### NOTICE OF FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITY <u>OVERVIEW</u>

Federal Agency Name:	Corporation for National and Community Service
Funding Opportunity Title:	AmeriCorps State and National Grants FY 2007
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**Funding Opportunity Description:** Subject to the availability of appropriations for fiscal year 2007, the Corporation for National and Community Service (the Corporation) announces the anticipated availability of approximately \$88,000,000 to award to new and re-competing AmeriCorps State and National grants. The grants in AmeriCorps State are: State and Territory Competitive; States, Territories and Commonwealths without Commissions; and State Education Award Program (EAP). The grants in AmeriCorps National are: National Direct; National EAP; National Planning; National Professional Corps; and Indian Tribes.

The Corporation anticipates that at least 15% of the funds described in this *Notice* will support applicants that have not received an AmeriCorps State or National operational grant in the last five years. Applicants that have received only a formula operational grant within the last five years will be considered new for purposes of this 15% target.

The Corporation's mission is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering. In the FY 2007 competition, we will give special consideration to projects that address one or a combination of four strategic initiatives that meet critical needs of our nation, achieve national service goals, and address community problems:

- 1. Mobilizing more volunteers.
- 2. Ensuring a brighter future for all of America's youth.
- 3. Engaging students in communities.
- 4. Harnessing baby boomers' experience.

Additional programs and program models that may receive special consideration in the selection process are described in the AmeriCorps regulation § 2522.450 (<u>http://www.nationalservice.gov/pdf/45CFR\_chapterXXV.pdf</u>). The Corporation reserves the right to re-focus program dollars in the event of disaster or other compelling need, and will make an announcement in this event.

Name of Grant Competition	Projected	Letter of	Application	Notification
_	Funds	Intent	Deadline	
	Available	Deadline		
State and Territory	\$55.5	November	January 25, 2007	May 15,
Competitive	million	25, 2006		2007
States, Territories, and				
Commonwealths without				
Commissions				
State EAP	\$5.5 million			
National EAP		December	February 15,	
National Direct	\$25 million	15, 2006	2007	
National Planning Grants	\$200,000			
National Professional Corps	\$1.3 million			
Indian Tribes	\$600,000			

#### AmeriCorps State & National Grants: Available Funds and Due Dates

# FULL TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT

### I. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

### A. Funding Program Description

For more than a decade, the Corporation for National and Community Service—through its Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve programs—has mobilized a new generation of engaged citizens. This year, more than 1.8 million individuals of all ages and backgrounds will serve through these programs. They will help thousands of national and community nonprofit organizations, faith-based groups, schools, and local agencies meet local needs in education, the environment, public safety, homeland security, and other critical areas. For example, in 2005-2006, more than 21,000 national service volunteers contributed to hurricane relief and recovery across the country.

AmeriCorps grants are generally awarded to eligible organizations to recruit, train, and manage AmeriCorps members who address unmet community needs. AmeriCorps members are individuals who engage in community service. Members may receive a living allowance during their term of service. Upon successful completion of their service members receive an education award from the National Service Trust.

Roughly three quarters of all AmeriCorps grant funding goes to Governor-appointed state service commissions which award subgrants to nonprofit organizations in their states. These organizations recruit AmeriCorps members to respond to local needs. The Corporation distributes most of the remainder of the grant funding directly to national organizations operating in more than one state.

We will give special consideration to projects that address one or a combination of four strategic initiatives:

**1. Mobilizing more volunteers.** The Corporation will invest in organizations that can effectively recruit, train, manage, and use volunteers who will ultimately have an impact on the success of their program. We will increase the capacity of faith-based and other community organizations to mobilize volunteers in communities to meet critical needs. We plan to support organizations that develop strong partnerships and collaborations with volunteer centers or other volunteer connector organizations in their service areas.

**2. Ensuring a brighter future for all of America's youth.** The Corporation will invest in organizations that provide caring adults as mentors for youth from disadvantaged circumstances, and opportunities for young people from disadvantaged circumstances to serve their communities. We plan to support organizations that recruit and manage at-risk youth serving in National Service Programs, and mentoring efforts, particularly those targeting children of prisoners.

