MI AmeriCorps 2025-26 Competitive Funding

Overview of the Notice of Funding Opportunity & Application Instructions







Eligible Entities

Nonprofit organizations
Schools
Higher ed
Local governments
Indian Tribes



Applicant Types

New Applicants

Applicants who have not previously received Michigan's AmeriCorps for the proposed project

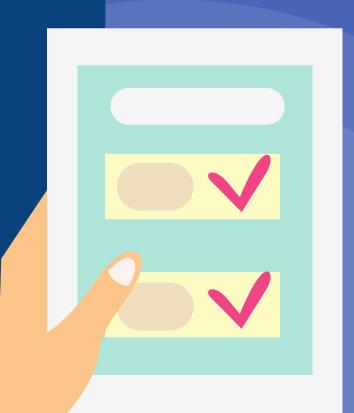
Recompete Applicants

Current or previous Michigan's AmeriCorps grantees who are seeking another cycle of funding

Continuation Applicants

Current Michigan's AmeriCorps grantees who are operating mid-funding cycle and are seeking the next year of funding





Grantmaking Timeline

MI AmeriCorps Funding Information



August 2025

Earliest program start



July 2025

Competitive awards made



October 14 2024

Intent to Apply Due (New & Recompete Applicants)

Readiness Assessment Due (New Applicants)



November 4 2024

Competitive applications due



January 2025

Selected applications submitted to AmeriCorps



Competitive funding announcments made



Intent to Apply & Readiness Assessment



Required for NEW and RECOMPETE Applicants
Due October 14, 2024

https://www.research.net/r/XDFPMWH

READINESS ASSESSMENT

Required for NEW
Applicants
Due October 14, 2024

https://www.research.net/r/JNPQ3PS



eGrants and SAM registration

eGrants

Must have an account to apply

https://egrants.cns.gov/

Click "Don't have an eGrants account? Create an account"

SAM & UEI

Must have an active SAM registration & Unique Entity Identifier

https://sam.gov/

This can take several weeks!



Creating an Application

NEW APPLICATIONS

In eGrants, initiate an application

Select **New** under "Creating an Application" on eGrants homepage

Select the Program Area

Choose AmeriCorps from the drop-down menu and click "Go"

Select the correct NOFA

"FY 2025 AmeriCorps State and Territory Commission (New and Cont)"

The January 23 deadline is relevant to state commissions. Subgrantees of the MCSC must submit by November 4.

Select Michigan

Enter application components using navigation bar on the left

RECOMPETE APPLICATIONS

In eGrants, renew your current grant

Select Continuation/Renewal under "Creating an Application"

Locate the grant you wish to renew

Click Continue next to that grant

Select the correct NOFA

Cost Reimbursement: "FY 2025 AmeriCorps State and Territory

Commission (New and Cont)"

Fixed Price & EAP: "FY 2025 AmeriCorps State and Territory

Commission Fixed and EAP (New and Cont)"

The January 23 deadline is relevant to state commissions. Subgrantees of the MCSC must submit by November 4.

Enter application components using navigation bar on the left



Application Info

Narratives

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Review

Authorize and Submit

Application Components

EGRANTS SECTIONS

Applicant Info
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Performance Measures

Program Info
Documents (verification only)
Budget
Funding & Demographics

EGRANTS PAGE LIMITS

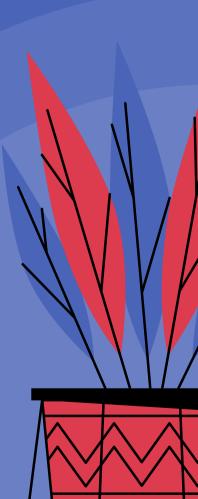
11 pages: Facesheet + Narratives

8 pages: Logic Model

SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS

Submit via email





Applicant &

Application Information



Information entered in the Applicant Info, Application Info, and Budget sections will populate the SF 424 Facesheet.

APPLICANT INFO

Enter or update the requested information.

The contact person needs to be the person who can answer questions about the application.

