

**FFY 2022 OCS Formula and Planning Notices of Funding Opportunity
AmeriCorps Technical Assistance Addendum A**

Question Number	Page Number	Section	Questions & Answers for FFY2022 Formula and Planning <i>as of April 26, 2022</i>
A.	Formula Planning Notice of Funding Available (NOFA), Pages 31 and 35	Appendix B, VIII Budget, and Appendix B, Attachment B, Section 1 C Staff Travel	<p>Q. I am having trouble finding information on the boot camp in Austin for fall of 2022, and we are required to budget for attending it (page 9 of the planning grant notice). Could you please advise re what the registration fee is, and/or the dates and hotel information (if they are known)? Or point me to a website with the information?</p> <p>A. The AmeriCorps Boot Camps, hosted by America’s Service Commissions, do not typically have a registration fee for program attendees. The training is typically hosted in October in Austin, Texas. Applicants should refer to the GSA federal lodging rate, https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates/per-diem-rates-results/?action=perdiems_report&state=TX&fiscal_year=2022&zip=&city=austin</p> <p>Specific hotel location is available closer to the training dates. Additionally, refer to your organizations travel policy for out of state travel expenses. If the applicant does not have a specific travel policy, then the applicant must adhere to the State of Montana Travel Policy which can be found at https://doa.mt.gov/employee-travel.</p>
B.	Formula Planning Notice of Funding Available (NOFA), Page 27	Appendix B, New Applicants	<p>Q. How do I initiate a new planning grant application?</p> <p>A. Planning grant applicants must apply to the following NOFA:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><input type="radio"/> FY 2022 AmeriCorps State and Territory Commission (New and Continuations) Due Date: 01/05/2022 Summary: This application is for new, re-competing, or continuation state commission applicants, including territories with commissions, applying for cost reimbursement grants.</p> </div>

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C.	<p>Formula Operating Program Notice, Page 20</p> <p>Formula Planning Notice of Funding Available (NOFA), Page 14</p>	Review Criteria	<p>Q. How do I cite evidence in the application?</p> <p>A. When citing scholastic, governmental, business, or other research articles, briefs, studies, or other publications applicant’s may use their preferred formatting style (APA, MLA, Chicago/Turabian, etc.). Note, reviewers will not review any of these documents other than what is submitted as an evaluation report.</p>
D.	<p>Formula Operating Program Notice, Page 18</p> <p>Formula Operating Program Notice, Page 22</p> <p>Mandatory Supplemental Information, Page 3</p>	<p>Additional Documents</p> <p>Evidence Tier</p> <p>Evidence Tiers</p>	<p>Q. As a new operating program applicant, how do I determine the evidence tier?</p> <p>A. The applicant must review the Evidence Tiers definitions in the Mandatory Supplemental Information and align with one of the tiers as best as possible, then describe it in the Evidence Base section of the Program Design narrative. This applies to all evidence tiers. Carefully review evidence tier definitions and apply the definitions to the evidence reports that connect most to the proposed intervention. Grant reviewers may determine that evidence submitted qualifies for a different evidence tier.</p> <p>New Operating Program Applicants are not required to submit an evaluation and are encouraged to submit up to two additional documents of supporting evidence for the program design.</p>

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E.	<p>2022 AmeriCorps Application Instructions, Page 15 to 18</p> <p>Formula Planning Notice of Funding Available (NOFA), Page 34 to 35</p>	<p>Performance Measure Instructions</p> <p>Attachment A: Performance Measure Instructions for Planning Grant</p>	<p>Q. I am having difficulties with the Performance Measure Module accepting the instructed or applicant determined values.</p> <p>A. AmeriCorps instructs applicants to use Internet Explore to complete eGrants functions including Performance Measure Module of the grant application. In some instances, Internet Explorer did not allow the Performance Measure Module to be validated. In those instances, some applicants were able to successfully validate the Module using Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge.</p> <p>If the errors persist and prevent the applicant from submitting by the application deadline, a help desk ticket is required as proof of system error. Applicants must contact AmeriCorps Hotline for such errors (https://questions.americorps.gov/app/ask). Be sure obtain a Help Desk ticket through the web form or request that the Hotline send you one if the applicant calls the Hotline. Please contact serve@mt.gov and the grant points of contact will reach out to applicants encountering these errors with alternative application submission instructions.</p>