



2011 AmeriCorps

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

**State and National Planning
Indian Tribes Planning**

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

These application instructions conform to the Corporation for National and Community Service's (the Corporation's) online grant application system, [eGrants](#). All Corporation funding announcements are posted on our web site [www.cns.gov](#) and at [www.grants.gov](#).

Public Burden Statement: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requires the Corporation to inform all potential persons who are to respond to this collection of information that such persons are not required to respond unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. (See 5 CFR 1320.5(b)(2)(i)).

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Use of Information: The information collected constitutes an application to the Corporation for grant funding. The Corporation evaluates the application and makes funding decisions through the Corporation's grant review and selection process.

Effects of Non-Disclosure: Providing this information is voluntary; however, failure to provide the information would not allow the Corporation to assess the applicant's request for funding. In this case, it will not be possible to consider granting funds to the applicant.

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Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act: If you receive an award, you will be required to report at [www.FSRS.gov](#) on all subawards over \$25,000 and may be required to report on executive compensation for your organization and for your subgrantees. You must have the necessary systems in place to collect and report this information. See 2 C.F.R. Part 170 for more information and to determine how these requirements apply.

Universal Identifier: Applications must include a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and register with the Central Contractor's Registry (CCR). All grant recipients are required to maintain a valid registration, which must be renewed annually.

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Submitting Your Application in eGrants

Use these instructions in conjunction with the *Notice of Funds Available* or *Notice of Federal Funding Opportunity (Notice)* for the year in which you are applying, and the AmeriCorps Regulations, 45 CFR §§ 2520–2550. **The Notice includes deadlines, eligibility requirements, submission requirements, and other information that changes year-to-year for all AmeriCorps grant programs.**

The *Notice* can be found at

http://www.americorps.org/for_organizations/funding/nofa.asp. The full regulations are available online at www.gpoaccess.gov/ecfr.

If there is any inconsistency between the AmeriCorps regulations, the *Notice*, and the Application Instructions, the order of precedence is as follows:

1. AmeriCorps regulations 45 CFR §§ 2520–2550 take precedence over the
2. *Notice of Federal Funding Opportunity*, which takes precedence over the
3. Application Instructions.

Applicants need to establish an eGrants account by accessing this link:

<https://egrants.cns.gov/espan/main/login.jsp> and selecting “Don’t have an eGrants account? Create an account.”

Please note, state commissions submit planning grants as part of their competitive submission, under their competitive state prime. State planning grants may have different submission requirements and deadlines than the requirements and deadlines published in these instructions. A list of all State Commissions can be found here:

<http://www.americorps.gov/about/contact/statecommission.asp>.

Your application consists of the following components. Please make sure to complete each section.

- I. Applicant Info
- II. Application Info
- III. Narratives
- IV. Performance Measures
- V. Documents
- VI. Budget
- VI. Review, Authorize, and Submit
- VIII. Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants (Optional)

In eGrants, before Starting Section I, you will need to:

- Start a new Grant Application
- Select a Program Area (AmeriCorps)
- Select the appropriate eGrants NOFA: AmeriCorps Indian Tribes Planning FY 2011, AmeriCorps National Planning FY 2011, AmeriCorps State Planning FY 2011. State Commissions must contact

their program officer in order to open a new planning grant program for sub-applicant submission.

I. Applicant Info

In eGrants, complete the Applicant Info Section (Attachment B). This section is particularly important for data collection and evaluation. Please take the time to reflect your proposed program activities accurately in this section.

- In the Program Info Section enter “New.”
- Enter your contact information into the fields that appear.
- Select a primary Program Model and a secondary Program Model, if appropriate.
- Then select characteristics that fit your project under Program Design, Program Location, and Program Focus. Enter or select a Program Director and Program Website URL.

II. Application Info

Information entered in the Applicant Info, Application Info, and Budget sections will populate the SF 424 Facesheet. **If you are submitting your application in hard copy, you will find the SF 424 in Attachment A.**

In the Application Info Section enter:

- Areas affected by your proposed program.
- Requested project period start and end dates. If awarded, your CNCS Program Officer will work with you to finalize your project start date. The project period and the budget period are one year.
- If you are delinquent on any federal debt.
- State Application Identifier: Enter N/A.
- State Single Point of Contact: This is pre-filled as “No, this is not applicable.”
- For “Project Director” please enter the Executive Director or other authorizing executive who will certify the grant.
- Leave the box for “Program Initiative” blank.
- The “Estimated Funds Requested” box will be populated automatically after you complete the budget.

III. Narratives

The narrative section of the application is your opportunity to convince reviewers that your project meets the selection criteria. Below are some general recommendations to help you present your project in a way the reviewers will find compelling and persuasive.

- **Lead from your program strengths and be explicit.** Do not make the mistake of trying to stretch your proposed program description to fit each funding priority and special consideration articulated in the regulations or the *Notice*.

- **Be clear and succinct.** Reviewers are not interested in jargon, boilerplate, rhetoric, or exaggeration. They are interested in learning precisely what you intend to do, and how your project responds to the selection criteria presented below.
- **Avoid circular reasoning.** The problem you plan to solve should not be described as the lack of the program you are proposing.
- **Explain how.** Avoid simply stating that the criteria will be met. Explicitly describe how the proposed project will meet the criteria.
- **Don't make assumptions.** Even if you have received funding from the Corporation in the past, do not assume your reviewers know anything about you, your proposed program, your partners, or your beneficiaries. Avoid overuse of acronyms.
- **Use an impartial proofreader.** Before you submit your application, let someone who is completely unfamiliar with your project read and critique the project narrative.
- **Follow the instructions and discuss each criterion in the order they are presented in the instructions.**

In eGrants, you will enter text for Section A. Program Design, D. Organizational Capacity, and E. Cost Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy. Please enter “NA” for B. Member Outputs and Outcomes and C. Community Outputs and Outcomes.

You may not exceed 30,000 characters, or about 15 double spaced pages, in these three sections combined. The character count includes all letters, punctuation, and spaces in a document. **The Corporation will not consider material submitted over the character limits.**

Please note that the Narratives Section also includes fields for Clarification Information, Amendment Justification, and Continuation Changes. **These are not required fields. They will be used to enter information for clarification following review, request amendments once a grant is awarded, and enter changes in the narrative in continuation requests. Please enter N/A in these fields.**

A. Executive Summary

Please provide a one-paragraph summary of your proposed program. This paragraph must be 500 characters maximum, including spaces and punctuation. The Corporation will post these summaries on www.nationalservice.gov in the interest of transparency and Open Government.

B. Program Design

Describe why you are applying for a planning grant and what you hope to achieve during the one year planning period. Include the problem you plan to solve with your AmeriCorps program and documentation of the need. Describe what AmeriCorps members will be doing to meet the need, and the target communities

you will serve. Provide a detailed description of your planning process and a timeline for planning activities.

Describe how you will use the planning period to develop your capacity to effectively manage an AmeriCorps program including:

- Establishing systems and processes for sound programmatic and fiscal oversight.
- Creating a process for selecting operating and service sites (if applicable) that will ensure the most appropriate and capable organizations are selected.
- Planning orientation and training for operating and service sites (if applicable).
- Planning orientation and training for AmeriCorps members.
- Ensuring you have the ability to provide or secure effective technical assistance (if applicable).

C. Organizational Capability

Identify the primary and secondary contacts for the grant application. Describe your organization's prior experience administering federal funds. Describe your ability to successfully plan an AmeriCorps program.