**3. Engaging students in communities.** The Corporation will invest in organizations that implement effective strategies for connecting their school, faculty, staff, and administration with their communities through service and volunteering. We plan to support K-12 and higher education institutions that effectively incorporate service-learning into their curricula, and the number of college students engaged in community service and service-learning. We will also help colleges and universities expand support for student service.

**4. Harnessing baby boomers' experience.** The Corporation will invest in programs that plan to capture the talents, skills, energy, and experience of baby boomers and older Americans to

meet local and national needs. We plan to improve the capacity of nonprofits to attract and retain boomers via targeted training and technical assistance.

(For more information on these strategic initiatives, please see the Corporation's Strategic Plan (www.nationalservice.gov/about/ focus\_areas/index.asp).

Additional programs and program models that may receive special consideration in the selection process are described in the AmeriCorps regulation § 2522.450. You will note that mobilizing volunteers, youth in disadvantaged circumstances, working with educational institutions, and baby boomers are priorities in the regulation as well as our strategic initiatives. You are encouraged to integrate the priorities and initiatives into your program design, as they logically align with your organizational mission and objectives.

Program requirements are located in the AmeriCorps regulations, 45 CFR §§ 2520 - 2550 (<u>http://www.nationalservice.gov/pdf/45CFR\_chapterXXV.pdf</u>). Changes to these regulations can be found in the AmeriCorps rule published in July of 2005 (<u>www.americorps.gov/about/ac/ rulemaking.asp</u>). This *Notice of Federal Funding Opportunity* (*Notice*) should be read together with the regulations and the AmeriCorps application instructions for the program to which you are applying (<u>www.americorps.gov/for\_organizations/funding</u>).

Requirements and Selection	Citation in the AmeriCorps Regulations
Member Service Activities	§§ 2520.20-2520.55
Prohibited Activities	§ 2520.65
Tutoring Programs	§§ 2522.900-2522.950
Matching Funds	§§ 2521.35-2521.90
Member Benefits	§§ 2522.240-2522.250
Calculating Cost Per Member Service Year (MSY)	§ 2522.485
Performance Measures	§§ 2522.500-2522.650
Evaluation	§§ 2522.500-2522.540 and §§2522.700-2522.740
Selection Criteria and Selection Process	§§ 2522.400-2522.485

Table 1: Program Requirements in the AmeriCorps Regulati	ons
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If there is any inconsistency between the AmeriCorps regulations, this *Notice*, and the Application Instructions, the order of precedence is as follows:

- 1. AmeriCorps regulations
- 2. Notice
- 3. Application Instructions

# **B.** Authority

These funds will be available under authority of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. §§12571-12595).

### **II.** Award Information

### A. Number of Awards and Award Amount

In 2006, 25% of the applicants for State and National funding were awarded grants. Based on estimates of continuing and recompeting applications in 2007, we expect an even higher degree of competitiveness in the competitions described in this *Notice* overall. Some competitions will be more competitive than others.

### **B.** Education Awards

After successfully completing a term of service, an AmeriCorps member is eligible to receive an education award from the National Service Trust. The member may use the education award to

pay for current educational expenses at qualified institutions of higher education, or to repay qualified student loans. The award currently is \$4,725 for a year of full-time service, with correspondingly lesser awards for part-time and reduced part-time service. A member has up to seven years after his or her term of service has ended to use the award.

Term of Service	Minimum # of Hours	Education Award
Full Time	1700	\$4,725
One Year Half Time	900	\$2,362
Two Year Half Time	900	\$2,362
Reduced Half Time	675	\$1,800
Quarter Time	450	\$1,250
Minimum Time	300	\$1,000

 Table 2: Term of Service and Education Award

# C. Project/Award Period

The Corporation generally makes grant awards for three years, with funding in annual increments. Grantees will be eligible for continuation funding in the second and third year contingent on the availability of appropriations, compliance, and satisfactory performance. AmeriCorps members may not begin service until the Corporation issues a grant award. A program may not certify any hours a member performs prior to the award being issued.

# **D.** Cost per Member Service Year (MSY)

The Corporation determines the maximum cost per MSY on an annual basis. Applicants calculate their cost per MSY and the Corporation uses this number to compare costs of programs. The cost per MSY is determined by dividing the Corporation's share of budgeted grant costs by the number of MSYs requested in the grant. One MSY is the equivalent of a full-time term of service. The cost per MSY does not include child care or the value of the education award a member may earn.

