

Are you interested in applying for AmeriCorps funding in Arkansas?



Here is How to Start

Is your organization a national or local nonprofit organization with 501(c)3 status; a state, county, or local government entity; an Indian Tribe or Tribal organization; an institution of higher education; a K-12 educational institution; a faith-based organization; an association or consortia of educational and/or community organizations?

YES

NO

Do you have an intervention, program, or service that is strengthening your community that you want to expand or develop to meet the needs of your community?

Sorry, it doesn't look like AmeriCorps is right for your organization. Please visit www.VolunteerAR.org to recruit volunteers for your project or event.

YES

NO

Could your AmeriCorps program engage a minimum of 4 full-time members (each serving 1,700 hours during the program year), 8 half-time members (serving 900 hours), or other equivalent configuration?

See information on the reverse side about applying for a Planning Grant.

YES

NO

Would you be ready to start your AmeriCorps Program in the Fall of 2021?

Sorry, it doesn't look like an AmeriCorps program is right for your organization at this time.

Please see the reverse for information on AmeriCorps VISTA, or to contact a currently funded program to ask about hosting an AmeriCorps member or, if you want to recruit volunteers, using the Arkansas volunteer recruitment Portal: www.VolunteerAR.org.

YES

NO

See information on the reverse side about applying for an Operational grant.

If you want to receive notification of future opportunities, email us at Engage.AR@adhe.edu to get on our email distribution list.



Visit www.VolunteerAR.org/National-Service for more information.



CONCEPT PAPER

Submitting a Concept Paper is a mandatory first step in the EngageAR/Arkansas Service Commission application process. After successful submission and review of the concept paper, organizations will be invited to submit an application for AmeriCorps funding. The Concept Paper phase of the application process is designed as a “qualifying” round. Applicants with a clear method of addressing a need and the potential to develop a strong AmeriCorps program will be formally invited to apply. Final AmeriCorps applications, with detailed narrative and budget will be due Monday, February 1, 2021.

2021 - 2022 PROGRAM YEAR ENGAGE AR AMERICORPS FUNDING TIMELINE

Apr 15, 2020 – Nov 1, 2020	Concept papers accepted for programs starting Fall 2021
May 29, 2020	Feedback provided on Concept Papers received April 15 – May 20, 2020
Jun 30, 2020	Feedback provided on Concept Papers received May 21 – June 20, 2020
Jul 31, 2020	Feedback provided on Concept Papers received June 21 – July 20, 2020
Aug 31, 2020	Feedback provided on Concept Papers received July 21 – August 20, 2020
Sep 30, 2020	Feedback provided on Concept Papers received Aug 21 – September 20, 2020
Mid-Sep 2020	Notice of Funding Opportunity for 2021 – 2022 AmeriCorps Funding Released Must be a current program or be invited to apply after EngageAR review of concept paper.
Oct 30, 2020	Feedback provided on Concept Papers received Sept. 21 – October 20, 2020
Nov 1, 2020	2021 – 2022 Concept Paper Period Ends
Nov 15, 2020	Feedback provide on Concept Papers received Oct. 21 – November 1, 2020
Mid- Nov 2020	Notice of Funding Opportunity Training and Technical Assistance Workshop. Details to be announce. You can view past trainings: here (hyperlink to past training)
Feb 1, 2021	AmeriCorps Applications Due
Mar 31, 2021	Feedback provided for application revisions
Apr 15, 2021	Revisions Due
Early May 2021	The Governor’s Advisory Commission on National Service and Volunteerism votes on applications for submission to the Corporation for National and Community Service
Early Jul 2021	Funding announcement/Notice of Funding Award
Mid Jul 2021	Three-day new program orientation and training
Fall 2021	2021 – 2022 Program year begins



PLANNING GRANTS

Planning grants allow time and financial resources for organizations to determine and explore the feasibility of applying for an operational AmeriCorps grant. Approval of a planning grant does not guarantee an organization will be approved for an operational grant. Planning grants do not support AmeriCorps members.

OPERATIONAL GRANTS

Organizations awarded funding for an operational grant will engage AmeriCorps members to expand and/or enhance an organization's activities. ASC's general practice is to award no fewer than four (4) MSY with no more than 50 member slots for new grantees.

TIMELINE FOR 2020 - 2021 ENGAGEAR AMERICORPS FUNDING

November 4, 2019	New Formula Application Concept Paper Package Due including: Concept Paper, Organizational Readiness Assessment, Draft Member Position Description Due
February 20, 2020	Formula applications due along with other submission requirements (see page 14 in application package)
April 3, 2020	Feedback and opportunity to resubmit applications provided
April 17, 2020	Updated formula applications dues
May 1, 2020	Governor's Advisory Commission on National Service and Volunteerism votes on formula applications
June 26 - July 3 (TBD)	Notification of formula awards

ACCESS THE 2021 - 2022 ENGAGE AR AMERICORPS CONCEPT PAPER

The Concept Paper can be found at <https://www.volunteerar.org/funding-opportunities>.

CURRENTLY-FUNDED AMERICORPS PROGRAMS

Find information about currently-funded AmeriCorps Programs in Arkansas at: <https://www.volunteerar.org/AC-State-Programs>

VISTA AND SENIOR CORPS

Contact the Arkansas CNCS office at: SVanMarel@cns.gov

RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS

You can recruit volunteers by signing up on the VolunteerAR website www.VolunteerAR.org

QUESTIONS?

Contact: Engage.AR@adhe.edu