Unless your organization is brand new, describe your record of accomplishment. Discuss your prior experience in the proposed area of programming and other examples of your organization's leadership in the community. Describe your organization's management and staff structure and the role the board of directors, administrators, and staff will play in the planning process.

Special Circumstances

In applying the organizational capability criteria to each proposal, reviewers may also take into account the following circumstances of individual organizations:

- The age of your organization and its rate of growth.
- Whether your organization serves a resource-poor community, such as a rural or remote community, a community with a high poverty rate, or a community with a scarcity of philanthropic and corporate resources.

If you feel that any of the circumstances stated above have an impact on your organizational capability that has not already been discussed, please describe the circumstance and how it affects your organizational capacity.

D. Cost Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy

Describe your plans to develop a cost-effective program including how you will develop diverse non-federal resources that will support your program implementation and sustainability. Discuss the adequacy of your budget to support the planning process including your match. Describe how you will secure any additional commitments you need for the planning grant.

E. Evaluation Summary or Plan

Enter N/A. Evaluations and evaluation plans are not required for planning grants.

F. Amendment Justification

Enter N/A. This field will be used if you are awarded a grant and need to amend it.

G. Clarification Information

Enter N/A. This field will be used to enter information that requires clarification in the post-review period.

H. Continuation Update

Enter N/A for Planning Grants.

IV. Performance Measures

AmeriCorps Performance Measures

One performance measure is required of Planning Grants, as indicated in the Performance Measure worksheet, attached. The Serve America Act Characteristics, Serve America Act Priorities, and Issue Areas and Service categories in the Performance Measures section of the application are required. The performance measure must be entered at the time of application.

Step 1: Select Serve America Act (SAA) Characteristics.

To begin, click one or more boxes in the “SAA Characteristics.”

Step 2: Select Serve America Act Priorities

Select the Focus Area in which your primary service activity fits. If your primary service activity does not fit into a Focus Area, select “Other” and skip to **Step 5**. You may select multiple Focus Areas to represent significant areas of planned AmeriCorps member activity. Do not include multiple Focus Areas to describe the same activity. Select the Focus Area that best describes the activity.

Step 3: Select Issue Areas and Service Categories

In eGrants, the service categories are located in the Performance Measures Section. In this section you will select issue areas and service categories that describe your program activities. First select an issue area, and then choose service categories from the pull down menu. When you have selected all applicable service categories, indicate which service category is the primary and which is the secondary in importance to your program. Only one service category can be indicated as the primary, and one as the secondary. See Attachment C for the list of Issue Areas and Service Categories.

Step 4: Add a Performance Measure

Begin by creating the Performance Measure Output.

Step 5: Add Performance Measurement Title

Give this performance measure the title “Planning Grant Measure” and enter it in the text box.

Step 6: Select a Service Category

Service Category is a drop-down menu of choices based on your earlier identification of Service Categories; select one and continue.

Step 7: Describe Strategies to Achieve Result

Enter “Plan an AmeriCorps program and gain capacity to apply successfully for an AmeriCorps operational grant.”

Step 8: Select a Result Type

Select Output.

Step 9: Write a Result Statement

Enter “Planning process completed.”

Step 10: Select an Indicator

Select any indicator. This will not be reviewed for planning grants.

Step 11: Write a Target Description

Enter N/A.

Step 12: Select a Target Number or Percent

Enter any number in this field. This will not be reviewed for planning grants.

Step 13: Identify your Instruments

Enter N/A.

Step 14: Write a Performance Measure Statement

Enter N/A.

V. Documents

Multi-state applicants and Indian Tribes applying directly to the Corporation and National Direct applicants must provide their federally approved indirect cost rate agreement, if using this agreement to cover administrative costs (see Budget Section III. Administrative/Indirect Costs, below). Please submit Indirect Cost Rates electronically to americorpsnational@cns.gov. This information must be received at the Corporation by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on the deadline.

Or, you may send hard copy of your federally approved indirect cost rate agreement to:

Corporation for National and Community Service
ATT: Office of Grants Policy and Operations/ASN Application

1201 New York Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20525

Please use an alternative service to the U.S. Postal Service to send hard copy. U.S. Postal Service deliveries to government agencies often are delayed and sometimes damaged due to security measures. Attach a hard copy of the program's SF424 facesheet to each document so that we know which application corresponds to each document.

VI. Budget Instructions for Planning Grant Applicants

A. Overview of Key Budget Requirements

Program requirements, including requirements on match are located in the AmeriCorps regulations, modified by appropriations language, and summarized below. Administrative costs must not exceed 5% of the total Corporation funds requested.

- You must match with cash or in-kind contributions at least 24% of the project's total budget.
- The acceptable sources of matching funds are federal, state, local, private sector, and/or other funds in accordance with applicable AmeriCorps requirements.
- Identify the source and total dollar amount of cash match from private, state and local and federal funds, the source type, and total amounts of in-kind support. Define all acronyms the first time they are used.

Note: The Corporation's legislation permits the use of non-Corporation federal funds as match for the grantee share of the budget. Please discuss your intention of using federal funds to match an AmeriCorps grant with the other agency prior to submitting your application. Section 121(e)(5) of the National Community Service Act requires that grantees that use other federal funds as match for an AmeriCorps grant report the amount and source of these funds to the Corporation. The Federal Financial Report (FFR) will be used to collect the federal match data. If a grantee uses federal funds as match, they will be required to report the sources and amounts on the FFR.

B. Preparing Your Budget

Your proposed budget should be sufficient to allow you to perform the tasks described in your narrative. Reviewers will consider the information you provide in this section in their assessment of the Cost-Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy selection criterion.

Follow the detailed budget instructions below to prepare your budget. We recommend that you prepare your budget in the same order as indicated in the Budget Worksheet in Attachment F. The Budget Checklist in Attachment G is a resource for you to ensure your budget is complete.

Please note that Attachments F and G include all budget line items for operating grants. The instructions below include details on which of these line items pertain to Planning Grants.

eGrants will create the budget and the budget narrative automatically from the detailed budget information you enter. Once you have entered your budget information in eGrants you will be asked to validate your budget and eGrants will check your submission for errors.

As you prepare your budget:

- All the amounts you request must be defined for a particular purpose. Do not include miscellaneous, contingency, or other undefined budget amounts.
- Your detailed budget narrative must provide an itemized explanation of proposed costs, including their purpose.
- 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.
- Do not include fractional amounts (cents).

Please refer to the relevant OMB Circulars on allowable costs for further guidance. The OMB circulars are online at www.whitehouse.gov/OMB/circulars.

- A-21 - Cost Principles for Educational Institutions, 2 CFR 220
- A-87 - Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments, 2 CFR 225
- A-122 - Cost Principles for Non Profit Organizations, 2 CFR 230

Programs must comply with all applicable federal laws, regulations, and OMB circulars for grant management, allowable costs, and audits, including providing audits to the A-133 clearinghouse if expending over \$500,000 in federal funds, as required in OMB Circular A-133.

C. Detailed Budget Instructions

Section I. Program Operating Costs

Complete Section I, Program Operating Costs, of the Budget Worksheet by entering the “Total Amount,” “CNCS Share,” and “Grantee Share” for Parts A-I, as follows:

A. Personnel Expenses

Under “Position/Title Description,” list each staff position separately and provide salary and percentage of effort devoted to this award. Each staff person’s role listed in the budget must be described in the application narrative and each staff person mentioned in the narrative must be listed in the budget. Because the purpose of this grant is to enable and stimulate volunteer community service, do not include the value of direct community service performed by volunteers.

