



AmeriCorps

New Jersey



2026 AmeriCorps COMPETITIVE Notice of Funding Opportunity

The NJ Commission on National and Community Service, NJ Department of State, announces funding opportunities for 2026 AmeriCorps Competitive grants. AmeriCorps is a federally-funded national service program. Through this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), the NJ Commission seeks to identify evidence-based or evidence-informed program models. Projects will deploy a cadre of AmeriCorps participants to solve significant community problems. In return for their service, participants benefit from a living allowance of \$20,400 (F/T) and an educational award for college attendance or to pay back existing federal loans (about \$7,395 for F/T service).

This competition invites applications that address the AmeriCorps and NJ's State Service Plan within the focus areas of: Disaster Services; Economic Opportunity; Education; Environmental Stewardship; Healthy Futures; and/or Veterans and Military Families.

AmeriCorps will prioritize consideration from organizations that:

Serve Impoverished Communities; Youth Mental/Address Substance Abuse; Support Active Military & Vets; Public Safety, Crime Prevention or Partner w/Law Enforcement, Outdoor Rec, Workforce development for AmeriCorps Members; Strengthen Families; Enhance Member Experience; Target formerly incarcerated or at-risk Youth; Use Evidence; Faith-Based Organizations.

To receive priority consideration, applicants must show the priority area is a significant part of the program focus and intended outcomes. Priority consideration does not guarantee funding.

Eligible agencies include: public or private non-profit organizations, including Indian Tribes, community organizations and faith-based organizations; Local Education Agencies (LEAs) including charter schools; institutions of higher education; government entities within the state (e.g., cities/municipalities, counties, state departments); labor organizations; and partnerships or consortia consisting of the aforementioned.

ALL AMERICORPS GRANT AWARDS ARE SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL FUNDING.

Applications are due to the Commission online via [eGrants](#) on **March 2, 2026 at 5PM.**

Applicants must have a valid [SAM registration and Unique Entity Identifier](#) to receive an award.

The NJ Commission's NOFO for Competitive funding along with additional application resources is available at:

[New Jersey Department of State - Volunteer and National Service Grant Opportunities.](#)

[Competitive NOFO General Technical Assistance Session: Wednesday, February 11, 2025 at 2:00PM](#)

Click title to register. NOTE: Attendance (live or recorded viewing) at the General Technical Assistance session is **required.**

Questions? Please email us at AmeriCorps.NJ@sos.nj.gov

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