriCorps programs must use an AmeriCorps Volunteer timekeeping system identified by the MCSC.

Use of Truescreen for National Service Criminal History Checks

As part of the required National Service Criminal History Checks (NSCHC) conducted on individuals in covered positions, Michigan's AmeriCorps programs are required to use Truescreen for all FBI checks. Michigan's AmeriCorps programs are also required to use Truescreen for National Sex Offender Public Website (NSOPW) checks and any required State of Service and State of Residence checks unless a waiver is obtained from the Michigan Community Service Commission.

MCSC Special Events

Michigan's AmeriCorps staff and AmeriCorps Volunteers are strongly encouraged to participate in all MCSC sponsored program service events, including Regional Russ Mawby Signature Service Projects. In addition, organizational leaders may be required to attend an annual meeting to discuss sustainability and national service issues.

Participation in National Days of Service

As part of the national service network, there are a number of opportunities for programs and program participants related to national days of service. The MCSC strongly encourages Michigan's AmeriCorps programs to participate in one or more days of service, including the 9-11 National Day of Service and Remembrance, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, National AmeriCorps Week, National Volunteer Week, and Global Youth Service Day as is feasible. National days of service are one way for programs to engage volunteers.

J. FEDERAL AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

Federal Award Notices

AmeriCorps will make awards following the selection announcement. Selection notifications are not an authorization to begin performance. The Notice of Grant Award is the document that obligates funds and performance may only begin after the Award is issued and no earlier than the listed Performance Period Start Date. Incurring allowable pre-award costs prior to receiving a Notice of Grant Award is at the applicant's risk. The Notice of Grant Award will be available in eGrants once the award is issued.

Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Uniform Guidance

All awards made under this Notice will be subject to the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), in 2 CFR Parts 200 and 2205.

Requests for Monitoring or Improper Payment Information

AmeriCorps may request information from grantees to ensure compliance with legal requirements, including the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019. If grantees do not respond promptly to these requests, then their funds may be placed on manual hold, reimbursement only status, or other restrictions as appropriate.

AmeriCorps Terms and Conditions

All grants must follow the FY 2027 AmeriCorps General Terms and Conditions, and the FY 2027 Program-Specific Terms and Conditions for the particular program. These Terms and Conditions contain mandatory compliance and reporting requirements, and applicants should review these instructions prior to any Notice of Grant Award. Current versions of the AmeriCorps General and Program-Specific Terms and Conditions for each of its programs is available on the AmeriCorps Manage Your Grant webpage.

National Service Criminal History Check Requirements

The National Service Criminal History Check, NSCHC, is a specific screening procedure established by law to protect the beneficiaries of national service. Use 45 CFR 2540.200– 2540.207 and National Service Criminal History Check Resources for complete information and FAQs.

Use of Material

To ensure that materials generated with AmeriCorps funding are available to the public and readily accessible to recipients and non-recipients, AmeriCorps reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable right to obtain, use, modify, reproduce, publish, or disseminate publications and materials produced under the award, including data, and to authorize others to do so (2 CFR §200.315).

K. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

MCSC Technical Assistance

The MCSC intends to provide technical assistance and support to ensure that strong proposals are developed. The following policies will be followed as a fair process for the provision of technical assistance: 1. Technical Assistance will be equally available to all prospective applicants. 2. The MCSC will only respond to applicants who have reviewed the available written materials and have a specific question to be answered. 3. The MCSC will provide applicants with technical assistance on

entering and submitting proposals in AmeriCorps' web-based grants management system and will provide guidance on how to access assistance from the National Service Hotline.

AmeriCorps Technical Assistance

AmeriCorps will host technical assistance calls to answer questions about the funding opportunity and the web-based application system. AmeriCorps strongly encourages all applicants to participate in these sessions. Information for these technical assistance calls is available on the AmeriCorps' Funding Opportunities website.

Resources applicants need to effectively manage their grant award and training and technical assistance materials are found on the Manage Your Grant webpage.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Please see the Attachments for important information including

- Public Burden Statement
- Privacy Act Notice
- Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act