However, you may include the value of volunteer services contributed to the organization for organizational functions such as accounting, audit work, or training of staff.

B. Personnel Fringe Benefits

Under “Purpose/Description,” identify the types of fringe benefits to be covered and the costs of benefit(s) for each staff position. Allowable fringe benefits typically include FICA, Worker’s Compensation, Retirement, SUTA, Health and Life Insurance, IRA, and 401K. You may provide a calculation for total benefits as a percentage of the salaries to which they apply or list each benefit as a separate item. If a fringe benefit amount is over 30%, please list separately. Holidays, leave, and other similar vacation benefits are not included in the fringe benefit rates but are absorbed into the personnel expenses (salary) budget line item. Uncommon or exceptionally high-cost benefits should be itemized and justified.

C. 1. Staff Travel

Describe the purpose for which program staff members will travel. Provide a calculation that includes itemized costs for airfare, transportation, lodging, per diem, and other travel-related expenses multiplied by the number of trips/staff. Where applicable, identify the current standard reimbursement rate(s) of the organization for mileage, daily per diem, and similar supporting information. The standard mileage reimbursement should not exceed the federal mileage rate unless a result of applicant policy and justified in budget narrative. Only domestic travel is allowable.

We expect applicants to include funds in this line item for travel for staff and site staff to attend Corporation-sponsored technical assistance meetings. There are two to three such opportunities per year, including opportunities for new grantee orientation, the Annual Grantee Meeting, financial training, and the National Conference on Service and Volunteering.

For example: two staff members will attend the National Conference on Service and Volunteering.

2 staff X \$750 airfare + \$50 ground transportation + \$400 lodging + \$35 per diem = \$2,470 for national conference.

C. 2. Member Travel

N/A.

D. Equipment

N/A.

E. Supplies

Include the amount of funds to purchase consumable supplies and materials that cost under \$5,000 per unit. Items over \$5,000 are considered equipment and are

not allowed as a budget cost for planning grants. You must individually list any single item costing \$1,000 or more.

F. Contractual and Consultant Services

Include costs for consultants related to the project's operations, except training consultants, who will be listed in Sections G., below. Payments to individuals for consultant services under this grant may not exceed \$750 per day (excluding costs for indirect expenses, travel, supplies, etc.). The \$750 daily rate is a ceiling, and we anticipate budgeted daily rates at considerably lower levels. Indicate the daily rate, number of days, and total cost for consultants you are proposing to use and their contractual services.

G. 1. Staff Training

Include the costs associated with training staff on project requirements and training to enhance the skills needed for effective project implementation, i.e., project or financial management, team building, etc. If using a consultant(s) for training, indicate the estimated daily rate, not to exceed the maximum daily rate limit of \$750.

G. 2. Member Training

N/A.

H. Evaluation

N/A.

I. Other Program Operating Costs

Allowable costs in this budget category should include when applicable:

- Criminal history background checks for any employees or other individuals who receive a salary, education award, living allowance, or stipend or similar payment from the grant (federal or non-federal share).
- Office space rental for projects operating without an approved indirect cost rate agreement that covers office space. If space is budgeted and it is shared with other projects or activities, the costs must be equitably pro-rated and allocated between the activities or projects.
- Utilities, telephone, Internet and similar expenses that are specifically used for AmeriCorps project staff, and are not part of the organizations indirect cost/admin cost allocation pool. If such expenses are budgeted and shared with other projects or activities, the costs must be equitably pro-rated and allocated between the activities or projects.

Section II. Member Costs

All Member Costs are N/A.

A. Subgrant Administrative Cost Allocation

For cost-reimbursement grants, the Corporation's regulations limit the portion of federal grant funds that can support administrative (indirect) costs to 5%.

If a commission elects to retain a share of the 5% of federal funds available to programs for administrative costs, that decision is identified within each subgrant's budget.

State Commission 1.0 Percent Fixed Administrative Costs Option

The 5% maximum is calculated by multiplying the sum of the Corporation's share of Section I and Section II by the factor 0.0526. The factor 0.0526 is used to calculate the maximum amount of federal funds that may be budgeted for administrative (indirect) costs, rather than 0.0500, as a way to mathematically compensate for determining Section III costs when the total budget (Sections I + II + III) is not yet established. If 0.0500 was used, the resulting Section III costs would be less than the maximum 5% of total costs that are permitted under the Corporation's regulations.

While the Corporation encourages State Commissions to provide the full 5% to subgrantees for administrative costs, commissions may require subgrantees to allocate up to one-fifth of the 5% (1% of the federal dollars awarded) to be retained by the commission to cover commission-level administrative costs. Any administrative funds you retain must be used solely in support of the AmeriCorps programs from which they have been retained. Your accounting system must track and allocate these administrative funds separately.

If a commission elects to retain a share of the 5% of federal funds available to programs for administrative costs, that decision is identified within each subgrant's budget. To calculate these fractional shares, within Section III of the subgrant budget, one-fifth (20 %) of the federal dollars budgeted for administrative costs are allocated to the commission's share and four-fifths (80%) of the federal dollars budgeted for administrative costs are allocated to the program's share. Because programs budget the 5% administrative maximum by multiplying the Corporation's share of Section I and Section II costs by the factor 0.0526, the allocation between commission and program shares would be calculated as follows:

$$([\text{Section I}] + [\text{Section II}] \times 0.0526) \times (0.20) = \text{Commission Share}$$

$$([\text{Section I}] + [\text{Section II}] \times 0.0526) \times (0.80) = \text{Subgrantee Share}$$

If a commission elects to retain a share that is less than 1% budgeted for administrative costs, then the calculation above would be adjusted, as appropriate.

B. Federally Approved Indirect Cost Rate Method

If you have a Federally Approved Indirect Cost (IDC) rate and choose to use it, the IDC rate will constitute documentation of your administrative costs including the 5% maximum payable by the Corporation. Specify the Cost Type for which your organization has current documentation on file, i.e., Provisional,

Predetermined, Fixed, or Final indirect cost rate. Supply your approved IDC rate (percentage) and the base upon which this rate is calculated (direct salaries, salaries and fringe benefits, etc.). It is at your discretion whether or not to claim your entire IDC rate to calculate administrative costs. If you choose to claim a lower rate, please include this rate in the Rate Claimed field.

1. Determine the base amount of direct costs to which you will apply the IDC rate, including both the Corporation and grantee shares, as prescribed by your established rate agreement (i.e., based on salaries and benefits, total direct costs, or other). Then multiply the appropriate direct costs by the rate being claimed. This will determine the total amount of indirect costs allowable under the grant.

2. To determine the Corporation share: Multiply the sum of the Corporation funding share in Sections I and II by 0.0526. This is the maximum amount you can claim as the Corporation share of indirect costs.

3. To determine the Grantee share: Subtract the amount calculated in step 2 (the Corporation administrative share) from the amount calculated in step 1 (the Indirect Cost total). This is the amount the applicant can claim as grantee share for administrative costs.

Section IV. Match

Source of Match

In the “Source of Match” field that appears at the end of Budget Sections I, II, and III, enter a brief description of the Source of Match, the amount, the match classification (Cash, In-kind, or Not Available) and Match Source (State/Local, Federal, Private, Other or Not Available) **for your entire match**. Define any acronyms the first time they are used.

