2026-2027 AmeriCorps NOFO Changes-at-a-Glance

FY26 NOFO Highlights

- Minimum FT member living allowance is $20,400
- Increased maximum living allowance for all member types ($40,800 for FT)
- **Maximum cost per MSY for all Serve Indiana programs is $25,000**
- Updated (beginning FY25) match schedule to max 30%
- Additional document submission updates: page 17 in NOFO
- Updated Funding Priority areas: page 6 in NOFO
- [Certification Form & resources](#) from Serve Indiana

- Funding Level Recommendations – keep at level or a minimum expansion. May not be able to accommodate expansions based on competitive funding.

Reminder of Updated Match Percentages

AmeriCorps Funding Year	Years 1,2, and 3	Years 4,5, and 6	Years 7,8, and 9	Years 10 +
Grantee Share Requirements	24%	26%	28%	30%

FY26 NOFO Changes

A.2. Funding Priorities
For this funding opportunity, AmeriCorps will prioritize consideration from organizations that:

Faith-Based:
- **Organizations that are faith-based**.

Benefit AmeriCorps Members:
- **Enhanced member experience** by providing opportunities for skill attainment, personal growth and connection to the community they are serving in support of a lifetime of civic participation.
- **Enhance and expand services to formerly incarcerated and at-risk youth** and/or engage those youth as AmeriCorps members.

Serve Communities:

- **Serve communities with concentrated poverty**, rural communities, and tribal communities.
- Implement programs for or **expand access to high-quality youth mental health and substance use recovery services** and prepare AmeriCorps members to enter behavioral health careers. These may include individuals who have experienced substance use and mental health challenges.
- **Focus on improving quality of life for veterans, active-duty members of the Armed Forces, and their families** through models that provide effective interventions or services or that are designed to recruit veterans, military spouses, and their older children into national service, e.g., veterans serving in mentorship roles.
- **Focus on public safety, crime prevention, and/or partnerships between law enforcement and the community**.
- **Focus on expanding outdoor recreation opportunities for future generations** by maintaining public lands; supporting wildland fire mitigation and sustainable forest management; and providing reforestation services.
- **Create workforce pathways for AmeriCorps members**, including deliberate training, such as pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship opportunities, certifications, and hiring preferences or support; **Focus on strengthening families**, e.g., activities that aim to support low-income parents through parenting education, responsible parenting and healthy relationship skills.

Use Evidence:
Utilize reports from the [AmeriCorps Evidence Exchange](#) on programs assessed as having Moderate or Strong evidence to scale, replicate, or adapt the intervention.

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.

All applicants must propose program designs that are either evidence-based or evidence-informed (See section E.1.b (2) Evidence Base). Applicants rated as insufficient evidence are removed from funding consideration. Insufficient evidence is determined by:
- **An applicant being assessed as in the pre-preliminary evidence tier AND**
- **providing inadequate responses to the Evidence Quality review standards below.**

FY26 NOFO Changes

- Have removed the option of Reduced Half-time and Abbreviated-time member slots for NEW & Re-Compete applications.

- Continuation grants will still have the option of those two additional slots (phasing out)

Slot Types	Minimum # of Hours
Full-time	1,700
Three Quarter-time	1,200
Half-time	900
Reduced Half-time	675
Quarter-time	450
Minimum-time	300
Abbreviated-time	100

- **ONLY FOR COMPETITIVE** - FY 2026 new and recompeting competitive applicants must submit an application that proposes to enroll a minimum of 20 AmeriCorps members. New and recompete competitive applications with less than 20 members will be deemed noncompliant and will not be reviewed.

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- Added under disclosure: Any award made under this Notice may be terminated by the agency if it no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities.

- **D.6.c. Pre-Award Costs**

Applicants funded under this Notice are approved for pre-award costs for one month prior to the start of their program. See the Mandatory Supplemental Information for more detail.

Narrative Changes:

- Made Community directions more general. Do not have to only use CDC index.

- No DEI section.

Updated Scoring

Categories/Subcategories	Percentage
Executive Summary	**0**
Program Design	**50**
• **Community and Logic Model**	~~24~~20
• **Evidence Tier**	12
• **Evidence Quality**	8
• **Notice Priority**	~~0~~4
• **Member Experience**	6
Organizational Capability	**25**
• **Organizational Background and Staffing**	15
• **Member Supervision**	~~6~~10
• ~~Commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility~~	~~4~~
Cost-Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy	**25**
• **Member Recruitment**	8
• **Member Retention**	9
• **Data Collection**	8

AmeriCorps Informational Sessions

AmeriCorps State and National 101: Overview of AmeriCorps the agency, AmeriCorps State and National the program, and each of the FY 2026 AmeriCorps State and National Notice of Funding Opportunities.

- [Recording](#)

FY 2026 AmeriCorps State and National Competitive Notice of Funding Opportunity: Overview of the FY 2026 ASN Competitive Notice, how to apply, and application requirements.

- [Recording](#)

FY 2026 AmeriCorps State and National Best Practices for Performance Measures Video: Overview of Performance Measures, performance measure requirements, and best practices for developing performance measures.

- [Recording](#)

Best Practices in Budget Development: An overview of the function of an AmeriCorps budget, the budget management process, and the keys for submitting a compliant and competitive AmeriCorps budget and budget narrative.

- [Cost reimbursement operating grant budget narrative](#)

- [Recording](#)

- [**Active SAM.gov Registration Instructions**](#)