APPLICATION INFO

Areas affected by your proposed program

• Include the two-letter state abbreviation: MI

Requested project period start and end dates

- Project start date cannot be before August 1, 2025
- 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, 2026
- Project end date should be the last day of a month

The Application is Subject to Review by State Executive Order 12372

• This is pre-filled as "No, this is not applicable."

Delinquent on Any Federal Debt

• Indicate Yes or No (If yes, provide an explanation)

State Application Identifier

Enter "N/A"



Application Scoring

Component	Points
Executive Summary	0
Program Design	50
Community & Logic Model	24
Evidence Tier	12
Evidence Quality	8
Notice Priority	O
Member Experience	6

Component	Points
Organizational Capability	25
Organizational Background & Staffing	15
Member Supervision	6
Commitment to DEIA	4
Cost Effectiveness & Budget Adequacy	25
Member Recruitment	8
Member Retention	9
Data Collection	8





NARRATIVE: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Fill in the blanks of the template provided. Do not deviate. Information you'll need to complete the template:

Name of the organization

Number of AmeriCorps members you are requesting

The locations the AmeriCorps members will serve: statewide programs can state "Michigan" while local programs should indicate the city or community

Service activities the members will do: this should be a phrase or two that reflects the activities reflected in your narrative

Anticipated outcome of project: this should be the outcome(s) (not outputs) from your performance measure(s)

Number of leveraged volunteers, if applicable: this should match what is written in your narrative and the number indicated in the Funding & Demographics section

What the leveraged volunteers will be doing: this should match what is written in your narrative

Amount of projected match: this should be the same amount as the Grantee Share of your budget

- Amount of public funding used for match: local, state, and federal funds
- Amount of private funding used for match: non-governmental funds



NARRATIVE: PROGRAM DESIGN: Community

The applicant will provide a detailed summary of the community problem, including:

- How the inequities faced by underserved communities may contribute to the problem.
- How the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index explains the extent of the problem.
- How the applicant's intervention(s) will lead to the outcome identified in the organization's Logic Model.

CDC Social Vulnerability Index:

https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/placeandhealth/svi/index.html





The logic model is reviewed alongside the Community narrative.

Performance measures should represent significant program activities, but you are not required to measure all components of the Logic Model.

Each field cannot exceed 3,990 characters. If you reach the character limit of a section in the first row, you can add an additional row.

Logic model cannot exceed 8 pages when printed from eGrants.





The Logic Model shall depict:

Problem

A summary of the community problem, including the role current or historical inequities faced by underserved communities may play in contributing to the problem.

Inputs

The inputs or resources that are necessary to deliver the intervention, including but not limited to:

- Locations or sites in which members will provide services
- Number of AmeriCorps members who will deliver the intervention
- Context in which the intervention is delivered (e.g. the setting)
- Characteristics of AmeriCorps members, including specific knowledge, skills, and abilities required to implement the intervention





The Logic Model shall depict:

Activities

The core activities the members 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).

Outputs

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.

Ex: O1A: Number of individuals served





The Logic Model shall depict:

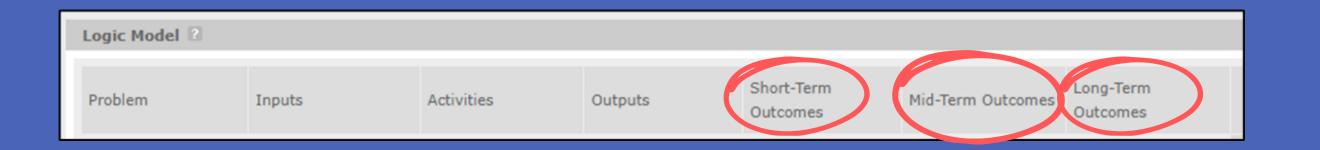
Outcomes

Outcomes that result from the intervention, including meaningful changes in knowledge, skill, attitude, behavior, or condition.

If applicable, identify which National Performance Measures will be used.

Ex: O9: Number of individuals with improved financial knowledge

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.





NARRATIVE: PROGRAM DESIGN: Evidence Base: Evidence Tier

If no documents are submitted, applicants will automatically be assigned a Pre-preliminary Evidence Tier.

To qualify for Preliminary, Moderate, and Strong evidence tiers:

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, the most recent will be reviewed first.