VII. Review, Authorize, and Submit

eGrants requires that you review and verify your entire application before submitting, by completing the following sections in eGrants:

- Review
- Authorize
- Assurances
- Certifications
- Verify
- Submit

Authorization, Assurances and Certifications

Read the Authorization, Assurances, and Certifications carefully (Attachment A). The person who authorizes the application must be the applicant’s Authorized Representative or his/her designee and must have an active eGrants account to sign these documents electronically. An Authorized Representative is the person in your organization authorized to accept and commit funds on behalf of the

organization. A copy of the governing body's authorization for this official representative to sign must be on file in the applicant's office.

Be sure to check your entire application to ensure that there are no errors before submitting it. eGrants will also generate a list of errors if there are sections that need to be corrected prior to submission when you verify the application. If someone else is acting in the role of the applicant's authorized representative, that person must log into his/her eGrants account and proceed with Authorize and Submit. After signing off on the Authorization, Assurances, and Certifications, his/her name will override any previous signatory that may appear and show on the application as the Authorized Representative.

Note: Anyone within your organization that will be entering information in the application at any point during application preparation and submission in the eGrants system must have their own eGrants account. Individuals may establish an eGrants account by accessing this link: <https://egrants.cns.gov/espan/main/login.jsp> and selecting "Don't have an eGrants account? Create an account."

VIII. Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants (Optional)

The Corporation and other federal agencies are collaborating with the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives to conduct a survey of organizations that apply for federal funding. The purpose of this voluntary information collection is to compile statistics on the types of organizations that apply to the Corporation for funds, such as number of employees, budget size, and self-identification as a faith-based/religious organization or a non-religious community-based organization.

This form is for applicants that are nonprofit private organizations, **not including private universities**. All information from the attached survey will be confidential and the responses will be aggregated in a summary report. Information provided on your form will not be released and will not be considered in any way in making funding decisions. If you are submitting a hard copy application, the form can be found in Attachment I.

You may complete the survey while preparing your application or after submitting your application.

1. To complete the survey while preparing your application, go to the Main Menu, select Enter Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunity, provide requested information and submit.
2. If you submit your grant application without completing the survey, a pop-up box will appear and ask you if you would like to complete the survey. You may select Yes, No, or Remind Me Later. If you select Remind Me Later, you will be asked to fill in the survey next time you attempt to submit an application to the Corporation for National and Community Service.

ATTACHMENT A: Facesheet Instructions (eGrants Applicant Info and Application Info Sections)

Modified Standard Form 424 (Rev. 11/02 to conform to the Corporation's eGrants system)

This form is required for applications submitted for federal assistance. **Check for alignment with eGrants and approved standard form

Item

1. Filled in for your convenience.
2. Self-explanatory.
3. 3. a. and 3. b. are for state use only (if applicable).
4. Item 4. a: Leave blank.
Item 4. b: If you are a recipient in year 2 or 3 of an already-awarded grant, enter the grant number, otherwise, leave blank.
5. Enter the following information:
 - a. The complete name of the organization that will be legally responsible for the grant, not the name of the organizational unit within the legally responsible organization. (For example, indicate "National University" instead of "Liberal Arts Department.")
 - b. Your organization's DUNS number (received from Dun and Bradstreet).
This is a required field. Please see the Notice for instructions on how to obtain a DUNS number.
 - c. The name of the primary organizational unit that will undertake the assistance activity, if different from 5. a.
 - d. Your organization's complete address with the 9 digit ZIP+ 4 code.
 - e. The name and contact information of the project director or other person to contact on matters related to this application.
6. Enter your Employer Identification Number (EIN) as assigned by the Internal Revenue Service.
7. Item 7. a.: Enter the appropriate letter in the box.
Item 7. b.: Please enter the characteristic(s) that best describe your organization.

K-12 Education

- 1 School (K-12)
- 2 Local Education Agency
- 3 State Education Agency

Higher Education

- 4 Vocational/Technical College
- 5 Community College
- 6 2-year College
- 7 4-year College
- 8 Hispanic Serving College or University
- 9 Historically Black College or University
- 10 Tribally Controlled College or University

Government

- 23 Local Government-Municipal
- 24 Health Department
- 25 Law Enforcement Agency
- 26 Governor's Office

Non-Profit Organizations

- 11 Community-Based Organization
- 12 Faith-Based Organization
- 13 Chamber of Commerce/ Business Association
- 14 Community Action Agency/ Program
- 15 Service/Civic Organization
- 16 Volunteer Management Organization
- 17 Self-Incorporated Senior Corps Project
- 18 Statewide Association
- 19 National Non-Profit (Multistate)
- 20 Local Affiliate of National Organization
- 21 Tribal Organization (Non-government)
- 22 Other Native American Organization

- 28 Other State Government
- 29 Tribal Government Entity
- 30 Area Agency on Aging
- 31 U.S. Territory

8. Check the appropriate box for type of application and enter the appropriate letter(s) in the lower boxes:
 - Check “New.”
9. Filled in for your convenience.
10. Use the following list of CFDA (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance) numbers for the applicable program listing, or other source if so instructed in the *Notice*: 94.006 AmeriCorps State and National.
11. Enter the project title.
12. List only the largest political entities affected (e.g., counties, and cities).
13. (See item 8) “New” application or “New application/previous grantee:” Enter the dates for the proposed project period. “Continuation” or “Amendment” application: Enter the dates of the approved project period.

Performance Period: this appears only in eGrants, and is for the use of staff only.

14. Leave blank, staff use only.
15. Estimated Funding. Check the appropriate box to indicate the grant year for which funding is being requested. Enter the amount requested or to be contributed during this budget period on each appropriate line, as shown below. The value of in-kind contributions should be included in these amounts, as applicable. For revisions (See item 8), if the action will result in a dollar change to an existing award, include only the amount of the change. For decreases, enclose the amounts in parentheses.

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| a. Federal | The total amount of federal funds being requested in the budget. |
| b. Applicant | The total amount of the applicant share as entered in the budget. |
| c. State | The amount of the applicant share that is coming from state sources. |
| d. Local | The amount of the applicant share that is coming from local governmental sources (e.g., city, county and other municipal sources). |
| e. Other | The amount of the applicant share that is coming from non-governmental sources. |
| f. Program Income | The amount of the applicant share that is coming from income generated by programmatic activities (i.e., use of the additive option where program income is used to increase the size of the program). |
| g. Total | The applicant's estimate of the total funding amount for the agreement. |

16. Pre-filled for your convenience. This program is excluded from coverage by State Executive Order 12372.
17. Check the appropriate box. This question applies to the applicant organization, not the person who signs as the authorized representative. Categories of debt include delinquent audit allowances, loans, and taxes. If Yes, attach an explanation.

18. The person who signs this form must be the applicant's authorized representative. A copy of the governing body's authorization for this official representative to sign must be on file in the applicant's office.

Note: Falsification or concealment of a material fact, or submission of false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations to any department or agency of the United States Government may result in a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, or both. (18 U.S. Code Section 1001

ATTACHMENT B: Program Model, Design, Location, and Focus (eGrants Applicant Info Section)

SECTION I: PROGRAM MODEL

Directions: Choose one primary and one secondary program model, if applicable.

