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Virginia AmeriCorps Grants

Program Directors Conference Call
October 19, 2020

VIRGINIA SERVICE COMMISSION

REVIEW

- CNCS NOFO Release
- Competitive Funding
- Formula Funding
- Timeline
- Highlights for FY21



CNCS AmeriCorps Grants

Funding Opportunities & Resources

2021 Foster
Grandparent
Program and Senior
Companion Program
Replacement
Sponsor
Competitions

AmeriCorps State
and National Grants
FY 2020

AmeriCorps State
and National Grants
FY 2021

Current Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs)

AmeriCorps State and National Grants FY 2021 | AmeriCorps State & National

Deadline: Jan 6, 2021

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Grants & Funding FAQs

In 2020, CNCS announced **\$576 Million** in AmeriCorps funding, including grants and education awards, through the 2020 AmeriCorps State and National Competition. In total, this funding will support approximately **60,000 AmeriCorps members**.

The federal investment includes **competitive grants of approximately \$270 million**. Of this competitive funding, national program models received 63 percent, which will support 71 percent of AmeriCorps members, while state and local models received 37 percent, to support 29 percent of the AmeriCorps members. **An additional \$142 million was provided to Governor-appointed state service commissions**, which in turn will be awarded to state-based organizations in the coming months. A complete list of competitive awards and formula allotments can be found below. The AmeriCorps members supported by these grants are eligible to earn more than **\$164 million** in Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards to help pay for college or to pay back student loans.

Competitive Funding

Release October 2020

- Applicants will compete nationally for funding
- Selected based on application merits by national peer reviewers
- Programs have been vetted or have a track record of success
- Organizations that propose to operate in only one state must apply through VSC (Virginia's Governor-appointed State or Territory Commission)



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Competitive Funding

- CNCS issues an annual Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to kick off the season
- VSC responds with a “Competitive” RFA release for 30 days
- Organizations interested in competitive funding should reach out to VSC staff before release of an RFA to discuss program design, evidence-base, evaluation, and overall performance



Competitive Funding in VA - 2020

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City	Organization	Program Name	Funds Awarded	Member Positions	Ed Award Investment	Scope	Type
Arlington	The Nature Conservancy	The Nature Conservancy National AmeriCorps	\$362,176	22	\$136,290	National	Continuation
Danville	Institute for Advanced Learning & Research	Dan River Year AmeriCorps	\$227,615	34	\$93,957	State	Continuation
Arlington	Student Conservation Association, Inc.	SCA AmeriCorps	\$280,288	790	\$2,170,479	National	Continuation

Formula Funding

Release December 2020

- Managed collectively as a “portfolio” at the Prime, or Commission, level
- Annual allocation to states by CNCS based on an applied methodology
- State Service Plan submitted and approved by CNCS outlines Virginia’s grant making process and priorities
- VSC uses the same CNCS NOFO issued for Competitive as the basis for its Formula Request for Applications (RFA)



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Formula Funding

- RFA is open for 30 days with oversight by VDSS Procurement office
- Applications are scored according to the RFA rubric by a review panel selected by VSC. Governor's Advisory Board considers and approves review panel recommendations for funding.
- CNCS performs a technical review of applications submitted in eGrants to ensure they meet grant requirements (ex: cost/MSY for whole portfolio)



Formula Funding in VA

(2019)


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State	City	Organization	Program Name	Funds Awarded	Member Positions	Ed Award Investment	Scope	Type
		Volunteerism & Community Service, Virginia Department of Social Services	Formula Allotment	\$3,495,397				

VA AMERICORPS GRANTS TIMELINE

Sept 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	May 2021	Aug 2021
<p>CNCS NOFO 2021 – 2022 Released</p> <p>Organizations that propose to operate in only one state must apply through the Governor-appointed State or Territory Commissions</p>	<p>VSC Releases Competitive RFA</p> <p>The RFA for this funding will be posted on the Commonwealth's procurement portal for a prescribed number of days. During this period, all communication will go through our procurement officer</p>	<p>Competitive RFA Applications Due to VSC</p> <p>The applications will be due by mid November, and will be reviewed by a panel of the Virginia Service Commission, with the oversight of the Governor's Advisory Board</p>	<p>VSC Releases Formula RFA</p> <p>The RFA for this funding will be posted on the Commonwealth's procurement portal for a prescribed number of days. During this period, all communication will go through our procurement officer</p>	<p>VSC submits Competitive Package to CNCS (CNCS Clarification Period 3/20/21 – 4/3/2021)</p> <p>Formula RFA Applications Due to VSC</p> <p>Annual RFA opportunity for funding (planning and operational) in Virginia portfolio</p>	<p>VSC submits Formula Package to CNCS</p> <p>(CNCS Clarification Period in June/ July 2021)</p> <p>***VSC START WORKING WITH ORGANIZATION(S) ON COMPETITIVE FOR 2022 - 2023***</p>	<p>2021- 2022 Program Year Begins</p> <p>Successful applicants will receive a grant award agreement from VDSS in late August, dependent on the application review and procurement process.</p>

FY21: What's Changed

- Changes to CNCS Funding Priorities
 - Updates to the Maximum Cost per MSY
 - Inclusion of the Abbreviated-Time Member Type
 - Updates to the Minimum and Maximum Living Allowance Amounts
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FY21: What's New

(effective for the 2021-2022 Program Year)

- Increased minimum living allowance for a full-time members to **\$15,100**
- Increased maximum living allowance for all member types (\$30,200 for FT)
- Added the Abbreviated-time, 100 hour member type (.05627705)
- Increased cost per MSY to **\$16,300**

New CNCS Funding Priorities

- **Efforts to help local communities recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.** Applicants may propose programming in any CNCS focus area to aid communities as they recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Programs that **actively engage in removing structural racial inequities, advancing racial equality, and increasing opportunity** in order to achieve sustainable change in communities.
- Programs that reduce child poverty
- Environmental stewardship
- Economic Mobility Corps (Initiative with CDFIs)

Questions?

THANK YOU!



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