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.



Evidence Exchange
https://americorps.gov/about/our-impact/evidence-exchange

NARRATIVE: PROGRAM DESIGN: Evidence Base: Evidence Tier

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

- Summarize the study design and key findings of any outcome documents submitted, plus, if applicable, the evaluation report from the last 3-year funding cycle
- Describe any other evidence that supports their program, including past performance measure data and/or other research studies that inform their program design
- Provide citations for the studies described

Applicants must meet all requirements of an evidence tier in order to be considered for that tier.





NARRATIVE: PROGRAM DESIGN: Evidence Base: Evidence Tier

Pre- preliminary	Preliminary	Moderate	Strong
Did not submit outcome or impact evaluations as evidence. May incorporate performance data into program design and cite in application. No supporting documentation required.	Positive findings on one or more key outcomes from up to 2 evaluation reports of the same intervention as proposed. May include evaluation of the AmeriCorps program. May be internal or external evaluation. Must submit supporting documentation.	Identified evidence of effectiveness on one or more key outcomes from up to 2 experimental or quasiexperimental evaluation reports of the same intervention as proposed, with statistically matched comparison and treatment groups. May include evaluation of the AmeriCorps program. May be single-site evaluation. Must be external evaluation. Must submit supporting documentation.	Identified evidence of effectiveness on one or more key outcomes from up to 2 experimental or quasiexperimental evaluation reports of the same intervention as proposed, with statistically matched comparison and treatment groups. May include evaluation of the AmeriCorps program. Must be multi-site evaluation and/or different populations. Must be external evaluation. Must submit supporting documentation



NARRATIVE: PROGRAM DESIGN: Evidence Base: Evidence Quality

For applicants with evidence assessed as Preliminary, Moderate, or Strong, reviewers will assess the submitted reports using the following:

- The submitted reports 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.)
- The submitted reports describe evaluations that were conducted relatively recently, preferably within the last six years
- The submitted reports show a meaningful and significant positive effect on program beneficiaries or AmeriCorps members in at least one key outcome of interest





NARRATIVE: PROGRAM DESIGN: Evidence Base: Evidence Quality

For applicants assessed with Pre-Preliminary evidence, reviewers will assess the submitted reports using the following:

- 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
- The evidence described by the applicant indicates a meaningful positive effect on program beneficiaries in at least one key outcome of interest





Indicate which AmeriCorps funding priority(ies) your program design fits within OR indicate that it does not fit within a funding priority.

Serve Communities:

- Serve communities with concentrated poverty, rural communities, tribal communities, and historically underrepresented and underserved individuals. These may include people of color, immigrants, refugees, people with disabilities, LGBTQIA+ individuals, people with arrest or conviction records, religious minorities, etc.;
- Implement programs for or expand access to high-quality youth mental health and substance use recovery services and prepare AmeriCorps members to enter behavioral health careers. These may include individuals with lived experience with substance use and mental health challenges to support youth mental health efforts and continued AmeriCorps work on the opioid epidemic;
- Focus on improving the quality of life for veterans, active-duty members of the Armed Forces, and their families by recruiting veterans, military spouses, and their older children into national service;
- Promote environmental stewardship to help communities (especially underserved households and communities) to be more resilient by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, conserving land and water, increasing renewable energy use and improving atrisk ecosystems;
- Support civic bridgebuilding programs and projects to reduce polarization and community divisions; and providing training in civic bridgebuilding skills and techniques to AmeriCorps members;



Indicate which AmeriCorps funding priority(ies) your program design fits within OR indicate that it does not fit within a funding priority.

Benefit AmeriCorps Members:

- Provide benefits to AmeriCorps members aimed at enhancing member experience and bolstering member recruitment and retention such as paying more than the minimum living allowance, transportation, housing, food, etc.;
- Create workforce pathways for AmeriCorps members, including deliberate training, certifications, and hiring preferences or support;
- Enhance and expand services to second chance youth and/or engage those youth as AmeriCorps members;
- Develop and train the next generation of diverse public health leaders through service while addressing pressing community health challenges. Review Public Health AmeriCorps Priority in the Mandatory Supplemental Information for eligibility information;



Indicate which AmeriCorps funding priority(ies) your program design fits within OR indicate that it does not fit within a funding priority.