Section I: Project Models (select one for primary and another for secondary)		
	Youth Corps	A full-time year-round youth corps program or full-time summer youth corps program, such as a conservation corps or youth service corps that undertakes meaningful service projects with visible public benefits; includes as participants youths and young adults between the ages of 16 and 25 inclusive, including out-of-school youths and other disadvantaged youths.
	Community Corps	A community corps program that meets unmet human, educational, environmental, or public safety needs and promotes greater community unity through the use of organized teams of participants of varied social and economic backgrounds, skill levels, physical and developmental capabilities, ages, ethnic backgrounds, or genders.
	Campus-based Model	A campus-based program that is designed to provide substantial service in a community during the school term and during summer or other vacation periods through the use of students who are attending an institution of higher education.
	Pre-Professional Corps	A pre-professional training program in which students enrolled in an institution of higher education receive training in specified fields, which may include classes containing service-learning; perform service related to such training outside the classroom during the school term and during summer and other vacation periods; and agree to provide service upon graduation to meet unmet human, educational, environmental, or public safety needs related to such training.
	Professional Corps	A professional corps program that recruits and places qualified participants to meet unmet human, educational, environmental, or public safety needs in communities with an inadequate number of such professionals.
	Entrepreneur Corps	A national service entrepreneur program that identifies, recruits, and trains gifted young adults of all backgrounds and assists them in designing solutions to community problems.
	Intergenerational Program	An intergenerational program that combines students, out-of-school youths, and older adults as participants to provide needed community services, including an intergenerational component for other national service programs described in this subsection.
	Service-Learning Program	A program that provides specialized training to individuals in service-learning and places the individuals after such training in positions, including positions as service-learning coordinators to facilitate service-learning in programs eligible for funding under Learn and Serve America School-Based and Community-Based Grants.
	Rural Corps	A program designed to meet the needs of rural communities, using teams or individual placements to address the development needs of rural communities and to combat rural poverty, including health care, education, and job training.

	Hunger Elimination Program	A program that seeks to eliminate hunger in communities and rural areas through service in projects involving food banks, food pantries, and nonprofit organizations that provide food during emergencies.
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SECTION II: PROGRAM DESIGN

Directions: Choose one or more project designs.

P	Section II: Program Design	
	Team-Based	A program where members regularly function as a team during the service week.
	Individual Placement /Scattered Site	A program that places one or two members at sites in a variety of locations.
	Intermediary Organization	Intermediary organizations provide the mechanism by which a number of community or faith-based organizations or grassroots groups may access AmeriCorps and other Corporation resources. We define intermediaries as national, regional, state, or local organizations that agree to provide the technical and financial support to assist community or faith-based organizations that do not have the capacity to perform these functions. Intermediaries serve as the legal applicant for a Corporation grant, thereby ensuring that the systems to manage a federal grant are in place.
	Statewide Initiative	A program that operates throughout the state and may or may not have a single issue focus.

SECTION III: PROGRAM LOCATION

Directions: Please enter your program's location information.

P	Geography (please check one)	
	Urban	A program designed to meet the needs of urban communities.
	Rural	A program designed to meet the needs of rural communities.
	Both	A program designed to meet the needs of both urban and rural communities.
		Areas of Need Identification: Check all that apply (optional)
	Areas Affected by Military Downsizing	Areas adversely impacted by reductions in defense spending or the closure or realignment of military installations.
	Empowerment Zones or Redevelopment Areas	Communities designated as empowerment zones or redevelopment areas that are targeted for special economic incentives, or otherwise identifiable as having high concentrations of low-income people.
	Environmentally Distressed Areas	Areas that are environmentally distressed.
	Areas Affected by Management of	Areas adversely affected by federal actions related to the management of federal lands that result in significant

P	Geography (please check one)	
	Federal Lands	regional job losses and economic dislocation.
	Areas with High Unemployment Rates	Areas that have an unemployment rate greater than the national average unemployment for the most recent 12 months for which satisfactory data are available.

SECTION IV: PROGRAM FOCUS

Directions: Choose one or more program focus areas from below.

P	Section IV: Program Focus			
	African American community		Pre-school Children	At-Risk Youth
	Asian American community		K-12 Students	Children of Prisoners
	Latin American community		Young Adults (17-24)	Foster Children
	Native American community		College Students	
	Families/Parents		Incarcerated Individuals and Ex-Offenders	Seniors
	Homeless		Low-Income Community	Unemployed
	Homeless Veterans		Low-Income Housing Residents	Veterans
	Immigrants		Mentally/Physically Challenged	Victims/Potential Victims of Crime
			Persons with HIV/AIDS	
	Asset Accumulation	Community and faith-based organizations that conduct activities that empower the poor through asset accumulation programs including home ownership, individual development accounts, and financial literacy.		
	Strengthening Families	Community and faith-based organizations that conduct activities that strengthen families to break the intergenerational cycle of poverty.		

ATTACHMENT C: Issue Areas and Service Categories (eGrants Performance Measures Section)

In this section you will select service categories that describe your program activities. First select an issue area, and then choose one or more service categories. When you have selected all applicable service categories, indicate which service category is the primary one by entering a 1 next to the check box, and which is the secondary by entering a 2 next to the checkbox. Only one service category can be indicated as the primary, and one as the secondary.

Issue Areas and Service Categories (Issue Areas in Bold)

Community and Economic Development

- Community-based Volunteer Programs
- Community Revitalization/Improvement
- Consumer Education
- Cooperatives/Credit Unions
- Food Production/Community Gardens/Farming
- Job Development/Placement
- Management Consulting
- Micro Enterprise
- Other Economic and Community Development
- Public Safety
- Regional/State/City Planning
- Small/Minority Business Development
- Social Services Planning & Delivery Systems/Community Organization
- Tax Counseling/Counseling
- Technology Access
- Thrift Store
- Transportation Services
- Welfare to Work

Disaster Recovery/Relief

- Disaster Mitigation
- Disaster Preparedness
- Disaster Recovery
- Disaster Response
- Other Disaster

Education

- Adult Education and Literacy
- After School Programs
- America Reads
- Computer Literacy
- Cultural Heritage
- ESL
- Elementary Education
- GED/Dropouts
- Head Start/School Preparedness
- Job Preparedness/School to Work
- Library Services
- Other Education
- Pre-Elementary Day Care
- Secondary Education
- Service-Learning

Special Education

- Tutoring & Child Literacy—Elementary
- Tutoring & Child Literacy—High School
- Tutoring & Child Literacy—Middle School
- Vocational Education
- Youth Leadership/Development

Environment

- Clean Air
- Clean and Safe Water
- Community Restoration/Clean Up
- Energy Conservation
- Environmental Awareness
- Indoor Environment
- Other Environment
- Toxic Waste Management
- Waste Reduction, Management, and Recycling
- Wildlife, Land & Vegetation Protection or Restoration

Health/Nutrition

- Border Babies
- CHIOS/SCHIPS
- Congregate Meals
- Delivery of Health Services
- Food Distribution/Collection
- HIV/AIDS
- Health Education
- Health Screening
- Hospice/Terminally Ill
- Immunization
- In-Home Care
- Maternal/Child Health Services
- Mental Health
- Mental Retardation
- Other Health/Nutrition
- Physical Disabilities Programs
- Substance Abuse

Homeland Security

- Disaster Preparedness/Relief
- Public Health
- Other Homeland Security
- Public Safety

- Human Needs**
- Adoption
- Adult Day Care/Senior Center
- Companionship/Outreach
- Crisis Intervention
- Intensive Mentoring (at least 1 hour weekly for at least 9 months)
- Mentoring
- Other Human Needs
- Respite
- Senior Center Program (Non Residential)
- Senior Citizen Assistance
- Teen Pregnancy/Abstinence/Parent Support

- Housing**
- Home Management Support/Education
- Homeless
- Housing Referrals/Relocation/Other
- Housing Rehabilitation/Construction
- Independent Living—Disabled
- Independent Living—Seniors
- Other Housing

