

Corporation for  
**NATIONAL &  
COMMUNITY  
SERVICE** 



**AMERICORPS FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**  
for Organizations Serving Veterans and Military Families

[Add your name and Commission here]

# What is AmeriCorps?

- ✱ **Provides grants to organizations to run AmeriCorps programs.**
- ✱ **Organizations design AmeriCorps programs that address locally-identified compelling community needs by engaging AmeriCorps members and volunteers in service.**
- ✱ **[Add information about the number of AmeriCorps programs and members in your state, the number of hours of service they perform, key organizations they serve with, etc.]**

# What do AmeriCorps Programs Do?

- ✱ **Connect the homeless with supportive service**
- ✱ **Provide access to health care services**
- ✱ **Build affordable housing**
- ✱ **Recruit and manage volunteers**
- ✱ **Respond to natural disasters**
- ✱ **Clean parklands and manage natural resources**
- ✱ **Tutor and mentor youth**
- ✱ **Train the unemployed**

# Who is an AmeriCorps Member?

- \* **An individual enrolled for an intensive term of service (300-1700 hours per year) in an AmeriCorps program.**
- \* **U.S. citizen, U.S. national or lawful permanent resident alien of the United States**
- \* **At least 17 years of age (no upper age limit)**
- \* **Not a volunteer or a staff person**
- \* **AmeriCorps members receive an Eli Segal Education Award for successful completion of a term of service**
- \* **Some AmeriCorps members receive a living allowance and are eligible for health and childcare benefits**

# Benefits of AmeriCorps

## \* For organizations:

- \* Expands the capacity of organizations to meet self-identified critical community needs
- \* Provides funds to support program administration, access to training and technical assistance resources, and entrance into a national network of organizations
- \* Allows organizations to recruit individuals from the community to serve as AmeriCorps members

## \* For individuals:

- \* Community members who serve as AmeriCorps members gain skills, experience, and an Education Award to be used to further their education or repay student loans

# AmeriCorps Grants

- \* **Grants provide partial funding to support AmeriCorps projects/programs; funds are not for general organizational expenses**
- \* **Grant recipients must contribute match funding to support the project**
- \* **Grants include an allotment of AmeriCorps member positions**
- \* **Funds are directly tied to a specific number of members and are solely for program expenses, such as member living allowance and benefits, member and staff training, supervision, supplies, and evaluation**
- \* **Organizations that receive grants are responsible for recruiting, selecting and supervising AmeriCorps members to serve in their programs**

# Eligibility for an AmeriCorps Grant

- \* Non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, government entities within states or territories, Indian tribes, and partnerships or consortia**
- \* Intermediaries that provide support to organizations with limited organizational capacity are encouraged to apply**
- \* Organizations that propose to operate within one state only must apply through their State Commission**
- \* Organizations that propose to operate in more than one state apply directly to the Corporation**
- \* Indian tribes may apply through their State Commission or directly to the Corporation**

# AmeriCorps Grant Opportunities

## Planning Grants

**AmeriCorps State (single-state)**

**AmeriCorps National (multi-state)**

## Operational Grants

**AmeriCorps State (single-state)**

**AmeriCorps National (multi-state)**



# AmeriCorps Planning Grants

- ✱ **These grants support the development of AmeriCorps programs. Grantees receive program development support.**
- ✱ **Applicants cannot have previously received an AmeriCorps grant.**
- ✱ **Grants are for up to \$50,000 for one year only. Grant recipients must contribute cash or in-kind match.**
- ✱ **Grant funds can cover expenses such as staffing, travel and supplies directly related to AmeriCorps program development.**
- ✱ **Planning grants do not include AmeriCorps member positions.**

# AmeriCorps Operational Grants

- \* Provide *partial* funding to support AmeriCorps programs.
- \* The funds provided in the grant are not sufficient to cover all program expenses. Grant recipients must contribute cash or in-kind match.
- \* Grantees are solely responsible for the recruitment, selection, training, and supervision of AmeriCorps members.
- \* Include an allotment of AmeriCorps member positions and funds are directly tied to a specific number of members.

