

2010 AmeriCorps Funding Time Line-Revised

APPROVED 12/18/09

Funding Availability

AmeriCorps*State National Competitive Grants:

Subject to the availability of appropriations for fiscal year 2010, the Corporation announces the anticipated availability of approximately \$372.5 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 EAP; States and Territories without Commissions; and Indian Tribes.

AIM Center, Inc., Clinch-Powell RC&D Council, Exchange Club Carl Perkins Center, and Porter-Leath are in the third year of their Formula grants, and staff recommends that Volunteer Tennessee forward these programs to the Competitive process to compete as new programs. Knoxville CAC, Tennessee Community Services Agency and Vanderbilt Coalition for Healthy Aging are all in their third year of competitive funding staff recommends that Volunteer Tennessee forward these programs to the Competitive process as re-competing programs. If any of these programs are not funded in the Competitive process, staff recommends that they return to the Formula process as re-competing programs.

Exchange Club Family Center of the Mid South and Tennessee's Community Assistance Corporation are both Competitive continuation programs in 2010.

AmeriCorps*State Formula:

Based on 2009 appropriations, Volunteer Tennessee expects a state Formula allocation of approximately \$1.6 million in 2010. Staff recommends that the Volunteer Tennessee fund continuation Formula applications from the following existing Formula programs, subject to staff review: Appalachia Habitat for Humanity, Emerald Youth Foundation, Martha O'Bryan Center and Memphis Tomorrow. 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 pool 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

9/18	Receive 2009 Notice of Funding Opportunity and AmeriCorps Application Instructions from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)
10/9	Executive Committee Conference Call <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review and approve 2009 AmeriCorps Funding Timeline
10/12	Publish 2010 Notice of Funding Opportunity and Application Instructions Press release announcing funding availability
10/19-10/30	Grant information meetings and eGrants training for applicants

Timeline for Competitive, EAP and Planning Grant Applicants

11/2	Draft Competitive (new/re-competing and continuation), EAP and Planning Grant applications due via eGrants to Volunteer Tennessee by 3:00 p.m. CST
11/5-11/6	Volunteer Tennessee Board Retreat/Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on funding process• Make Competitive and EAP recommendation• Reminder to Formula grant review team volunteers
11/9-11/24	Staff review of Competitive, EAP and Planning Grant applications including budget compliance review
11/26	Letter of Intent due to CNCS from Volunteer Tennessee
12/1	Provide Competitive, EAP and Planning Grant applicants with staff continuous improvement suggestions and compliance issues feedback
12/18/09	Executive Committee Conference Call <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review and approve 2009-10 AmeriCorps Funding Timeline Revision
12/18/09	Publish 2010 Notice of Funding Opportunity Revision and Application Instructions Revision Press release announcing funding availability
1/14/10	Final draft of Competitive, EAP and Planning Grant applications due via eGrants to Volunteer Tennessee by 3:00 p.m. CST
1/20/10	Competitive, EAP and Planning Grant submissions forwarded by Volunteer Tennessee to CNCS via eGrants
1/26/10	Competitive, EAP and Planning Grant submissions due to CNCS via eGrants
May	Planning Grant funding decision from CNCS <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Planning Grant award letters expected— Begin Planning Grant contract development
June	Competitive and EAP funding decision from CNCS <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Competitive award letters expected— Begin Competitive contract development

Timeline for Formula Applicants (including all new applicants)

1/12/10	Letter of Intent due to Volunteer Tennessee
2/12	Formula applications due via eGrants to Volunteer Tennessee by 3:00 p.m. CST
3/8-4/2	Staff review of new Formula applications including budget compliance review
3/5-3/12	Training for Formula Grant Review Team members
3/12	Grant Review Team receives new Formula applications and review forms
4/2	Grant Review Team returns Formula review forms
4/22	Request Pre-Award Risk Assessment information from new AC Formula applicants
4/29	Forward Pre-Award Risk Assessment information to Monitoring Coordinator
5/14	Monitoring Coordinator completes Pre-Award Risk Assessment for new Formula applicants
6/15	Grants Committee conference call to develop Formula recommendation for full board
6/18	Volunteer Tennessee Quarterly Board Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review the CNCS Competitive funding decisions• Make Formula funding decision

- 6/21** **Inform applicants of Formula funding decision and provide Application Feedback to funded Formula programs**
- 6/25** **Formula Programs submit budget and performance measure corrections via eGrants if needed**
— Begin Formula contract development
- 6/28 Formula package forwarded by Volunteer Tennessee to CNCS via eGrants
- July Formula Award letters expected from CNCS