



2017 AmeriCorps Funding Timeline – Approved 8/19/2016

Funding Availability

AmeriCorps State and National Competitive Grants:

Subject to the availability of appropriations for fiscal year 2017, Volunteer Tennessee expects the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to announce the availability of approximately \$205 million to award new, re-competing, and continuation AmeriCorps State and National grants. The grant categories are: State Commission and National Competitive including Professional Corps and Fixed-Amount Grants; State and National Education Award Program (EAP); States and Territories without Commissions; and Indian Tribes.

Tennessee’s Community Assistance Corporation – Making Veterans Priority and Teach for America - Nashville are Competitive programs in their third year of funding. Staff recommends that Volunteer Tennessee forward these programs to the Competitive process as re-competing programs. Tennessee’s Community Assistance Corporation – Community Cares is a Formula program in its third year of funding. Staff recommends that Volunteer Tennessee forward this program to the Competitive process as a new program, assuming that it meets the Competitive threshold of applying for a minimum of 20 members. If any of these programs are not able to apply for at least 20 members, staff recommends that they apply to the Formula process as re-competing programs. **Should any of these programs not receive Competitive funding, staff recommends that they return to the Formula process as re-competing programs.**

Emerald Youth Foundation, Porter-Leath and Teach for America – Memphis are Competitive continuation programs in 2017.

AmeriCorps State Formula:

Based on 2016 appropriations, Volunteer Tennessee expects a state Formula allocation of approximately \$2.7 million in 2017. Staff recommends that Volunteer Tennessee fund continuation Formula applications from the following existing Formula programs, subject to staff/performance review: AIM Center, Inc., BRIDGES USA, Inc., City Year - Memphis, Clinch-Powell Resource Conservation and Development Council, Exchange Club Carl Perkins Center, Hands On Nashville, Impact America, Knoxville/Knox County CAC, Martha O’Bryan Center,, Memphis Teacher Residency, Public Education Foundation, and Relay Graduate School of Education.

Proposals from new applicants or expansion requests from current applicants will be considered; however, limited funding will be available for new programs. Applications not funded through the national Competitive process will be considered for Formula funding.

AmeriCorps Education Awards Program (EAP):

Unlike AmeriCorps State programs, EAP grantees do not have to provide childcare, a living allowance, or health care to participants. Applicants must obtain most or all of the member and program costs from other sources. Volunteer Tennessee will consider requests for grants of up to \$800 per full-time member (pro-rated for less than full-time) to defray a minor portion of program management costs. No matching funds are required.

Important Dates

7/29/16	Receive 2017 Embargoed Notice of Funding Opportunity and Application Instructions from the Corporation for National and Community Service
8/19	Board review and approval of the 2017 AmeriCorps Funding Timeline and 2017 Funding Process
8/29	Publish 2017 Tennessee AmeriCorps Notice of Funding Opportunity and Application Instructions
	Press release announcing funding availability

9/1	AmeriCorps Information Session – Webinar
9/12	AmeriCorps Grant Information Session – Webinar
9/26-10/12	AmeriCorps Grant Information Session – Outreach Meetings
10/27-10/28	Volunteer Tennessee Board Retreat/Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on funding process • Formula grant review team volunteer recruitment
TBD	Grant Application Technical Assistance Session – Webinar (if needed)

Timeline for Competitive Grant Applicants

8/29/16	Provide 2017 Notice of Funding Opportunity and AmeriCorps Application Instructions to Competitive applicants.
11/17	Draft Competitive (new, re-competing and continuation) and EAP (new and continuation) Grant applications due to Volunteer Tennessee by 3:00 p.m. CST
11/18-12/1	Staff review of Competitive (new and re-competing) and EAP (new) Grant applications
12/2	Provide Competitive (new and re-competing) and EAP (new) Grant applicants with staff continuous improvement suggestions and compliance issues feedback
12/7	Competitive Letter of Intent due to CNCS from Volunteer Tennessee
12/9	Provide Competitive (continuation) and EAP (continuation) Grant applicants with staff continuous improvement suggestions and compliance issues feedback
12/15	Second Draft Competitive (new/re-competing and continuation) and EAP (new) Grant applications due via eGrants to Volunteer Tennessee by 3:00 p.m. CST Pre-Award Risk Assessment information and verification of SAM/CCR registration due from new AmeriCorps Competitive Applicants
12/16-1/4	Staff review of Competitive (new and re-competing) and EAP (new) Grant applications including budget and performance measure compliance review
1/5/17	Provide Competitive (new and re-competing) and EAP (new) Grant applicants with staff continuous improvement suggestions and compliance issues feedback
1/6	Provide Competitive (continuation) Grant applicants with staff continuous improvement suggestions and compliance issues feedback
1/11	Final draft of Competitive (new, re-competing and continuation) and EAP (new) Grant applications due via eGrants to Volunteer Tennessee by 3:00 p.m. CST
1/12	Executive Committee review of Competitive submission (if necessary)
	Conduct compliance check on all applications
1/13	Competitive and EAP submissions forwarded by Volunteer Tennessee to CNCS via eGrants
1/18	Competitive and EAP submissions due to CNCS via eGrants by 5:00 p.m. EST
5/15	Competitive and EAP funding decision from CNCS — Begin Competitive contract development

Timeline for Formula Applicants

8/29/16	Publish 2017 Tennessee AmeriCorps Notice of Funding Opportunity and Application Instructions
12/14	AmeriCorps Formula Letter of Intent due to Volunteer Tennessee
2/17/17	Formula applications due via eGrants to Volunteer Tennessee by 3:00 p.m. CST Pre-Award Risk Assessment information and verification of SAM/CCR registration due from new AmeriCorps Formula Applicants
2/24	Forward Formula Pre-Award Risk Assessment information to Monitoring Coordinator
2/24-4/21	Staff review of new Formula applications including budget and performance measure compliance review
2/27-3/1	Training for Formula Grant Review Team members
3/6	Grant Review Team receives new Formula applications and review forms
3/20	Monitoring Coordinator completes Pre-Award Risk Assessment for new applicants
3/31	Grant Review Team returns Formula review forms
5/15	Competitive funding decision expected from CNCS
5/15	Staff Formula funding recommendation to Grants Committee for consideration
5/17	Grants Committee conference call to develop Formula recommendation for full board
5/19	Volunteer Tennessee Quarterly Board Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review the CNCS Competitive funding decisions• Make Formula funding decision
5/26	Inform applicants of Formula funding decision and provide Application Feedback to funded programs
5/30	Acceptance of funding due to Volunteer Tennessee via e-mail
6/2	Formula and Planning Grant Programs submit budget and performance measure corrections via eGrants if needed <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Begin Formula contract development
6/5	Supplemental funding requests due to Volunteer Tennessee via e-mail
6/12	Formula package forwarded by Volunteer Tennessee to CNCS via eGrants
July	Formula Award letters expected from CNCS