The maximum average cost per MSY across all subgrants in a state is \$12,600. The maximum cost per MSY for National Direct and Indian Tribes is \$12,600. Subject to appropriations, the maximum cost per MSY for State and National EAPs will increase in 2007 from \$400 to \$600. The maximum cost per MSY for new and recompeting Professional Corps is \$2,500. Planning grants do not include members, and so have no cost per MSY.

# E. Enrollment and Retention

We will consider both grantee compliance with grant requirements and program performance in assessing continuation requests and recompeting applications. In order to leverage our limited grant funds, programs should strive to improve their rates of enrollment and retention. We expect grantees to enroll the full number of members included in their grant award. Enrollment rates will have a direct bearing on the number of slots and the size of awards we approve in the continuation and recompete processes.

Although we recognize retention rates may vary among effective programs depending on the program model being implemented, we expect grantees to vigorously pursue the highest retention rates attainable by their program model. Where necessary, a target retention rate will be negotiated.

# F. Type of Funding Instrument

The type of funding instrument is a grant.

### **III. Eligibility Information**

### A. Eligible Applicants

The Corporation wants to ensure that all eligible organizations are able to compete on an equal basis for federal financial assistance. Eligibility requirements are presented in Table 4, below. Eligible applicants that have never received funding from the Corporation or AmeriCorps are encouraged to apply for the grants described in this *Notice*.

# **B.** Match Requirements

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

Competition	Match Requirement		
State and Territory Competitive; States, Territories and	Minimum grantee share is 33% of operating costs and		
Commonwealths without Commissions; National Direct; 15% of member support costs. Overall grantee			
Tribes	total program costs increases gradually to 50% by the		
	tenth year of funding and any year thereafter.		
State EAP and National EAP	Grantee pays all program costs over \$600 per MSY		
	provided by the Corporation.		
Professional Corps	Minimum grantee share is 33% of operating costs only		
	Grantee pays all member support. Overall grantee share		
	of total program costs increases gradually to 50% by the		
	tenth year of funding and any year thereafter.		
National Planning Grants	Minimum grantee share is 33% of operating costs only.		
	No members are associated with these grants, so		
	member costs do not apply.		

Table 3: Match Requirements in the AmeriCorps Regulations
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# C. Living Allowance

You must provide full-time members with a living allowance that is between \$11,100 (minimum) and \$22,200 (maximum) except as noted in Section D., below. You are not required to provide living allowances for members serving less than full time. The federal share (including Corporation and any other federal funds) may support up to 85% of the living allowance.

# **D.** Living Allowance Exceptions

**Prior to September 21, 1993:** If your service program existed prior to the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993 (enacted September 21, 1993), the law does not require you to provide living allowances to your members. If you choose to offer the living allowance, you are exempt from the minimum requirement of \$11,100 but not from the maximum requirement of \$22,200. If the living allowance you provide is less than the minimum, the federal share (including Corporation and any other federal funds) may support up to 85% of the living allowance you provide.

**Education Award Program Grantees:** If you are an EAP grantee, you are not required to provide a living allowance, but if you do, it must comply with the maximum requirements set forth in the Living Allowance Requirements section above.

**National Professional Corps Grantees:** Full-time Professional Corps members must receive a living allowance or salary, which must meet the minimum, but may exceed the maximum set for other AmeriCorps programs.

#### E. Other Eligibility Requirements

**Lobbying:** Any organization described in Section 501 (c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. 501 (c)(4) that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to apply, serve as a host site for member placements, or act in any type of supervisory role in AmeriCorps programs.

**Current Grantees:** An organization that currently operates a Corporation-funded program or is applying for other Corporation funding is an eligible applicant.

**Multiple Submissions**: The same project cannot be funded by multiple AmeriCorps grants. If you have more than one application pending before the Corporation for the same project, you must state this fact in each application. You will be required to withdraw all but one if two or more are approved for funding.