- Tenant Organizing
- Transitional Housing

- Public Safety**
- Adult Offender/Ex-Offender Services/Rehabilitation
- Child Abuse/Neglect
- Children & Youth Safety Programs
- Community Policing/Community Patrol
- Conflict Resolution/Mediation
- Crime Awareness/Crime Avoidance
- Elder Abuse/Neglect
- Family Violence
- Improvement of Household Security
- Juvenile Justice, Delinquency, Gangs
- Legal Assistance
- Neighborhood Watch/Block Watch
- Other Public Safety
- Safe Havens
- Safety/Fire Prevention/Accident Prevention
- Sexual Abuse/Rape
- Victim/Witness Assistance

**ATTACHMENT D: Performance Measure Worksheet
(eGrants Performance Measures Section)**

Please fill in the performance measure information for each section.
General Info
Performance Measurement Title: Planning Grant or Indian Tribes Planning Grant
Measure Category (choose one): Needs and Service Activities Participant Development Strengthening Communities Select one
Service Category (see Attachment A, Service Categories): Enter Service Category
Needs and Activities
Enter: Plan an AmeriCorps program and gain capacity to apply successfully for an AmeriCorps operational grant.
Enter: Work with grantor staff to design and conduct planning process as outlined in planning grant application.
Result Type
Outputs are counts of the amount of service members or volunteers have completed, but do not provide information on benefits to or other changes in the lives of members and/or beneficiaries.
Intermediate-outcomes specify changes that have occurred in the lives of members and/or beneficiaries, but are short of a significant benefit for them.
Result: Output
Result Statement: Enter: Planning process completed.
Indicator: A specific, measurable item of information that specifies progress toward achieving a result. Indicator: NA
Other Indicator: NA
Targets
Target Description: NA

(number) or % (percent): NA
Instruments: Specific tool to collect information (e.g. behavior checklist, tally sheet, attitude questionnaire, interview protocol). NA
Result: Intermediate Outcome
Result Statement: NA 1-2 sentences stating the expected result.
Indicator: A specific, measurable item of information that specifies progress toward achieving a result. Indicator: NA
Other Indicator: NA
Targets
Target Description: NA
(number) or % (percent): NA
Instruments: Specific tool to collect information (e.g. behavior checklist, tally sheet, attitude questionnaire, interview protocol). NA

ATTACHMENT E: Assurances and Certifications (eGrants Review, Authorize and Submit Section)

Instructions

By signing and submitting this application, as the duly authorized representative of the applicant, you certify that the applicant will comply with the Assurances and Certifications described below.

a) Inability to certify

Your inability to provide the assurances and certifications listed below will not necessarily result in denial of a grant. You must submit an explanation of why you cannot do so. We will consider your explanation in determining whether to enter into this transaction. However, your failure to furnish an explanation will disqualify your application.

b) Erroneous certification or assurance

The assurances and certifications are material representations of fact upon which we rely in determining whether to enter into this transaction. If we later determine that you knowingly submitted an erroneous certification or assurance, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, we may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

c) Notice of error in certification or assurance

You must provide immediate written notice to us if at any time you learn that a certification or assurance was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous because of changed circumstances.

d) Definitions

The terms “covered transaction”, “debarred”, “suspended”, “ineligible”, “lower tier covered transaction”, “participant”, “person”, “primary covered transaction”, “principal”, “proposal”, and “voluntarily excluded” as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. An applicant shall be considered a “prospective primary participant in a covered transaction” as defined in the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact us for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

e) Assurance requirement for subgrant agreements

You agree by submitting this proposal that if we approve your application you shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by us.

f) Assurance inclusion in subgrant agreements

You agree by submitting this proposal that you will obtain an assurance from prospective participants in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions that the participants are not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction.

g) Assurance of subgrant principals

You may rely upon an assurance of a prospective participant in a lower-tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless you know that the assurance is erroneous. You may decide the method and frequency by which you determine the eligibility of your principals. You may, but are not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.

h) Non-assurance in subgrant agreements

If you knowingly enter into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, we may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

i) Prudent person standard

Nothing contained in the aforementioned may be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the assurances and certifications required. Your knowledge and information is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

ASSURANCES

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the applicant:

- Has the legal authority to apply for federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management, and completion of the project described in this application.
- Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, and if appropriate, the state, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
- Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their position for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
- Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
- Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the nineteen statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 CFR 900, Subpart F).
- Will comply with all federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1681-1683, and 1685-1686). which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability (d) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) The Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) The Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) sections 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. 290dd-3 and 290ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the National and Community Service Act of 1990, as amended; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
- Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of federal or federally assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of federal participation in purchases.
- Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. 1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
- Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C 276a and 276a-77), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C 276c and 18 U.S.C. 874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327-333), regarding labor standards for Federally assisted construction sub-agreements.
- Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires the recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
- Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved state management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C 1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).

- Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C 1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
- Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16U.S.C. 469a-1 et seq.).
- Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
- Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
- Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
- Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act of 1984, as amended, and OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.
- Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, application guidelines, and policies governing this program.

For AmeriCorps State and National Applicants ONLY

If you are not applying for a grant through AmeriCorps, you may ignore this section.

- Will comply with all rules regarding prohibited activities, including those stated in applicable Notice, grant provisions, and program regulations, and will ensure that no assistance made available by the Corporation will be used to support any such prohibited activities.
- Will comply with the nondiscrimination provisions in the national service laws, which provide that an individual with responsibility for the operation of a project or program that receives assistance under the national service laws shall not discriminate against a participant in, or member of the staff of, such project or program on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, political affiliation, disability, or on the basis of religion. (NOTE: the prohibition on religious discrimination does not apply to the employment of any staff member paid with non-Corporation funds or paid with Corporation funds but employed with the organization operating the project prior to or on the date the grant was awarded. If your organization is a faith-based organization that makes hiring decisions on the basis of religious belief, your organization may be entitled, under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, 42 U.S.C. § 2000bb, to receive federal funds and yet maintain that hiring practice, even though the national service legislation includes a restriction on religious discrimination in employment of staff hired to work on a Corporation-funded project and paid with Corporation grant funds. (42 U.S.C. §§ 5057(c) and 12635(c)). For the circumstances under which this may occur, please see the document “Effect of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act on Faith-Based Applicants for Grants” on the Corporation’s website at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/archive/fbci/effect-rfra.pdf>.
- Will comply with all other federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination, including any self-evaluation requirements. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1681-1683, and 1685-1686) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps (d) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) The Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) The Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) sections 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. 290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; and (i) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

