

# 2024-2025 AmeriCorps State Funding

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APPLICANT NOFO CHANGES AT A GLANCE



# FY24 NOFO Changes and Highlights

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- Increased minimum FT member living allowance is \$18,700
- Increased maximum living allowance for all member types (\$35,200 for FT)
- Maximum cost per MSY for Competitive & Formula is \$25,000
- Maximum cost per MSY for Public Health AmeriCorps (PHA) is \$27,000
- Page limits: The logic model page limit has increased from 3 to 8 pages
- New NOFO Priorities:
  - “Programs focused on implementing or expanding access to high-quality early learning and those that prepare AmeriCorps members to enter early learning careers.”
  - “Community-based programs that enhance and expand services to second chance youth and/or engage those youth as AmeriCorps members”
  - “Programs that support civic bridgebuilding programs and projects to reduce polarization and community divisions; and providing training in civic bridgebuilding skills and techniques to AmeriCorps members.”

# FY24 NOFO Changes and Highlights, contd.

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- **Additional Documents.** Require submission of the Operational and Financial Management Survey via the online form.
- **Coordination among State Service Commissions and National Direct Applicants.** Clarified that new/recompete are expected to consult and coordinate.
- **Application Review Information**
  - **Removed “Theory of Change” and added “Community”.**
    - Address the community served related to the CDC’s Social Vulnerability Index.
    - Significant description to be included as part of the Logic Model.
  - **Member Experience.** Removed additional benefits consideration, demographics of recruitment, and DEI counsel. Added high quality orientation.
  - **Organizational Background and Staffing.** Removed organizational DEI considerations.
  - **Compliance and Accountability.** Removed.

# FY23 NOFO Changes and Highlights, contd.

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- Application Review Information.
  - Member Supervision. Added examples of what type of information should be addressed.
  - Commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility. Added section.
  - Cost-Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy. Added new sections:
    - Member recruitment.
    - Member retention.
    - Data Collection.
    - Budget Alignment to Program Design.
- Application Compliance and Eligibility Review. Added, "Is eligible to apply for a full cost fixed grant"
- Application Instructions
  - Added under "Cost Reimbursement Budget Instructions I. Other Program Operating Costs"
    - *Retention incentives/performance awards are allowable to the extent they are 1) reasonable, necessary, and allowable for program outcomes; 2) tied to the program narrative; 3) fair; 4) consistently applied; and 5) part of the organization's written policies and procedures.*
  - Removed reference to apply for match replacement funding.
  - Added reference to Match Waiver forms.

# FY23 NOFO Changes and Highlights, contd.

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- Past Performance. Added under other programmatic risks, financial, organizational, compliance, and fraud: “Amount of funding requested by the organization.” and “Other elements such as keyword searches for prohibited activities.”
- Applicant Resolution. Section added.
- National Service Criminal History Check Requirements. Added, “Failure to fully comply with all NSCHC requirements will result in significant disallowed costs.”
- Removed information related to Economic Mobility Corps.

# FY23 NOFO Changes and Highlights, contd.

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- Evidence Base

	<b>Strong</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Preliminary</b>	<b>Pre-Preliminary</b>
2023 ASN	25%	12%	20%	43%
2022 ASN	28%	15%	25%	32%
2022 PHA	2%	2%	5%	91%
2021 ASN	38%	19%	16%	26%

# FY23 NOFO Changes and Highlights, contd.

- Scoring

Categories/Subcategories	Percentage
<b>Executive Summary</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Program Design</b>	<b>50</b>
Community and Logic Model	24
Evidence Tier	12
Evidence Quality	8
Notice Priority	0
Member Experience	6
<b>Organizational Capacity</b>	<b>25</b>
Organizational Background and Staffing	13
Compliance and Accountability	8
Member Supervision	4
<b>Cost Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy</b>	<b>25</b>
Member Recruitment	7
Member Retention	8
Data Collection	7
Budget Alignment to Program Design	3