



## 2013 Competitive AmeriCorps State Technical Assistance FAQ

This FAQ contains information pertaining to the 2013 Montana Competitive AmeriCorps State Request for Proposal (RFP) process. AmeriCorps State Grants are funded by the federal Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) through the Montana Governor's Office of Community Service (OCS).

Technical assistance will be available to all applicants from October 31 to December 4, 2012. Questions should be submitted via email to Rebecca Steele ([resteele@mt.gov](mailto:resteele@mt.gov)) or Jim Auer ([jauer2@mt.gov](mailto:jauer2@mt.gov)) at OCS. All questions and answers will be posted publically in a Frequently Asked Questions - FAQ document on the ServeMontana website at <http://serve.mt.gov/funding/>. Questions will be dated with the most recent added to the top. Reading through all materials including the FAQ, application and performance measure instructions, and full Notice of Funding is key to understanding the Montana RFP process.

### **November 1, 2012**

**Question:** Where can we find more information about maximum request amount, minimums for members serving in a program, and such?

**Answer:** All the information you need can be found on <http://serve.mt.gov/funding/>. The Request for Proposal has guidelines on the maximum funding level per member and the minimum number of members for programs. In addition the Request for Proposal outlines the full application process.

**Question:** As a school district, can we apply?

**Answer:** Yes. Public or private nonprofit organizations, including faith-based and other community organizations; institutions of higher education; **government entities within state or territories** (e.g. cities, counties); Indian Tribes; labor organizations; partnerships and consortia; and intermediaries planning to subgrant funds awarded are encouraged to apply.

**Question:** As a nonprofit who has in the past received AmeriCorps VISTA members in the past, can we apply to have an AmeriCorps State member?

**Answer:** The 2013 Competitive AmeriCorps State process is for organizations looking to implement an AmeriCorps State program (minimum 10 full time members or the equivalent); a community program that will utilize AmeriCorps State members to impact and solve community problems. The process is not to provide single or a few members to organizations. If you are not interested in running an AmeriCorps State program but would like a member to serve with your organization please contact OCS and we will put you in touch with an existing [AmeriCorps State program serving in Montana](#).

### **November 14, 2012**

**Question:** When submitting a continuation application can we adjust our performance measures if necessary?

**Answer:** Performance measures can be adjusted within a continuation application, however a compelling reason should be included in the narrative that explains why the change was necessary.