- Will provide, in the design, recruitment, and operation of any AmeriCorps program, for broad-based input from – (1) the community served, the municipality and government of the county (if appropriate) in which the community is located, and potential participants in the program; and (2) community-based agencies with a demonstrated record of experience in providing services and local labor organizations representing employees of service sponsors, if these entities exist in the area to be served by the program;
- Will, prior to the placement of participants, consult with the appropriate local labor organization, if any, representing employees in the area who are engaged in the same or similar work as that proposed to be carried out by an AmeriCorps program, to ensure compliance with the nondisplacement requirements specified in section 177 of the NCSA;
- Will, in the case of an AmeriCorps program that is not funded through a State, consult with and coordinate activities with the State Commission for the state in which the program operates.
- Will ensure that any national service program carried out by the applicant using assistance provided under section 121 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 and any national service program supported by a grant made by the applicant using such assistance will address unmet human, educational, environmental, or public safety needs through services that provide a direct benefit to the community in which the service is performed;
- Will comply with the nonduplication and nondisplacement requirements set out in section 177 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990, and in the Corporation’s regulations at § 2540.100;
- Will comply with the grievance procedure requirements as set out in section 176(f) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 and in the Corporation’s regulations at 45 CFR § 2540.230;
- Will provide participants in the national service program with the training, skills, and knowledge necessary for the projects that participants are called upon to perform;
- Will provide support services to participants, such as information regarding G.E.D. attainment and post-service employment, and, if appropriate, opportunities for participants to reflect on their service experiences;
- Will arrange for an independent evaluation of any national service program carried out using assistance provided to the applicant under section 121 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 or, with the approval of the Corporation, conduct an internal evaluation of the program;
- Will apply measurable performance goals and evaluation methods, which are to be used as part of such evaluation to determine the program’s impact on communities and persons served by the program, on participants who take part in the projects, and in other such areas as required by the Corporation;
- Will ensure the provision of a living allowance and other benefits to participants as required by the Corporation;
- Has not violated a Federal criminal statute;
- If a state applicant, will ensure that the State subgrants will be used to support national service programs selected by the State on a competitive basis;
- If a state applicant, will seek to ensure an equitable allocation within the State of assistance and approved national service positions, taking into consideration such factors as the locations of the programs, population density, and economic distress;
- If a state applicant, will ensure that not less than 60% of the assistance will be used to make grants to support national service programs other than those carried out by a State agency, unless the Corporation approves otherwise.

CERTIFICATIONS

Certification – Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters

This certification is required by the government-wide regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 2 CFR Part 180, Section 180.335, *What information must I provide before entering into a covered transaction with a Federal agency?*

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that neither the applicant nor its principals:

- Is presently excluded or disqualified;
- Has been convicted within the preceding three years of any of the offenses listed in § 180.800(a) or had a civil judgment rendered against it for one of those offenses within that time period;
- Is presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission or any of the offenses listed in § 180.800(a); or
- Has had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated within the preceding three years for cause or default.

Certification – Drug Free Workplace

This certification is required by the Corporation’s regulations implementing sections 5150-5160 of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (P.L. 100-690), 45 CFR Part 2545, Subpart B. The regulations require certification by grantees, prior to award, that they will make a good faith effort, on a continuing basis, to maintain a drug-free workplace. The certification set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the agency determines to award the grant. False certification or violation of the certification may be grounds for suspension of payments, suspension or termination of grants, or government-wide suspension or debarment (see 45 CFR Part 2542, Subparts G and H).

As the duly authorized representative of the grantee, I certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the grantee will provide a drug-free workplace by:

- A. Publishing a drug-free workplace statement that:
 - a. Notifies employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee’s workplace;
 - b. Specifies the actions that the grantee will take against employees for violating that prohibition; and
 - c. Informs employees that, as a condition of employment under any award, each employee will abide by the terms of the statement and notify the grantee in writing if the employee is convicted for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace within five days of the conviction;
- B. Requiring that a copy of the statement described in paragraph (A) be given to each employee who will be engaged in the performance of any Federal award;
- C. Establishing a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:
 - a. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - b. The grantee’s policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - c. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - d. The penalties that the grantee may impose upon them for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
- D. Providing us, as well as any other Federal agency on whose award the convicted employee was working, with written notification within 10 calendar days of learning that an employee has been convicted of a drug violation in the workplace;
- E. Taking one of the following actions within 30 calendar days of learning that an employee has been convicted of a drug violation in the workplace:
 - a. Taking appropriate personnel action against the employee, up to and including termination; or
 - b. Requiring that the employee participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for these purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

- F. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (A) through (E).

Certification - Lobbying Activities

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, as the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that:

- No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the applicant, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
- If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the applicant will submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions;
- The applicant will require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subcontracts at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients will certify and disclose accordingly.

Certification - Grant Review Process (State Commissions Only)

I certify that in conducting our review process, we have ensured compliance with the National and Community Service Act of 1990, the Corporation's peer review requirements, and all state laws and conflict of interest rules.

For AmeriCorps State and National Direct Applicants ONLY

If you are not applying for a grant through AmeriCorps, you may ignore this section.

Erroneous certification or assurance

The assurances and certifications are material representations of fact upon which we rely in determining whether to enter into this transaction. If we later determine that you knowingly submitted an erroneous certification or assurance, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, we may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

Notice of error in certification or assurance

You must provide immediate written notice to us if at any time you learn that a certification or assurance was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous because of changed circumstances.

Definitions

The terms "debarment", "suspension", "excluded", "disqualified", "ineligible", "participant", "person", "principal", "proposal", and "voluntarily excluded" as used in this document have the meanings set out in 2 CFR Part 180, subpart I, "Definitions." A transaction shall be considered a "covered transaction" if it meets the definition in 2 CFR part 180 subpart B, "Covered Transactions."

Assurance requirement for subgrant agreements

You agree by submitting this proposal that if we approve your application you shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by us.

Assurance inclusion in subgrant agreements

You agree by submitting this proposal that you will obtain an assurance from prospective participants in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions that the participants are not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction.

Assurance of subgrant principals

You may rely upon an assurance of a prospective participant in a lower-tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless you know that the assurance is erroneous. You may decide the method and frequency by which you determine the eligibility of your principals. You may, but are not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.

Non-assurance in subgrant agreements

If you knowingly enter into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, we may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

Prudent person standard

Nothing contained in the aforementioned may be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the assurances and certifications required. Your knowledge and information is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS

ASSURANCE SIGNATURE: NOTE: Sign this form and include in the application.

SIGNATURE:

By signing this assurances page, you certify that you agree to perform all actions and support all intentions in the Assurances section.

Organization Name: _____

Program Name: _____

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

CERTIFICATION SIGNATURE: NOTE: Sign this form and include in the application.

SIGNATURE:

By signing this certification page, you certify that you agree to perform all actions and support all intentions in the Certification sections of this application. The three Certifications are:

- . Certification: Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters
- . Certification: Drug-Free Workplace
- . Certification: Lobbying Activities

Organization Name: _____

Program Name: _____

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

ATTACHMENT F: Budget Worksheet (eGrants Budget Section)

Section I. Program Operating Costs

A. Personnel Expenses

Position/Title/Description	Qty	Annual Salary	% Time	Total Amount	CNCS Share	Grantee Share
Totals						

B. Personnel Fringe Benefits

Purpose/Description	Calculation	Total Amount	CNCS Share	Grantee Share
Totals				

C.1. Staff Travel

Purpose	Calculation	Total Amount	CNCS Share	Grantee Share
Totals				

C.2. Member Travel

Purpose	Calculation	Total Amount	CNCS Share	Grantee Share
Totals				

D. Equipment

Item/ Purpose/Justification	Qty	Unit Cost	Total Amount	CNCS Share	Grantee Share
Totals					

E. Supplies

Purpose	Calculation	Total Amount	CNCS Share	Grantee Share
Totals				

F. Contractual and Consultant Services

Purpose	Calculation	Daily Rate	Total Amount	CNCS Share	Grantee Share
Totals					

G.1. Staff Training

Purpose	Calculation	Daily Rate	Total Amount	CNCS Share	Grantee Share
Totals					

G.2. Member Training

Purpose	Calculation	Daily Rate	Total Amount	CNCS Share	Grantee Share
Totals					

H. Evaluation

Purpose	Calculation	Daily Rate	Total Amount	CNCS Share	Grantee Share
Totals					

I. Other Program Operating Costs

Purpose	Calculation	Daily Rate	Total Amount	CNCS Share	Grantee Share
Totals					

Subtotal Section I:	Total Amount	CNCS Share	Grantee Share

Section II. Member Costs

A. Living Allowance

Item	# Mbrs	Allowance Rate	# w/o Allowance	Total Amount	CNCS Share	Grantee Share
Full Time (1700 hrs)						
Half Time (900 hrs)						
1st Year of 2-Year Half Time						
2 nd Year of 2-Year Half Time						
Reduced Half Time (675 hrs)						
Quarter Time (450 hrs)						
Minimum Time (300 hrs)						
Totals						

