

**2015 Formula Grant Review Workgroup, Funding Recommendation & Applicant Brief Descriptions 6.15.2015**

**Context:** ServeMontana is allocated \$600,000 annually in formula funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), to grant to eligible organizations to operate AmeriCorps programs. The Commission is tasked with making the funding recommendation to CNCS, who then makes the funding determination. In this 2015 cycle four organizations responded to the Request For Proposal; one new applicant and three continuation requests from current grantees. The requests totaled \$756,942 with \$600,000 available.

**2015 Formula Grant Review Workgroup Funding Recommendation**

On Tuesday June 10, 2015 the Montana Commission on Community Service Grant Review Workgroup met to conduct consensus scoring of the applications and to produce the following funding recommendation.

Applicant	Cost per MSY	# MSY	CNCS share
Montana Campus Compact AmeriCorps	\$13,360.75	8	\$106,886.00
MCC's Big Sky Watershed Corps	\$13,500.00	20	\$270,000.00
NCAT's Montana Energy Corps	\$13,072.00	12	\$156,864.00
DPHHS's No Kid Hungry AmeriCorps	\$13,250.00	5	\$66,250.00
		<b>45 MSY</b>	<b>\$600,000.00</b>

**2015 Formula Grant, Applicant Descriptions**

**New Applicant**

**Montana Campus Compact, nonprofit**

Program Name: Montana Campus Compact AmeriCorps  
 CNCS Focus Area: Education  
 MSY requested: 17.582  
 Cost per MSY: \$13,498.46

CNCS Funds requested: \$237,330  
 Applicant Match: \$81,724  
 Budget Total: \$319,054

**Montana Campus Compact Executive Summary** The Montana Campus Compact will place forty seven AmeriCorps members who will mentor youth and model college-positive behavior across Montana. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for coaching at least four hundred youth in the non-academic barriers to post-secondary education. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional two hundred twenty volunteers that will be engaged in National Days of Service in local communities.

**Continuation Requests**

**Montana Conservation Corps, nonprofit**

Program Name: Big Sky Watershed Corps (BSWC)  
 CNCS Focus Area: Environmental Stewardship  
 MSY requested: 20  
 Cost per MSY: \$13,500

CNCS Funds requested: \$270,000  
 Applicant Match: \$354,576  
 Budget Total: \$624,576

***MCC's Big Sky Watershed Corps (BSWC) Executive Summary*** The Big Sky Watershed Corps requests 20 AmeriCorps members to assist Montana's communities to make a measurable contribution in environmental stewardship of local watersheds. Members will be placed with Conservation Districts (CD) and watershed organizations throughout the state. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for improving the condition of Montana's waters and increasing community members' knowledge about watersheds and environmentally conscious practices. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage 1,400 volunteers that will be engaged in local watershed improvement efforts focusing on sustainability and environmentally conscious practices.

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**National Center for Appropriate Technology, nonprofit**

Program Name: Montana Energy Corps  
 CNCS Focus Area: Environmental Stewardship  
 MSY requested: 12  
 Cost per MSY: \$13,072

CNCS Funds requested: \$156,862  
 Applicant Match: \$138,000  
 Budget Total: \$294,862

***NCAT's Energy Corps Executive Summary*** The National Center for Appropriate Technology requests 12 AmeriCorps members to provide weatherization services to low-income Montanans, and to design and conduct educational activities in energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainable practices in Missoula, Butte, Helena, Havre, Bozeman, Billings, and Red Lodge, Montana. At the end of the second program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for providing 500 people with hands on weatherization services to reduce home energy use and educating 2750 people who will increase their knowledge and skills in energy efficiency, renewable energy and other sustainable practices. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 50 volunteers that will be engaged in community-based energy education services.

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**Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services (DPHHS), state agency**

Program Name: Montana No Kid Hungry  
 CNCS Focus Area: Healthy Futures  
 MSY requested: 7  
 Cost per MSY: \$13,250

CNCS Funds requested: \$92,750  
 Applicant Match: fixed cost, not required to report  
 Budget Total: \$187,457

***Montana No Kid Hungry AmeriCorps Executive Summary*** Montana No Kid Hungry (NKH) requests an expansion from five to seven AmeriCorps members to serve in six communities across Montana- Kalispell, Columbia Falls, Great Falls, Browning, Troy, and 2 members in Billings. The purpose of the program will be to end childhood hunger by ensuring all children get the healthy food they need, every day. At the end of the program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for leveraging No Kid Hungry efforts to increase participation in school breakfast through implementation of alternative models, such as Breakfast in the Classroom and Grab and Go. Research shows that these breakfast models increase participation up to 75 percent. The members will ensure the new breakfast models are successful and sustainable. If the school is interested in implementing or enhancing other federal nutrition programs (i.e. Afterschool Meal Programs or Summer Meal Programs), members will assist. When schools end for the summer, the members will transition into building participation in the local Summer Meal Program sites prioritizing the AmeriCorps host sites first, if they have a site or multiple sites. The members will play a key role. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 100 volunteers that will be engaged in local anti-hunger, community-based efforts.