2009-2010
AMERICORPS*STATE
GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

AS OF FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2008
No questions this week.

AS OF FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2008
Are AmeriCorps members paid through AmeriCorps rather than being on (our) organization's payroll?

> OFBCI provides a grant opportunity. Each organization who is awarded the grant then provides a living allowance and benefits through their own organization.

Can our agency apply even if we did not attend a technical assistance session?

> The Indiana AmeriCorps*State Request for Proposals (RFP) indicates on page 2 and 10 that it is required to attend a Technical Assistance session in order to apply. Our office does not allow exceptions to the process.

How do you apply for the match waiver?

> Please review 2009-2010 AmeriCorps*State Application Instructions, page 29. This information refers to the alternative match waiver. The Indiana Business Research Center provides statistics at: http://www.stats.indiana.edu

The requested amount per MSY cannot exceed $12,600. Is this a salary amount that they will be expecting? It was our understanding that this was volunteer service. However the tutorial indicates that this would include FICA, which leads us to believe we are paying a salary.

> The minimum living allowance is $11,400 for a full time member serving 9-12 months (determined by the program). It is considered service to community and is often referred to as volunteering.

What determines if we are required to pay a living allowance?

> All full time positions are required to receive a living allowance. Half time positions or less are not required to receive a LA, but most programs provide a living allowance to all members. The 300 hour position is the one that is least likely to receive a LA.

How are AmeriCorps members recruited for our program? Is this something our organization does, or do the state organization have a data base of volunteers who would be referred to our program?

Each program that receives funds recruits on their own. We do not have a database, but when interested candidates inquire with our office we refer them to the programs nearest them or that are aligned with their interest. There is an online recruiting system where candidates from all over the USA can apply directly to your program. Each program can also search this national database for potential candidates.

What is the format for submitting our intent to submit a grant?

The 2009-2010 AmeriCorps*State Request for Proposals located at http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2362.htm answers the question, specifically page 7.