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

Faith-Based:

Organizations that are faith-based



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American Climate Corps:

Please note that applicants may propose projects to be affiliated with the American Climate Corps (ACC), which is a federal government national service and workforce development initiative focused on training young people for the clean energy and climate resilience workforce. Applicants who are interested must demonstrate that their project funds ACC eligible positions meeting the following criteria:

- The position has verifiable climate or environmental impact.
- The position is temporary (term-limited), and the term length is at least 300 hours.
- The position includes skills-based training as part of the program and provides a pathway to employment.
- The position must receive a living allowance and, in some cases, may receive additional member benefits.

Applicants submitting a workforce development project to qualify for affiliation with the ACC should note that in their application. Successful applicants will be notified if they are part of the ACC and may be subject to additional reporting requirements.



NARRATIVE: PROGRAM DESIGN: Member Experience

In the narrative, address how:

- AmeriCorps members will be provided leadership and skill development opportunities.
- The organization will provide members an asset-based orientation to the community.

Recommended optional language

Incidental Service: Our AmeriCorps members 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 identified through the MCSC's volunteer platform to increase and improve skills that will be valued by future employers. These hours may be counted toward the member's term of service if they do not interfere with their normal service hours or conflict with prohibited activities, and the service is approved by the program director.

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





NARRATIVE: ORGANIZATIONAL CAPABILITY: Organizational Background & Staffing

In the narrative:

- Detail the roles, responsibilities, and structure of the staff that will be implementing, providing oversight, and monitoring the program.
- Describe their organization's mission and relevant experience in areas such as volunteer recruitment and management, community outreach, overcoming project implementation challenges, etc.
- Describe the organization's experience with managing grants, especially federal or state grants. Include your performance in meeting:
 - Grant goals and objectives
 - Compliance and reporting requirements

Note: if you do not have experience with managing grants, please indicate that.

• Describe how the applicant has facilitated, partnered, or participated in educational or workforce development programs (e.g. work experience or job training programs, etc.)





NARRATIVE: ORGANIZATIONAL CAPABILITY: Member Supervision

In the narrative:

- Describe how AmeriCorps members will receive sufficient guidance and support from their supervisor to provide effective service. (e.g., structure for member supervision: cadence and format of supervisor/AmeriCorps member check-ins, member and supervisor opportunities to assess strengths and opportunities for growth, member training plan, etc.)
- Describe how AmeriCorps supervisors will be adequately trained to follow AmeriCorps and program regulations, priorities, and expectations. (e.g., structure for support of supervisors, training plan for supervisors related to supervision and AmeriCorps rules and regulations, cadence and format of AmeriCorps supervisors/their supervisors check ins, opportunities to assess strengthens and opportunities for growth of supervisors, etc.)





NARRATIVE: ORGANIZATIONAL CAPABILITY: Commitment to DEIA

In the narrative:

- Describe how the leadership and staff of the organization have similar lived experience as the beneficiary population and/or community being served.
- Describe how the applicant's definitions of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility are demonstrated by the organization (e.g., diversity on the Board of Directors, agency staff and leadership, and/or volunteers) and how the organization upholds a supportive and safe environment for individuals of diverse backgrounds.





NARRATIVE: COST EFFECTIVENESS & BUDGET ADEQUACY: Member Recruitment



In the narrative:

- Describe any budget expenses to support recruitment of AmeriCorps members best suited to serve the community (e.g. from geographic or demographic communities in which the program operates).
- Describe how the AmeriCorps member living allowance and other benefits are adjusted within the maximum and minimum living allowance to accommodate for regional variations in contributing to cost of living including: housing, transportation, food, and other expenses. This may vary depending on a program's type of member slots (e.g. FT, HT, RHT, etc).



