

Bidder's Notice

New York State
Office of Children and Family Services
Commission on National and Community Service

Grant Procurement

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP # 1071

New York State AmeriCorps 2022 - 2023 Competitive Pool

This notice is being issued to focus attention on important information regarding the AmeriCorps 2022 - 2023 Competitive Pool RFP # 1071.

Applicants should be aware of the following requirements and/or changes from prior AmeriCorps funding opportunities (please see the full version of RFP 1071 for further information):

1. Federal funding priorities now include civic engagement and social cohesion
2. The minimum living allowance for a full-time AmeriCorps member has been raised to \$16,502
3. The maximum cost-per-MSY has been raised to \$21,600
4. The following elements have been added to the instructions for the Narrative section of the application:
 - **Program Design:** The Theory of Change and Logic Model shall address that the problem described is prevalent and severe in the communities proposed to be served, and document the problem with relevant data

Program Design: Applicants should discuss the community need as it relates to the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index: <https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/placeandhealth/svi/index.html>

- **Member Experience:** The application should demonstrate that AmeriCorps members, as a result of their service, will have opportunities to develop as leaders.
- **Member Experience:** The application should demonstrate that the applicant's organization and/or program has a diversity, equity, and inclusion council that seeks to diversify its staff and board, and creates a supportive and safe environment, as well ensure that its programming is culturally and community appropriate.

- **Organizational Background and Staffing:** The application should demonstrate that the organization has facilitated, partnered, or participated in educational or workforce development programs (i.e., pre-apprenticeship/registered apprenticeship, work experience and job training programs, etc.).
- **Organizational Background and Staffing:** The application should demonstrate that the organization has a stated commitment and plan to advance diversity, equality, and inclusion (DEI) throughout its mission, for example by using a DEI council or strategic plan.
- **Compliance and Accountability:** The application should demonstrate that the organization has sufficient policies, procedures, and controls in place to prevent, detect, and mitigate the risk of fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement, such as appropriate segregation of duties, internal oversight activities, measures to prevent timekeeping fraud, etc.
- **Compliance and Accountability:** The application should demonstrate that the organization has an effective mechanism in place to report, without delay, any suspected criminal activity, waste, fraud, and/or abuse to both the AmeriCorps Office of Inspector General and AmeriCorps and a plan for training staff and participants on these reporting protocols.
- **Culture that Values Learning:** The application should demonstrate that the applicant's board, management, and staff collect and use information to determine its programmatic effectiveness in serving in a community with members that are diverse.
- **Cost Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy/Clarification Information:** Applicants should make a heading in the Clarification Section of your application, entitled "FY 2022 Match replacement." If your agency is not able to meet its required match threshold, enter the dollar amount of federal dollars your program would like to designate as "match replacement." The amount cannot result in your program being above the maximum cost per MSY. Should your application go to clarification, this field will also be used to enter information that requires clarification in the post-review period.