

FFY2026 GOCS Competitive Notice of Funding Opportunity
AmeriCorps Technical Assistance Addendum A

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1.	Q. How does AmeriCorps define “primary program activity” and “significant program activity” for the purposes of performance measures and member/Member Service Year (MSY) allocation to performance measures? A. Guidance around performance measures and how to determine if a measured activity is a primary and/or significant program activity can be found in the following documents: • 45 CFR 2522.580 (a) • FY2026 AmeriCorps Montana Competitive Notice of Funding Opportunity, page 19, Selected Performance Measures section • FY2025 AmeriCorps Performance Measure Instructions, pages 3 and 27, and in the FAQ section of the document, questions 10 and 16 • FY2025 AmeriCorps Application instructions, page 18, MSYs/Member Tab section
2.	Q. We are adding a capacity building performance measure to our grant application. How can we ensure the described measure is effective and compliant? A. Guidance around capacity building performance measures is primarily located in the FY2025 Performance Measure Instructions, page 12, Capacity Building section. Best practices around ensuring an effective performance measurement section for the purposes of the grant application include: • Defining or removing jargon • Ensuring clear logic and explanation for setting output and outcome targets • Setting the outcome target lower than the output target for a measure • Distinguishing between output and outcome interventions • Ensuring described instruments align with the language in the Performance Measure Instructions • Specifying clear metrics for intensity, frequency, and duration

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	• Describing the reason for any changes clearly in the continuation narrative, focusing on the benefits of the change for future program operations. For best practices on writing narratives (including those in the Performance Measure section) for AmeriCorps grant applications, please review the Grant Writing Tips & Tricks Document available on our website here.