NARRATIVE: COST EFFECTIVENESS & BUDGET ADEQUACY: Member Retention

In the narrative:



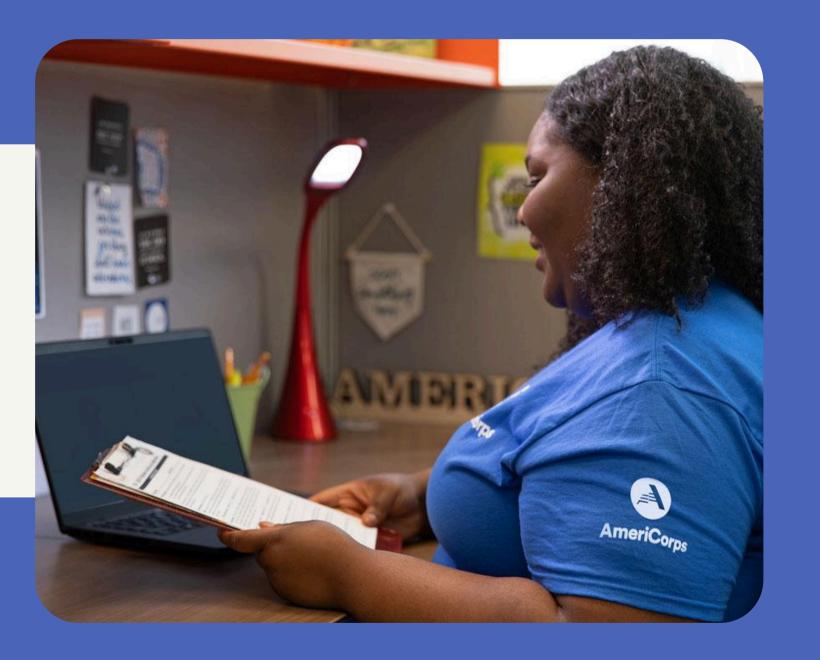
Provide a description of budget expenses
to support retention of AmeriCorps
members. (e.g., additional member benefits
such as paying above the minimum living
allowance, supporting workforce pathways,
certifications, coaching for members,
resume building, individual benefit as well
as community building, network building,
member recognition, alumni programming,
etc.)



NARRATIVE: COST EFFECTIVENESS & BUDGET ADEQUACY: Data Collection

In the narrative:

 Provide a description of budget expenses to support data collection, continuous improvement activities, and evaluation of the interventions and impact on the community and the member experience.





NARRATIVE: OTHER FIELDS

EVALUATION PLAN: write N/A
Evaluation plans are submitted via email using the required template.

AMENDMENT JUSTIFICATION: write N/A
This field will be used if the applicant is awarded a grant and needs to amend it.

CLARIFICATION INFORMATION: write N/A
This field may be used to enter information that requires
clarification in the post-notification period.

CONTINUATION CHANGES: write N/A
This field will be used to enter changes in the application narratives in continuation requests.





Performance Measures



Use Performance Measure module in eGrants.



Must include at least one aligned PM with an output and outcome.

The MCSC recommends including no more than one PM unless your program design has more than one distinct objection (e.g. improve performance literacy AND improve performance in math).

Use National Performance Measures if possible.



