

Bidder's Notice: March 8, 2023

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

Grant Procurement

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP # 1123

eGrants Cost-Reimbursement Application ID: 23AC255627

eGrants Fixed-Cost Application ID: 23ES255798

New York State AmeriCorps 2023- 2024 Formula Pool

This notice is being issued to focus attention on important information regarding the New York State AmeriCorps 2023 - 2024 Formula Pool RFP# 1123.

The following opportunities for award are being considered for funding:

1. Operating Funds – Annual Allocation - Formula Funding

Each state receives an annual AmeriCorps formula allocation of federal funds, to use in accordance with state strategic priorities, as identified by the governor and the Commission. For 2023-2024, New York State was allocated approximately \$9.1m in formula AmeriCorps funding.

2. Planning Grants (See Section 11.0)

Planning grants from qualified organizations or intermediary organizations are intended to bring fresh perspectives to identified needs and to further build the New York State AmeriCorps network. **Planning grants will be awarded for a period of one year or less for a total of \$240,000 or less** and are expected to result in the grantee or its affiliated organizations applying for a program grant, incorporating direct service by AmeriCorps members, for the 2024-2025 program year.

Organizations currently operating AmeriCorps program grants or service sites in New York are encouraged to submit applications for planning grants to operate new programs in an additional community in the State.

3. The Commission encourages applicants to focus on the following program areas (see Section 5.2):

- **2021-2023 State Service Plan Priorities Bonus Points**
 - a. Regional Intermediaries
 - b. Organizations Specializing in Services to the Population Ages 55 or Over
 - c. Covid-19 Relief and Recovery

- **Equity in Leadership**
- **Underserved Geographic Regions**

4. Applicants should be aware of the following requirements and/or changes from prior AmeriCorps funding opportunities:

- I. The minimum living allowance for a full-time AmeriCorps member has been raised to \$17,600.

5. The following elements have been updated to the instructions for the Narrative section of the application:

Member Experience:

- The application should demonstrate that AmeriCorps members will receive additional benefits
- The application should demonstrate demographics of the community served and plans to recruit AmeriCorps members from geographic or demographic communities in which the program operates. This could include but not be limited to the following: historically underserved, under-represented, and disadvantaged populations of
 - a) communities of color,
 - b) LGBTQI+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning or Intersex) communities,
 - c) individuals with varying degrees of English language proficiency
 - d) individuals with disabilities, and
 - e) veterans and military family members as volunteers.

Organizational Background and Staffing:

- The leadership and staff of the organization has the same lived experience as the beneficiary population and/or community being served.
- The applicant's (organizations or institution's) definitions of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility demonstrate the organization is engaged in related to diversity, equity, and inclusion. This can include the inclusion of diversity on the Board of Directors, agency staff and leadership, and/or volunteers.

Given the complexity of this opportunity, The Commission will hold two (optional) informational sessions on March 15, 2023, starting at 1:00 p.m. Eastern time. Please use the following access information to participate:

Programmatic and Evidence Info Session 3/15/2023 @ 1:00 P.M. ET

Video Conference Access Link: [Link](#)

Password: AmeriCorps2023

Audio Conference number (518) 549-0500

Participant Code 161 150 8322

Technical Info Session 3/15/2023 @ 3:00 P.M. ET

Video Conference Access Link: [Link](#)

Password: AmeriCorps2023

Audio Conference number (518) 549-0500

Participant Code 161 413 4126