Grant Program	ogram Description Eligible Organizations		Corporation Cost per MSY	Living Allowance Requirements	
State and Territory Competitive	These grants are awarded to organizations that are nominated to participate in a nationwide competition by Governor-appointed state commissions. Grantees receive funds to pay the members' living allowance and support program costs.	Public or private nonprofit organizations, including labor organizations; faith-based and other community organizations; institutions of higher education; government entities within states or territories (e.g., cities, counties); Indian Tribes; or a partnership or consortia consisting of the aforementioned are	\$12,600 average cost per MSY across all programs in a state (including Formula, Competitive, EAP and Planning Grants). Maximum cost per MSY for an	Full-time members must receive a living allowance between \$11,100 and \$22,200. A living allowance is not required for less than full-time	
States,	In the absence of a state commission, states and	eligible to apply. Intermediaries are encouraged to apply. Same as State and Territory Competitive	individual program is \$16,000. \$16,000 maximum	members.	
Territories, and Commonwealths without Commissions	territories apply directly to the Corporation. Grantees receive funds to pay the members' living allowance and support program costs.	except: Program must be located in a state or U.S. territory that does not have an approved state commission for national and community service or alternative administrative entity. Applicant applies directly to the Corporation.	cost per MSY.	Territory Competitive.	
State Education Award Program (EAP)	These grants are awarded to organizations that are nominated to participate in a nationwide competition by Governor-appointed state commissions. Grantees receive a small administrative grant and use their own or other resources to pay the members' living allowance and support program costs.	Same as State and Territory Competitive except: Institutions for higher education and state education agencies may choose to apply for EAP funding either through their state commission or directly to the Corporation, even if the proposed program will operate in just one state.	\$600 maximum cost per MSY.	Not required to pay a living allowance, but if the grantee does, it must comply with the maximum requirement as for State Competitive, above.	
National Direct Program	The Corporation awards these grants to organizations that operate their AmeriCorps program in more than one state. Grantees receive funds to pay the members' living allowance and support program costs.	Same as State and Territory Competitive. Applicant applies directly to the Corporation.	\$12,600 maximum cost per MSY.	Same as State and Territory Competitive.	
Indian Tribes	The Corporation sets aside one percent (1%) of grant funds to support programs operated by American Indian Tribes. Grantees receive funds to pay the members' living allowance and support program costs.	Must be an Indian Tribe, defined as a federally recognized Indian Tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Native village, Regional Corporation, or Village	\$12,600 maximum cost per MSY.	Same as State and Territory Competitive.	

 Table 4: Description, Eligibility, Cost per MSY, and Living Allowance Requirements for New and Recompeting Programs

Grant Program	Description Eligible Organizations		Corporation Cost per MSY	Living Allowance Requirements	
National Professional Corps	The Corporation awards these grants to organizations that operate in more than one state. Professional Corps programs place members as teachers, nurses, and other health care providers, police officers, early childhood development staff, engineers, or other professionals providing service in communities with an inadequate number of such professionals. Grantees receive Corporation funding to support program costs, and use their own or other resources to pay the members' living allowance and additional member costs.	Corporation, as defined under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. § 1602), that the United States Government determines is eligible for special programs and services provided under federal law to Indians because of their status as Indians. Indian Tribes also include tribal organizations controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by one of the entities described above. Applicant applies directly to the Corporation. Same as State and Territory Competitive. Applicant applies directly to the Corporation. Professional Corps programs may also apply through State Competitive competitions.	\$2,500 maximum cost per MSY.	Full-time members must receive a living allowance or salary, which may exceed the maximum set for other AmeriCorps grant programs paid from non- Corporation funds.	
National Education Award Program	Grantees receive a small administrative grant but use their own or other resources to pay the members' living allowance and support	Same as State and Territory Competitive. Institutions of higher education or state education agencies may operate in one	\$600 maximum cost per MSY.	Same as State EAP.	
	program costs.	state; other applicants must operate in more than one state. Applicant applies directly to the Corporation.			
National Planning Grants	The Corporation awards these grants directly to organizations to assist them in developing an AmeriCorps program in more than one state. They must not have received a National Direct grant in the past. The purpose of a planning grant is to enable the grantee to successfully compete in the following grant cycle. Planning grants may not be used to support members.	Same as State and Territory Competitive. These grants do not include AmeriCorps members. Program must operate in more than one state. Applicant applies directly to the Corporation for a maximum of \$50,000.	Not applicable	Not applicable.	