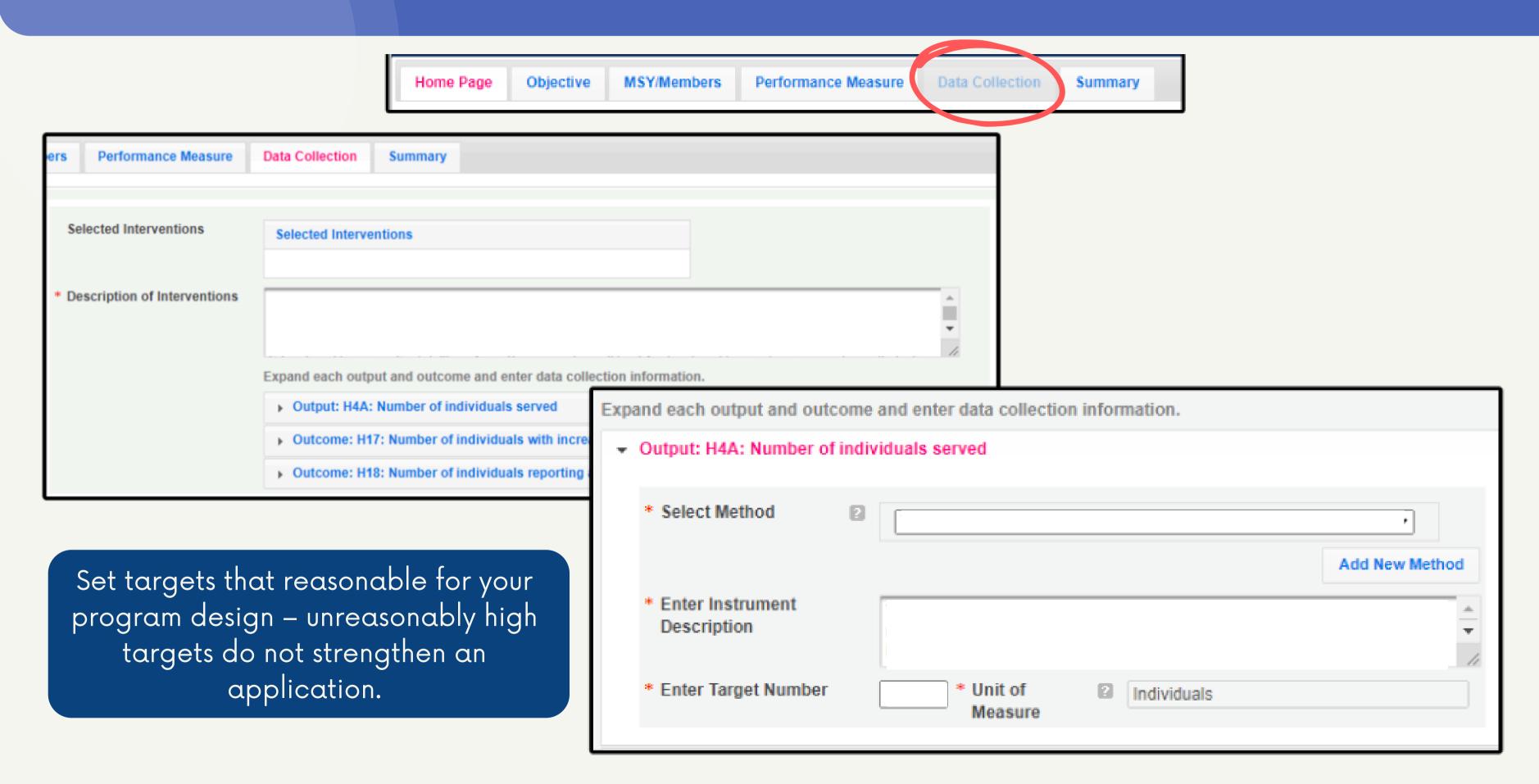
Performance Measures

Home Page	Objective	MSY/Members	Performance Measure	Data Collection	Summary

	Performance Measures			
* Objective * Title * Problem Statement	2	Select Objective		
* Selected Interventions	?	*	No records found.	
* Outputs	2	▼	No records found.	
* Outcomes	?	*	No records found	



Performance Measures



Other eGrants Fields



PROGRAM INFORMATION

AmeriCorps Funding Priorities: Check any priority area that applies to a significant part of proposed program objectives.

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

FUNDING & DEMOGRAPHICS

Other Revenue Funds: Enter amount of funds that will support program and are not reflected in the budget.

Number of Volunteers: Enter number of volunteers the AmeriCorps members will generate.



BUDGET: Preparing Your Budget

- Follow budget instructions and use budget checklist.
- 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.

TIP: Use the Excel budget template before entering budget in eGrants.





BUDGET

Match Requirements				
AmeriCorps Funding Year	123	456	789	10
Grantee Share Requirements	24%	26%	28%	30%

Consult with an MCSC program officer if you wish to seek a match waiver.

