



AMERICORPS* NATIONAL GRANT PROGRAMS

AmeriCorps grants fund programs that use service and volunteerism to address compelling community needsⁱ. Applicants for AmeriCorps funds must identify the communities to be served and the community need to be addressed, and design a program that uses **AmeriCorps members**ⁱⁱ and volunteers to meet that need. AmeriCorps programs can address communities' educational, public safety, human, or environmental needs. Examples of AmeriCorps program activities include tutoring and mentoring youth, building affordable housing, teaching computer skills, cleaning parks and streams, running after-school programs, helping communities respond to disasters, developing a volunteer program, providing legal assistance, teaching adult literacy, and engaging in public health outreach. Successful applicants are responsible for recruiting, training and placing the individuals who will serve as AmeriCorps members.

Grant Program	Eligibility Requirements	Maximum Corporation Cost per MSY ⁱⁱⁱ	Living Allowance Requirements	Budget and Match ^{iv} Requirements
<p>National Direct Program</p> <p>An AmeriCorps program addressing community needs in at least two states. The grantee^v organization is responsible for the implementation and oversight of local programs in different states. The grantee has relationships with entities in different states that will operate the local programs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program must operate in more than one state. • Applicants must apply directly to the Corporation^{vi}. • Eligible applicants include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • public or private non-profit organizations, including labor organizations; • community organizations, including faith-based organizations; • institutions of higher education; • government entities within states or territories (e.g. cities, counties); • Indian Tribes^{vii}; • or a partnership or consortia of the aforementioned are eligible to apply. • Intermediaries^{viii} are encouraged to apply. 	<p>\$12,600</p>	<p>Full-time members must receive a living allowance between \$11,100 and \$22,200.</p> <p>A living allowance is not required for less than full-time members.</p>	<p>Minimum grantee share of 33% of operating costs and 15% of member support costs (living allowance and benefits, excluding Education Award).</p> <p>Overall grantee share of total program costs (operating + member support costs) increases gradually to 50% overall share by the tenth year of funding and any year thereafter.</p>

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<p>National Education Award Program (EAP)</p> <p>An AmeriCorps program that receives minimal financial support from the Corporation for National and Community Service and has fewer fiscal reporting requirements. Because of the minimal financial support, EAP grants are best suited for pre-existing service programs or for organizations with other sources of funding, for whom becoming part of AmeriCorps will add value to their program. For instance, the association with AmeriCorps might allow a program to recruit more service participants, to recruit a higher caliber of service participants, or serve more beneficiaries.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs must operate in more than one state, unless sponsored by an institution of higher education or a state education agency. • Applicants must apply directly to the Corporation. • Eligible applicants include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public or private non-profit organizations, including labor organizations; • community organizations, including faith-based organizations; • institutions of higher education; • government entities within states or territories (e.g. cities, counties); • Indian Tribes^{vii}; • or a partnership or consortia of the aforementioned are eligible to apply. • Intermediaries are encouraged to apply. 	<p>\$600</p>	<p>Not required to pay a living allowance, but if grantees do so, they may not pay more than the maximum living allowance as set forth in the Living Allowance Requirements section above.</p>	<p>There is no mandated match requirement, but the Corporation only grants up to \$600 per MSY; the grantee must secure other resources to fully support the program.</p>
<p>National Professional Corps</p> <p>An AmeriCorps program that recruits and places qualified participants in positions as teachers, nurses and other health care providers, police officers, early childhood development staff, engineers, or other professionals providing service to meet educational, public safety, human, or environmental needs in communities with an inadequate number of such professionals.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program must operate in more than one state. • Applicants must apply directly to the Corporation. • Eligible applicants include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public or private non-profit organizations, including labor organizations; • community organizations, including faith-based organizations; • institutions of higher education; • government entities 	<p>\$2,500</p>	<p>Full-time members must receive a living allowance or salary, which may exceed the maximum set for other AmeriCorps grant programs.</p>	<p>Minimum grantee share of 33% of operating costs. Grantee provides 100% of member support costs. Corporation funds may not be used to pay for the living allowance/salary or any other member support costs.</p>

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	<p>within states or territories (e.g. cities, counties);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Tribes^{vii}; • or a partnership or consortia of the aforementioned are eligible to apply. • Intermediaries are encouraged to apply. 			
<p>Indian Tribes</p> <p>An AmeriCorps program sponsored by an Indian Tribe.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must apply directly to the Corporation. • Only Indian Tribes^{vii} are eligible to apply. 	\$12,600	<p>Full-time members must receive a living allowance between \$11,100 and \$22,200.</p> <p>A living allowance is not required for less than full-time members.</p>	<p>Minimum grantee share of 33% of operating costs and 15% of member support costs.</p> <p>Overall grantee share of total program costs increases gradually to 50% overall share by the tenth year of funding and any year thereafter.</p>
<p>National Planning Grants</p> <p>A grant to support the development of an AmeriCorps program of national scope.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must apply directly to the Corporation. • Eligible applicants include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public or private non-profit organizations, including labor organizations; • community organizations, including faith-based organizations; • institutions of higher education; • government entities within states or territories (e.g. cities, counties); • Indian Tribes^{vii}; • or a partnership or consortia of the aforementioned are eligible to apply. • Intermediaries are encouraged to apply. • Applicant has not received an AmeriCorps*National operational grant previously. 	Not Applicable	Not applicable. Planning grants may not be used to support members.	Minimum grantee share of 33% of operating costs. Member support costs are not applicable.

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- ⁱ For example, an organization might identify a need for children of immigrants to get additional support in developing their English language skills. The organization might develop an after-school program in which AmeriCorps members provide English as a Second Language tutoring to these children. The program would also work with local schools to ensure that their curriculum and materials complement what the school is using. The program might develop partnerships with local faith and community-based organizations that serve predominantly immigrant populations, and these organization could serve as sites, sources of children, or partners.
- ⁱⁱ An AmeriCorps member is an individual enrolled in an AmeriCorps program who commits to engage in community service for an intensive period of time. Some AmeriCorps members receive a living allowance to support them during their term of service, and upon successful completion of their service they receive an AmeriCorps Education Award. Also referred to as “member.”
- ⁱⁱⁱ Cost per MSY stands for Cost per Member Service Year and represents the cost to the Corporation of your AmeriCorps program. Please refer to the [AmeriCorps*National Grants FAQ](#) for a more detailed explanation.
- ^{iv} Match is the amount of funds to be contributed by the grantee organization.
- ^v A grantee is the direct recipient of grant funding.
- ^{vi} The Corporation for National and Community Service.
- ^{vii} An Indian Tribe is defined in the Corporation’s Regulations as an Indian Tribe, band, nation or other organized group or community that is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States under Federal law to Indians because of their status as Indians, including any Native village, Regional Corporation, or Village Corporation, as defined under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. Section 1602); and any tribal organization controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by one of the aforementioned entities.
- ^{viii} An intermediary is an organization that takes on the fiduciary or management responsibility for organizations which do not have adequate capacity to do so.