### IV. Application and Submission Information

#### A. Address to Request Application Package

To submit your application, access eGrants (<u>www.americorps.gov/egrants</u>), the Corporation's integrated, secure, web-based system for applications. Application instructions are available at <u>www.americorps.gov/for\_organizations/funding</u> or by contacting the Corporation at (202) 606-7509 if you are interested in the State grant program, and (202) 606-7508 if you are interested in National grants.

#### **B.** Content and Form of Application Submission

**Notice of Intent to Apply:** In order to help us gauge the number of applications we are likely to receive, please send an e-mail 60 days prior to the deadline to <u>americorpsnational@cns.gov</u>, for National applicants, or <u>americorpsapplications@</u> <u>cns.gov</u> for state commissions. National applicants should state that you plan to submit an application. State commissions are encouraged to include an estimate of the number of programs you will be submitting. Although submission of the notice of intent to apply is not mandatory, your e-mail will help the Corporation to plan more efficiently for review. In your e-mail, include the name of your organization, address, contact person, and phone number. Or, you may mail a letter of intent to the address on page 10.

**Universal Identifier:** Applications must include a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number. The DUNS number is an identifier that helps the federal government improve statistical reports on federal grants and cooperative agreements. **The DUNS number does not replace your Employer Identification Number.** DUNS numbers may be obtained at no cost by calling the DUNS number request line at (866) 705-5711 or by applying online at <u>www.dnb.com</u>. The website indicates a 24-hour email turnaround time on requests for DUNS numbers; however, **we suggest registering at least 30 days in advance of the application due date**. Expedited DUNS numbers may be obtained by telephone at a cost of \$99 by calling the DUNS number request line. **Applications without DUNS numbers or with invalid DUNS numbers are subject to potential rejection**.

#### Using eGrants:

- We suggest you first prepare and save your application as a word processing document, then copy and paste the document into eGrants.
- We strongly encourage you to create your eGrants account and begin your application at least three weeks prior to the final submission deadline and begin pasting your application into eGrants no later than ten days before the deadline. This will allow you time to address technical issues prior to the deadline. Technical issues are more likely to be considered as a factor in allowing a late submission if you begin entering your application within this time frame.
- Use only UPPERCASE letters for all section headings and other information you would like to highlight in your narrative. Bold face, bullets, underlines, or other types of formatting, charts, diagrams, and tables will not copy into eGrants.
- Adhere to all the character limits indicated in the application instructions. Characters include all the letters, punctuation, and spaces in your document.

**Electronic and Hard Copy Submissions:** In addition to completing an online application, applicants must submit, in hard copy, all attachments specified in the application instructions and the AmeriCorps regulations. Please include a copy of the SF-424 Facesheet with your attachments for identification purposes. Hard copy attachments must be postmarked by 5:00 EST on the day of the deadline. Submit required attachments to:

Corporation for National and Community Service Box [Name of Grant for Which You Are Competing] 1201 New York Avenue NW Washington, DC 20525

**Technical Difficulties**: You should contact the eGrants Help Desk immediately if a problem arises while you are creating your account, preparing, or submitting your application. If you are working to resolve a technical issue and question whether your eGrants submission will be successful, please send a hard copy of your full application to the Corporation while you continue to work on entering your application in eGrants, following the instructions below.

In the event you are prevented from completing and submitting your application by the deadline because you are having technical eGrants submission issues, contact the eGrants Helpdesk at 202-606-7506 or email <u>egrantshelp@cns.gov</u>, prior to the 5:00 p.m. Eastern/Daylight Standard Time deadline to explain your technical issue and get a ticket number. (See IV. C., Submission Dates and Times on page 12.) You must then submit the following items to the Corporation:

- A brief paragraph including your eGrants ticket number and your explanation of the technical issues that prevented you from submitting in eGrants by the deadline;
- A paper application; and
- A disk or CD Rom with an exact duplicate of your application.

Submit these items via overnight carrier (non-U.S. Postal Service because of security– related delays in receiving mail from the U.S. Postal Service) or hand delivery to the address above. These items must be postmarked no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern/Daylight Standard Time on the deadline. Please make sure your overnight carrier stamps the package with the date and time it was sent.