Maximum Cost/MSY

Grant Type	Maximum
Competitive Cost Reimbursement	S25,000
Competitive Fixed Amount	S25,000
Professional Corps	\$1,000
Education Award Program	S800 or \$1,000

Member Service Years		
Service Term	Min. # Hours	MSY Equivalent
Full Time	1700	1
Three Quarter Time	1200	.7
Half Time	900	.5
Reduced Half Time	675	.38095240
Quarter Time	450	.26455027
Minimum Time	300	.21264022
Abbreviated Time	100	.05627705

Member Living Allowance		
Service Term	Min. Living Allowance	Max. Living Allowance
Full Time	S20,400	\$40,800
Three Quarter Time	N/A	S28,560
Half Time	N/A	S20,400
Reduced Half Time	N/A	S15,504
Quarter Time	N/A	\$10,608
Minimum Time	N/A	\$8,568
Abbreviated Time	N/A	\$2,448





BUDGET SECTIONS

Section I: Program Operating Costs

- Personnel expenses
- Personnel fringe benefits
- Staff Travel
- Member Travel
- Equipment
- Supplies
- Contractual and Consultant Services
- Staff Training
- Member Training
- Evaluation
- Other Program Operating Costs

Section II: Member Costs

- Living Allowances
- Member Support Costs

Section III: Administrative/Indirect Costs

- CNCS-fixed percentage rate
- Federally approved indirect cost rate
- De minimis



BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

Personnel:

• One full-time project director

Travel:

- Staff travel to 2 one-day and 1 two-day program director meeting
- S2,000 for staff to attend national conference
- Travel for one member to attend 1 one-day meeting and 1 two-day LeaderCorps meeting
- Travel for all members to attend an MCSCcoordinated event
- Travel for all members to attend a regional service project

Supplies:

Gear for all members (minimum \$35, maximum \$100/member)

Training:

S75/member to attend MCSC-coordinated event

Other Program Operating Costs:

- Cost of criminal history checks for members and staff
- 1% of budget for member timekeeping and support system

Member Support Costs:

- Health care for full-time members
- FICA
- Worker's Compensation

Admin/Indirect Costs:

• 1% of budget for the Commission Admin Fee

Supplemental Documents

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."



Submit additional documents via email by November 4 to LEO-MIAmeriCorps@michigan.gov.

Clearly label documents and send as individual documents.



SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS

Evidence Documents	Evaluation Plan	Evaluation Report
Required for NEW and RECOMPETE applicants if applicable for Evidence Tier. Refer to Evidence Base section for detailed instructions.	Required for RECOMPETE applicants who have previously received competitive funding. Must use required Evaluation Plan Template.	Required for RECOMPETE applicants who have received six or more years of competitive funding. Must be submitted as a Word document 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)



SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS

Federally Approved Indirect Cost Agreement

Required for ALL applicants if applicable.

Applicants that include a federally approved indirect cost rate amount in their budget must enter the IDCR agreement into eGrants and email to the MCSC.

Delinquent Federal Debt

Required for ALL applicants if applicable.

Any applicant that checks Yes to the question on federal debt delinquency must submit a complete explanation.

Must be send as a Word document or PDF.

Operational & Financial Management Survey

Required for NEW and RECOMPETE applicants.

Must use OFMS template and submit with initial application.

If selected for submission to AmeriCorps, the MCSC will provide instructions for submitting the OFMS online.

Labor Union Concurrence

Required for ALL applicants if applicable.

Applicants must submit labor union concurrence documentation if they meet the qualifications detailed in the NOFO.



Review, Authorize & Submit

Review tab:

Summary of your application components and information. No action required.

Authorize and Submit tab:

The authorized representative for your organization must complete this section using their own eGrants login.

- Review the Authorizations & Certifications
- Click each check box to authorize
- Click Verify this Grant Application
- Correct any errors found
- Click Submit Grant Application



An **Authorized Representative** is the person in your organization authorized to accept and commit funds on behalf of the organization



CONTACTS & RESOURCES

MI AmeriCorps Team

LEO-MIAmeriCorpsemichigan.gov

AmeriCorps State & National

https://americorps.gov/serve/americorps/americorps-statenational

MI AmeriCorps Funding Info

https://www.michigan.gov/leo/boards-comms-councils/mcsc/americorps/spotlight/funds-available-for-new-and-recompeting-michigans-americorps-programs

ASN Funding Info

https://americorps.gov/funding-opportunity/fy-2025-americorps-state-national-grants





