**Serve Kentucky Formula Application Template: Planning Grant**

Use this template to ensure you are responding to all sections (and in the correct order) from the AmeriCorps NOFO. After notification from Serve Kentucky, you will copy and paste the text into eGrants. All application materials and documents must be submitted to [AmeriCorps@ky.gov](mailto:AmeriCorps@ky.gov).

Applicant Information

Name of Organization (exactly as shown on SAM.gov): Click or tap here to enter text.

Address of Organization (exactly as shown on SAM.gov): Click or tap here to enter text.

DUNS Unique Entity ID: Click or tap here to enter text.

[SAM Unique Entity ID](https://sam.gov/content/duns-uei): Click or tap here to enter text.

Name of Primary Grant Contact: Click or tap here to enter text.

Phone Number of Primary Grant Contact: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email Address of Primary Grant Contact: Click or tap here to enter text.

Program Information

The proposed project timeline may not exceed 12 months. Due to Serve Kentucky’s contract process, we may have to work with you to determine the most appropriate project timeline. Programs may not start prior to receiving the Notice of Grant Award from the AmeriCorps federal agency and signing the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) from Serve Kentucky.

Proposed Program Start Date: 9/1/2024

Proposed Program End Date: 8/31/2025

Additional information (if applicable): Click or tap here to enter text.

Executive Summary

Please fill in the blanks of these sentences to complete the Executive Summary. Do not deviate from the template below.

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| The [Name of the organization] proposes to utilize a Kentucky AmeriCorps Planning Grant to explore opportunities for the future utilization of AmeriCorps members to address [list community need(s)] in the target communities of [list the counties that will be engaged].  This program will focus on the AmeriCorps focus area(s) of [Focus Area(s)]. The AmeriCorps investment of $[amount of request] will be matched with $[amount of projected match], $[amount of local, state, and Federal funds] in public funding and $[amount of non-governmental funds] in private funding. |

Rational and Approach (Program Design)

In the response box provided below, describe the community need(s) the organization is planning to address. Provide information about the extent/severity of the need in the community(ies) where your organization will focus its efforts. Cite specific relevant data when possible.

Please describe why your organization believes that AmeriCorps members could potentially be an effective tool for addressing the community need described. AmeriCorps members cannot duplicate or displace existing paid employees. Additionally, please describe any community and/or organizational resources that exists in the project’s target community(ies) that could potentially be utilized to recruit AmeriCorps members if a full program grant were to be awarded in the future.

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**Planning Grant Activities**

The project activities that will be implemented as part of the planning grant process include research and training, conducting needs assessments, facilitating feedback sessions, etc. For more information, please view an example of [Planning Grant Activities](https://serve.ky.gov/americorps/Documents/AmeriCorps_Planning_Grant_Activities.pdf).

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**Logic Model**

This section is not required for planning grant applicants. However, creating a logic model should be a planning grant activity. A [Logic Model template](https://serve.ky.gov/americorps/Documents/FY23ServeKentuckyLogicModelTemplate.docx) is available from Serve Kentucky.

N/A

**Evidence Base**

This section is not required for planning grant applicants.

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| N/A |

**Notice Priority**

This section is not required for planning grant applicants.

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| N/A |

**Member Experience**

This section is not required for planning grant applicants.

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| N/A |

Organizational Capability

Explain how your organization will address each of the following.

**Organizational Background, Staffing, Capacity, and Resource Development**

* The organization should describe the roles, responsibilities, and structure of the staff that will be implementing the AmeriCorps planning grant process.
* Describe the organization’s prior experience administering private, local, state, and/or federal funds.
* Describe the organization’s financial management structure and what financial systems are used to manage funds.
* Discuss how the organization will set up a payroll system that can distribute living allowance for AmeriCorps members which is not based on the number of hours served and allows for deductions for taxes and other member support costs.
* Discuss how the organization’s commitment and plan to advance diversity, equality, and inclusion (DEI) throughout its mission, for example by using a DEI council or strategic plan.
* Discuss the organization’s experience in securing outside financial and in-kind contributions. What resources could potentially be utilized/secured to assist the organization in supporting a full AmeriCorps program in the future?

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**Compliance and Accountability**

* Describe the roles, responsibilities, and structure of the staff that will be implementing the AmeriCorps planning grant as well as providing oversight and monitoring.
* How the organization will plan to prevent and detect non-compliance and enforce compliance with AmeriCorps rules and regulations.

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**Culture that Values Learning**

* Describe how the applicant's board, management, and staff collect and use information, including performance data, for learning and decision making.
* Describe how 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.

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Cost Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy

Complete the Planning Grant Budget Template (send as an attachment to [AmeriCorps@ky.gov](mailto:AmeriCorps@ky.gov)).

Additional Narrative Fields in eGrants

If your application is approved, it will later be entered into the online federal eGrants system. Serve Kentucky will provide instructions at that time.