Competitive Grant Application Request for Proposals

FY19 AmeriCorps State Programs - Kentucky

Request for Proposals (RFP)

- The federal Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for [AmeriCorps State and National Grants FY 2019](#) has been released by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

- State service commissions, like Serve Kentucky, have their own RFP and training/technical assistance schedule.

- Single state applicants should not contact CNCS directly.

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Programs start by Sept. 1

Sept. Oct. Nov.
- CNCS releases AmeriCorps NOFO
- ServeKY releases AmeriCorps RFP
- Applicants submit Intent to Apply and other required documentation
- TTA calls/webinars
- Applicants submit grants to ServeKY
- ServeKY staff review/clarifications

Dec.
- Grant Review of applications requesting Competitive funding
- ServeKY Program Committee develops recommendations and ranks applications
- Recommendations presented to ServeKY Commission for vote
- Applicants notified of Commission decisions

Dec. Jan.
- Approved competitive applications returned to applicants for revisions
- Revised applications submitted to ServeKY
- ServeKY submits final applications to CNCS

May June
- CNCS announces competitive grant awards
- CNCS releases Formula funding allocations for KY
- ServeKY releases AmeriCorps Formula RFP
- Applicants submit grants to ServeKY

June
- Grant Review of applications requesting Formula funding
- ServeKY Progra Committee develops funding allocation recommendations
- Recommendations presented to ServeKY Commission for vote
- Applicants notified of Commission decisions

June July Aug.
- Approved formula applications returned to applicants for revisions
- Revised applications submitted to ServeKY
- ServeKY submits final applications to CNCS
- Apply for formula supplemental funds, if available (July-August)

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FY19 KY Competitive RFP Timeline

- **October 16, 2018:** Kentucky Competitive Grant RFP released
- **October 30, 2018:** Intent to Apply deadline
- **November 30, 2018:** Competitive grant applications due in eGrants
- **January 4, 2019:** Applicants notified, applications returned for revisions
- **January 16, 2019:** Revised grant applications due in eGrants
- **April 1, 2019:** Notification of competition results (Applications not approved for competitive submission may apply for formula funding in Spring 2019.)

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Required Reading

- [2019 Kentucky Competitive RFP Guidance](#)

- [2019 AmeriCorps State and National NOFO](#)

- [2019 Mandatory Supplemental Guidance](#)

- [2019 Application Instructions](#)

- [2019 Performance Measures Instructions](#)

Please Note: The dates referenced in the NOFO materials are for national direct applicants (operating in multiple states) and state commissions only.

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Summary of Significant Changes for FY19

- Eliminating the requirement that programs must have at least 20 AmeriCorps members to apply competitively.

- Reducing the number of funding priorities from 10 to 7 and including 13 education evidence-based interventions and adding faith-based organizations. See the [Mandatory Supplemental Guidance](#) for more information.

- Decreasing the narrative requirement from 12 pages to 10 pages, and decreasing what CNCS is requesting from applicants.

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Summary of Significant Changes for FY19

- Increasing the **minimum living allowance** by $260 for a full-time member which makes it **$13,992**.
  - That resulted in an increased **cost per MSY to $15,192**.
  - This was mandatory due to an increase in the VISTA sustenance allowance.
  - Serve Kentucky strongly encourages living allowances above the minimum in anticipation of annual increase to the minimum.
- Eliminating the narrative about "need" as it is already requested in the Theory of Change and Logic Model section of the application.

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Summary of Significant Changes for FY19

- Streamlining the evidence section and requirements by:
  - Removing a complicated matrix and scoring the evidence tier and the degree to which data supports the proposed program.
  - Eliminating "no evidence" as a category.
  - Streamlining the definitions for pre-preliminary, preliminary, and moderate evidence per feedback from the field.
  - Eliminating the "learning memo" for recompeting applicants in an effort to streamline our requirements of applicants per feedback from the field.

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- Requesting that programs add $54 plus the cost of the state check for each covered position (members and staff) to the CNCS share for criminal history checks.
    - While it is a requirement to build the cost of NSCHC into the budget, it is not a requirement for 2019 to use Fieldprint and/or Truescreen.
    - While it is a requirement to build it into the budget, it is not a requirement for 2019 to use Fieldprint and/or Truescreen.
    - CNCS strongly encouraged grantees to use Fieldprint and Truescreen, and the $54+ in the NOFO corresponds with those costs.

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Summary of Significant Changes for FY19

- State Commissions can opt to take up to 2% of administrative costs on fixed price grants (previously only an option for cost reimbursement).
  - Serve Kentucky will require 2% for all applicants.
- The cost per MSY for cost reimbursement and full-time fixed price grants is the same: $15,192 (previously lower for fixed grants).

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Summary of Significant Changes for FY19

- Continuation applicants **may** apply for expansions – dollars, MSY, and/or members.

- The 1,200 hour (three-quarter-time) member position is included.

- Reduced and streamlined performance measures (from 98 pages to 32 pages).

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Converting to Fixed Amount Grants

- If you are in year two or three of a cost reimbursement grant cycle, you need to submit a **new application** to participate in the fixed amount grant.

- You cannot continue your existing project period and switch from cost reimbursement to fixed amount.
  - You must contact Serve Kentucky to be able to enter a new project in eGrants.

- Serve Kentucky/CNCS reserves the right to consider your continuation request if your fixed amount application is not funded.

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Specifications for Kentucky Applications

- Kentucky-specific resources and required documents are posted on the Serve Kentucky website.

- CNCS has not yet opened the FY19 application in eGrants – notification of when this happens will be sent to Serve Kentucky's email distribution list.

- Questions should be sent to Shannon.Ramsey@ky.gov or AmeriCorps@ky.gov.

Training and Technical Assistance

- Webinars for potential applicants, new/recompete applicants, and continuation applicants will be recorded and the links shared with Serve Kentucky's grant email distribution list.

- Serve Kentucky staff will be available for [one-on-one technical assistance](#) until the November 30 application deadline.

- CNCS will also be providing training and technical assistance calls – the information will be posted on their [website](#).