

Serve Kentucky Match Waiver vs. Alternative Match



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Session Goals

- Overview of the Match Waiver Process
- Overview of the Alternative Match Request
- Quick-look comparison chart

Match Waiver Process

- A process to waive, either partly or fully, a grantee's match requirement
- A Microsoft Forms document needs to be completed, where the person completing it will self-certify information on why the match waiver is needed
- There is no formal documentation required for each response, but each criteria must be met

Match Waiver Process (2)

- The Microsoft Forms link can be found on Serve KY's website
 - Complete the form, Serve KY will then review it and provide any feedback
 - Once Serve KY staff feel the form is ready, Serve KY staff will send it to AmeriCorps on the program's behalf
- The Match Waiver can be completed at any point during a grant's 3-year cycle, and at any time during a performance period
 - The program can apply for one year, two years, or three years – but no more years than is left in the program's 3-year cycle

Match Waiver Process (3)

- Per 45 CFR 2521.70, all four criteria must be described and met:
 - Lack of resources at the local level
 - Lack of resources in the local community is unique or unusual
 - Efforts you have made to raise matching resources
 - Amount of matching resources you have raised, or reasonably expect to raise

Alternative Match Request

- Allows applicants that are under certain circumstances the ability to meet a match schedule with a lower percentage than typically required
 - Maximum match requirement is 35% instead of 50%
- Information for this can be found in the AmeriCorps Application Instructions for each NOFO release
 - Attachment G: Alternative Match Request
 - Attachment H: Beale Codes & County-Level Economic Data for Alternative Match Request

Alternative Match Request (2)

- Requirements to request an Alternative Match:
 - Must be in a rural county (based on Beale codes), or, a severely economically distressed county
 - The Legal Applicant address must be used, unless approved otherwise by AmeriCorps
 - This must be submitted as part of the Request for Application (RFA) process
 - If approved, the Alternative Match is for the full three-year cycle (or what is remaining)

Comparison Chart

Match Waiver Process	Alternative Match Request
MS Forms Document	Part of the RFA process
Waive match, in-full or in-part	Reduce the match %
Based on 45CFR 2421.70	Based on Beale Codes & County-Level Economic Data
Program can be located anywhere	Legal entity must be in a rural county or a severely economically distressed county
Self-certified information	Beale Codes & County-Level Economic Data must be met
Due at any point	Due in conjunction with application submission