The paper application must be typed and double-spaced in Times New Roman, 12-point font size with one-inch margins. Please adhere to the character limits listed in the application instructions and number the pages. Submit one unbound, single-sided original paper application. The electronic version on disk or CD-ROM must be an exact duplicate of the paper original and will be used to copy and paste your application information into eGrants. If there are differences between the paper application and the diskette or CD-ROM, we will use the diskette or CD-ROM version.

In the event of prolonged unavailability of the eGrants system on the date of submission, the Corporation reserves the right to extend the eGrants submissions deadline. A notice

will be placed in eGrants and on <u>www.americorps.gov</u>, notifying all users of the extended deadline.

### C. Submission Dates and Times

The deadline for eGrants and paper submissions for all AmeriCorps applications is 5:00 p.m. Eastern/Daylight Standard Time on the dates listed in the Table below. Applications submitted by fax or email will not be accepted.

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National Direct	\$25 million	15, 2007	2007	
National Planning Grants	\$200,000			
National Professional Corps	\$1.3 million	]		
Indian Tribes	\$600,000			

### **D.** Intergovernmental Review

Applicants under this program are subject to Executive Order 12372 "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs." All applicants are required to submit a copy of their application to their State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) offices, if they have one. To determine if your state has a SPOC, the U.S. Office of Management and Budget maintains a current listing at www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html.

### **E. Funding Restrictions**

Grants under this program are subject to the applicable Cost Principles under OMB Circulars A-21, A-122, A-87 or FAR 31.2 at <u>www.whitehouse.gov/OMB/circulars/</u>.

# F. Other Submission Requirements

**Equal Opportunity Survey:** Applicants are asked to complete the Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants. You may complete the survey in eGrants while preparing your application for submission or contact the Corporation (Section VII., below) to obtain a copy.

# V. Application Review Information

# A. Selection Criteria

Selection criteria include the initiatives and priorities described in this *Notice* and the AmeriCorps regulations, 45 CFR §§2522.420-448.

# **B.** Review and Selection Process

Information on the review and selection process is located in the AmeriCorps regulations 45 CFR §§2522.400-2522.475. Section 2522.450 addresses types of programs or

program models that may receive special consideration in the selection process. Section 2522.455 addresses additional priorities to those described in this *Notice*. Section 2522.470 addresses other factors or information the Corporation may consider in making final funding decisions.

### VI. Award Administration Information

### A. Anticipated Announcement and Award Notices

We anticipate announcing selections under this *Notice* by the announcement dates in the Table 5, Available Funds and Due Dates. Selected applicants are approved to negotiate with the Corporation for a grant award. During the negotiation period, you must satisfactorily resolve any questions or issues identified during the review of your application before the Corporation will award your grant. The grant negotiation period may range from three weeks to several months, depending on the issues involved. Grants will be awarded following the successful conclusion of negotiations. The negotiated project start date may not occur prior to award date.

### **B.** Administrative and National Policy Requirements

The AmeriCorps regulations and other specific conditions are incorporated in the Notice of Grant Award (NGA). The NGA incorporates the approved application as part of a binding commitment under the grant.

### C. Reporting

Grantees are required to supply annual performance and bi-annual financial reports, a project close-out report, and an internal or external evaluation report as required by the AmeriCorps regulations. Information on performance measurement can be found in 45 CFR §2522.500-2522.650. The requirements for evaluation are in §§2522.500-2522.540 and §§2522.700-2522.740.

### **VII. Agency Contacts**

This *Notice* is available at <u>www.americorps.gov/for\_organizations/funding/nofa</u>. The TTY number is 202–606-3472. For further information or for a printed copy of this *Notice*, call (202) 606-5000. You may also call (202) 606-7509 if you are interested in the State grant program, and (202) 606-7508 if you are interested in the National grant program. Or send an e-mail to <u>americorpsapplications@cns.gov</u> for the State grant program and to <u>americorpsnational@cns.gov</u> for the National grant program.

### VIII. Additional Information

**Technical Assistance:** The Corporation hosts a series of technical assistance calls to answer applicant questions about funding opportunities. Applicants are strongly encouraged to participate in the technical assistance calls. The call schedule will be posted at <u>www.americorps.gov/for\_organizations/funding/nofa</u>.

**Disclaimer:** Publication of this announcement does not obligate the Corporation to award any specific number of grants or to obligate the entire amount of funds available, or any part thereof, for grants under the AmeriCorps State and National Program.