# 2011 Funding Priorities

Education

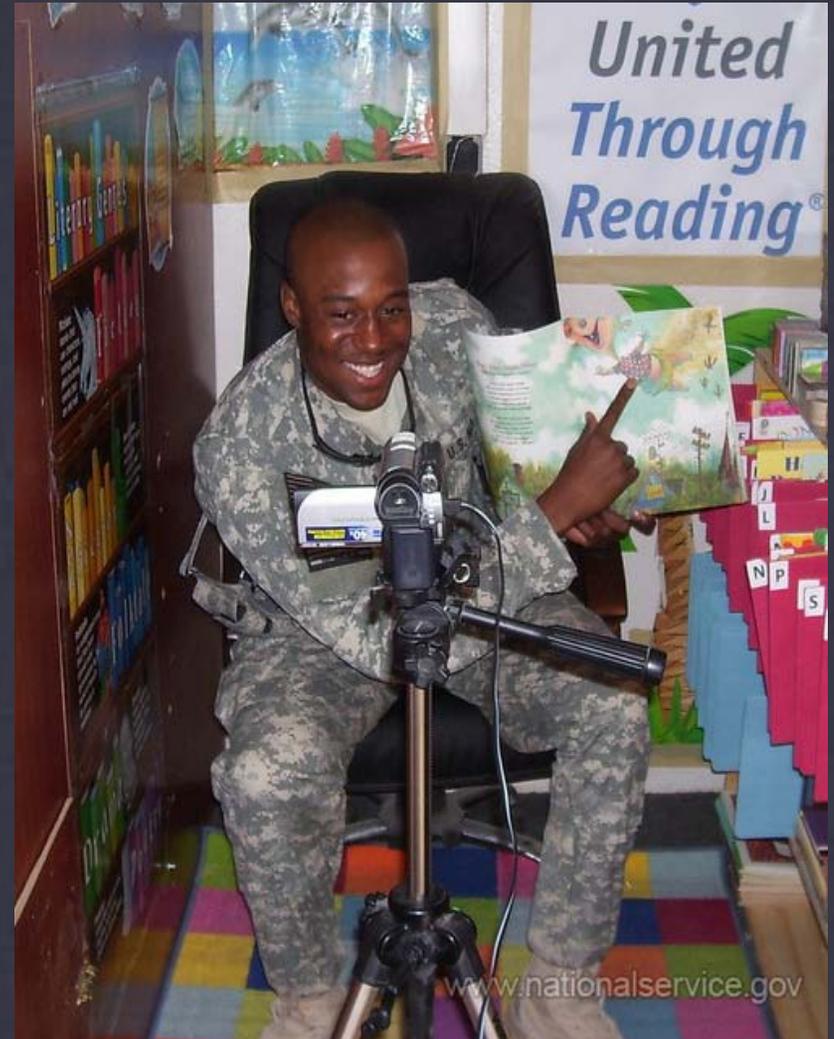
Clean Energy/Environment

Health

Economic Opportunity

Disaster Services

VETERANS



# The Need and Opportunity

**Current and former servicemen and women and their families in our state can be a huge asset for improving our communities, but some are facing challenges**

- \* [Insert statistics about active-duty and veteran servicemen and women and their families in your state, including:**
  - \* Their numbers**
  - \* Ways they currently volunteer in local communities**
  - \* The strengths they can bring to AmeriCorps and other service and community programs**
  - \* Particular struggles they face (e.g., homelessness, mental illness, poverty, etc.)**

# AmeriCorps Programs Can....

**Engage veterans in service and meet the needs of veterans and members of the Armed Forces who are on active duty. Activities might include:**

- \* Creating housing units for veterans**
- \* Connecting veterans with educational opportunities**
- \* Assisting the families of deployed service members**
- \* Veterans mentoring students from disadvantaged circumstances**
- \* Meeting the needs of veterans with disabilities**
- \* Assisting homeless veterans**

# Current Initiatives

**[Insert numbers of veterans serving as AmeriCorps members, examples of veteran-serving AmeriCorps programs, partnerships with veteran-serving organizations, and other initiatives in support of active-duty and veteran service members and their families your Commission has undertaken or plans to]**

# Resources to Assist Programs with the Application Process

**[www.americorps.gov](http://www.americorps.gov)**

▶ Click on: How to Apply / Eligibility

▶ [http://americorps.gov/for\\_organizations/apply/index.asp](http://americorps.gov/for_organizations/apply/index.asp)

▶ Which takes you to:

Link to State Competition information:

[http://www.americorps.gov/for\\_organizations/apply/state.asp](http://www.americorps.gov/for_organizations/apply/state.asp)

Link to National Competition information:

