



OHIO AMERICORPS GRANTS

How to Partner with the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism

PROGRAM FOCUS

The Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism (ServeOhio) offers competitive AmeriCorps operational and capacity building/planning grants to organizations that support a broad range of local service programs that engage hundreds of Ohio residents in intensive service to meet critical community needs.

Organizations use their AmeriCorps funding to recruit, place, train and supervise AmeriCorps members. AmeriCorps members commit to a term of national service to provide primarily direct service activities in a full or part-time position.

SERVICE AREAS AND ACTIVITIES

Programs address critical needs in Ohio within the areas of Education, Disaster Services, Veterans and Military Families, Housing/Economic Opportunity, Environmental Stewardship, Healthy Futures and Capacity Building.

AmeriCorps members mobilize community volunteers to assist in providing services and to strengthen organizational capacity.

APPLICANT AND PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Applications are accepted from nonprofit organizations, community and faith-based organizations, educational institutions, and state and local governments.

Applicants must include a minimum of 10 MSY (1 MSY equals 1 full-time, 1700 hour member position) per operational grant request and they must have the capacity to manage funds and supervise members. Capacity building/ planning grants do not have an MSY requirement.

Programs must address compelling needs; have demonstrable, measurable goals; engage members in meaningful service; provide opportunities for member development; involve community volunteers and stakeholders; and have a plan for sustainability.

Grants provide partial funding to support AmeriCorps programs and are not for general organizational expenses. Partners must contribute match funding to support the program.

PROGRAM CRITERIA AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Programs must be located in Ohio with a local, regional or statewide focus. The length of program can range up to 12 months, starting no earlier than June 1 (Competitive Funding) or August 1 (Formula Funding) of each year.

Partners must follow Office of Management and Budget Circulars federal regulations and provisions for financial management and reporting.

Programs must report on program accomplishments and participate in trainings, program meetings and service programs.

Partners must apply each year for funding.

BENEFITS OF AN AMERICORPS GRANT

An AmeriCorps grant expands the capacity of organizations to meet an identified community need.

The grant provides funds to support member engagement, access to training and technical assistance resources, and entrance into a national network of organizations.

It allows partners to recruit individuals directly from their community to serve as AmeriCorps members.

AmeriCorps members gain an Education Award to be used to further their education or repay student loans.

Members and volunteers gain a better understanding of your community, its challenges and how to solve the need.

AmeriCorps members learn skills and gain experience they may use in professional and personal pursuits.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact Mary Cannon, Program Development and Evaluation Officer, at 614-728-5177 or mary.cannon@serveohio.gov.

You can also visit www.serveohio.org/grantsfunding and www.americorps.gov for more information.