

Bidder's Notice: March 29, 2024

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

Grant Procurement

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP # 1166

eGrants Cost-Reimbursement Application ID: 24AC265624

eGrants Fixed-Cost Application ID: 24ES265623

New York State AmeriCorps 2024- 2025 Formula Pool

This notice is being issued to focus attention on important information regarding the New York State AmeriCorps 2024- 2025 Formula Pool RFP# 1166. 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 2024-2025, New York State was allocated approximately \$9.1 million in formula AmeriCorps funding.

Within its 2024-2025 annual allocation, the Commission has designated dedicated funding for the following:

i) Developmental Support Funds – Planning Grants

The Commission may, depending upon funding availability and score, support planning grants of up to \$240,000 for a period of twelve (12) months or less. Planning grants provide resources for agencies and organizations interested in supporting an AmeriCorps program to further explore community needs, possible sources of local support and match funding, and/or to develop a program design and budget that will be sustainable. For more information and special instructions about planning grants (see Section 11.1).

The remainder of New York's AmeriCorps annual formula allocation will be used to fund continuing programs from 2023 and select additional AmeriCorps programs through this RFP process. While the Commission will use its discretion to recommend applications to AmeriCorps for approval, final awards are subject to approval by AmeriCorps (see Section 6.0).

Please note: The Commission reserves the right to recommend an applicant for a planning grant in lieu of an operational grant if it believes that the applicant, the

program model, and/or the quality of AmeriCorps service would benefit from additional planning before being considered for an operational grant.

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

- **2024-2026 State Service Plan Priorities Bonus Points**
 - a. Community Wellness
 - b. Economic Opportunity
 - c. Climate Equity
- **Equity in Leadership**
- **Underserved Geographic Regions**

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

- I. The maximum cost per MSY has been reduced from \$28,800 to \$27,000.
- II. The minimum living allowance for a full-time AmeriCorps member has been raised to \$18,700.

4. The following elements have received significant updated to the instructions for the Narrative section of the application, please be careful and follow the new instruction in each of the following section below.

- **Community and Logic Model**
- **Logic Model page limit has been changed from three (3) to eight (8)**
- **Member Experience**
- **Organizational Background and Staffing**
- **Member Supervision**
- **Commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility**
- **Cost Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy: now requires narrative in four (4) different subcategories**

Given the complexity of this opportunity, The Commission will hold an (optional) informational sessions on April 8, 2023, starting at 1:00 p.m. Eastern time. Please use the following access information to participate:

**NYS AmeriCorps RFP #1166 Programmatic and Technical Info Session
4/8/2024 @ 1:00 P.M. ET
Video Conference Access Link: [Link](#)
Password: AmeriCorps2024
Audio Conference number: (518) 549-0500
Meeting number: 161 601 1235**

**NYS AmeriCorps RFP #1166 Planning Grant Info Session 4/8/2024 @ 3:00
P.M. ET
Video Conference Access Link: [Link](#)
Password: AmeriCorps2024
Audio Conference number: (518) 549-0500
Meeting number: 161 072 0745**