[http://www.americorps.gov/for\\_organizations/apply/national .asp](http://www.americorps.gov/for_organizations/apply/national.asp)

Link to AmeriCorps Grants 101 slide presentation:

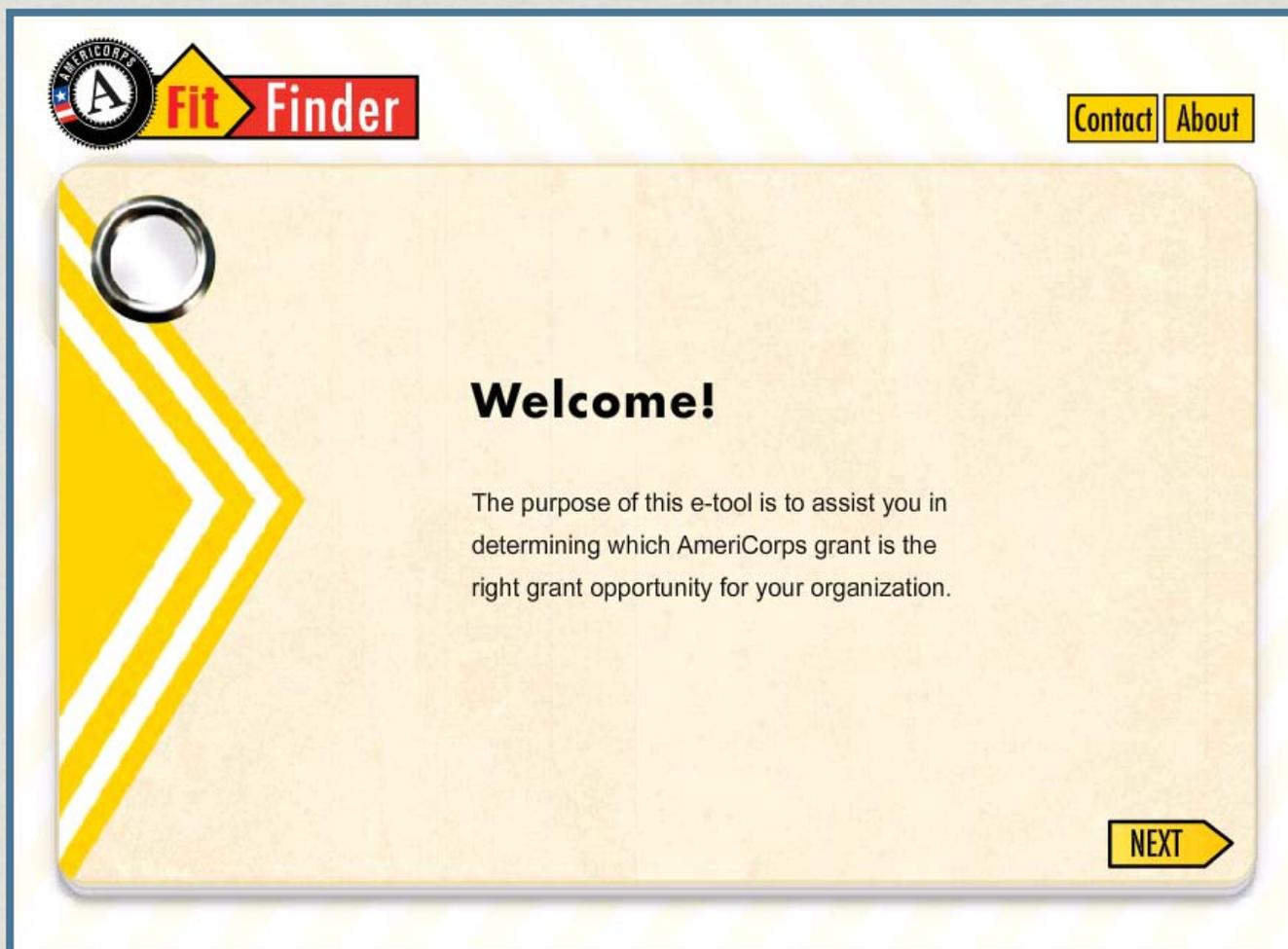
<http://www.slideshare.net/AmeriCorpsOutreach2009/american-corps-grants-101-presentation>

Link to eGrants

<http://www.nationalservice.gov/egrants/>

# Resources to Assist Programs with the Application Process

[www.americorps.gov/fitfinder](http://www.americorps.gov/fitfinder)





# For More Information

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