B. Member Support Costs

Purpose	Calculation	Daily Rate	Total Amount	CNCS Share	Grantee Share
Totals					

Subtotal Section II:	Total Amount	CNCS Share	Grantee Share
Subtotal Sections I + II:			

Section III. Administrative/Indirect Costs

A. Corporation Fixed Percentage Method

Purpose	Calculation	Total Amount	CNCS Share	Grantee Share
Totals				

B. Federally Approved Indirect Cost Rate Method

Cost Type	Cost Basis	Calculation	Rate	Rate Claimed	Total Amount	CNCS Share	Grantee Share

Total Sections I + II + III:	Total Amount	CNCS Share	Grantee Share

Budget Total: Validate this budget Required Match Percentages:	Total Amount	CNCS Share	Grantee Share

Source of Match

ATTACHMENT G: Budget Checklist

Below is a checklist to help you make certain that you submit an accurate budget narrative that meets AmeriCorps requirements.

In Compliance?	Section I. Program Operating Costs
Yes ___ No ___	Costs charged under the Personnel line item directly relate to the planning of the AmeriCorps project?
Yes ___ No ___	Staff indirectly involved in the management or operation of the applicant organization is funded through the administrative cost section (Section III.) of the budget? Examples of administrative costs include central management and support functions.
Yes ___ No ___	Staff fundraising expenses are not charged to the grant? You may not charge AmeriCorps staff members' time and related expenses for fundraising to the federal or grantee share of the grant. Expenses incurred to raise funds must be paid out of the funds raised. Development officers and fundraising staff are not allowable expenses.
Yes ___ No ___	Brief position descriptions are provided for each staff member listed in the budget?
Yes ___ No ___	All positions in the budget are fully described in the narrative?
Yes ___ No ___	The types of fringe benefits to be covered and the costs of benefit(s) for each staff position are described? Allowable fringe benefits typically include FICA, Worker's Compensation, Retirement, SUTA, Health and Life Insurance, IRA, and 401K. You may provide a calculation for total benefits as a percentage of the salaries to which they apply or list each benefit as a separate item. If the fringe amount is over 30%, please list separately. Holidays, leave, and other similar vacation benefits are not included in the fringe benefit rates but are absorbed into the personnel expenses (salary) budget line item?
Yes ___ No ___	Holidays, leave, and other similar vacation benefits are not included in the fringe benefit rates but are absorbed into the personnel expenses (salary) budget line item?
Yes ___ No ___	The purpose for all staff travel is clearly identified?
Yes ___ No ___	You have budgeted funds for staff travel to CNCS sponsored meetings in the budget narrative under Staff Travel?
Yes ___ No ___	All single supply items over \$1000 per unit are specifically listed?
Yes ___ No ___	Are all consultant services budgeted below the maximum federal daily rate of \$750/day? Is the daily rate noted in all sections of the budget narrative where consultants are proposed?
Yes ___ No ___	Have you provided budgeted costs for background checks of all covered individuals (members and grant-funded staff) per 45 CFR 2522.205?
Yes ___ No ___	Does the budget reflect adequate budgeted costs for project evaluation?
Yes ___ No ___	Are all items in the budget narrative itemized and the purpose of the funds justified?

In Compliance?	Section III. Administrative/Indirect Costs
Yes ___ No ___	Applicant has chosen Option A – Corporation fixed percentage method and the maximum federal share of administrative costs does not exceed 5% of the total federal funds budgeted? To determine the federal administrative share, multiply all other budgeted federal funds by .0526.
Yes ___ No ___	Applicant has chosen Option A – Corporation fixed percentage method and the maximum grantee share is at 10% or less of total budgeted funds?
Yes ___ No ___	Applicant has chosen Option B – federally approved indirect cost rate method and documentation

	submitted to the Corporation? Administrative costs budgeted include the following: (1) indirect costs such as legal staff, central management and support functions; (2) costs for financial, accounting, audit, internal evaluations, and contracting functions; (3) costs for insurance that protects the entity that operates the project; and (4) the portion of the salaries and benefits of the director and any other project administrative staff not attributable to the time spent in direct support of a specific project.
Yes __ No __	Applicant has chosen Option B – The maximum grantee does not exceed the federally approved rate.

In Compliance?	Match
Yes __ No __	Is the overall match being met at the required level, based on the year of funding?
Yes __ No __	For all matching funds, the source(s) [private, state and local, and federal], the type of contribution (cash or in-kind), and the amount (or an estimate) of match, are clearly identified in the narrative and in the Source of Match fields in eGrants?

ATTACHMENT H: SURVEY ON ENSURING EQUAL OPPORTUNITY



SURVEY ON ENSURING EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR APPLICANTS

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Purpose: The Federal government is committed to ensuring that all qualified applicants, small or large, non-religious or faith-based, have an equal opportunity to compete for Federal funding. In order for us to better understand the population of applicants for Federal funds, we are asking nonprofit private organizations (not including private universities) to fill out this survey.

Upon receipt, the survey will be separated from the application. Information provided on the survey will not be considered in any way in making funding decisions and will not be included in the Federal grants database. While your help in this data collection process is greatly appreciated, completion of this survey is voluntary.

Instructions for Submitting the Survey: If you are applying using a hard copy application, please place the completed survey in an envelope labeled "Applicant Survey." Seal the envelope and include it along with your application package. If you are applying electronically, please submit this survey along with your application.

Applicant's (Organization) Name:

Applicant's DUNS Number:

Federal Program: _____ **CFDA Number:** _____

1. Has the applicant ever received a grant or contract from the Federal government?

Yes No

2. Is the applicant a faith-based organization?

Yes No

3. Is the applicant secular organization?

Yes No

4. Does the applicant have 501(c)(3) status?

Yes No

5. Is the applicant a local affiliate of a national organization?

Yes No

6. How many full-time equivalent employees does the applicant have? (*Check only one box.*)

3 or Fewer 15-50
 4-5 51-100
 6-14 over 100

7. What is the size of the applicant's annual budget? (*Check only one box.*)

Less Than \$150,000
 \$150,000 - \$299,999
 \$300,000 - \$499,999
 \$500,000 - \$999,999
 \$1,000,000 - \$4,999,999
 \$5,000,000 or more

Survey Instructions on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicant

Provide the applicant's (organization) name and DUNS number and the grant name and CFDA number.

1. Self-explanatory.
 2. Self-identify.
 3. Self-identify.
 4. 501(c)(3) status is a legal designation provided on application to the Internal Revenue Service by eligible organizations. Some grant programs may require nonprofit applicants to have 501(c)(3) status. Other grant programs do not.
 5. Self-explanatory.
 6. For example, two part-time employees who each work half-time equal one full-time equivalent employee. If the applicant is a local affiliate of a national organization, the responses to survey questions 2 and 3 should reflect the staff and budget size of the local affiliate.
 7. Annual budget means the amount of money your organization spends each year on all of its activities.
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