

# 2020-2021 AMERICORPS PLANNING GRANT RFP

## Technical Assistance Webinar

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Website: <https://www.servewisconsin.wi.gov/program-planning-grant>



# Outline

- RFP Process and Documents
- Schedule
- Reminders
- Support



# Beginnings

- Purpose of this RFP
  - ▣ Goal for Serve WI
  - ▣ Goal for your organization
- Money and member thresholds
- Passed NSCHC
- Project period



# Foundational Documents



## AmeriCorps Program Planning Grant

### 2020-2021 AMERICORPS STATE PLANNING GRANT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:

Oftentimes organizations are interested in utilizing AmeriCorps resources, but they are not quite sure where to begin. The AmeriCorps Planning Grant Request for Proposals (RFP) was created to reduce organizations' barriers to creating an [AmeriCorps](#) program. Grantees will receive direct technical assistance from Serve Wisconsin and up to 12 months of funding to plan an AmeriCorps program.

Planning grant activities may involve work to establish a new program in Wisconsin or to replicate a successful existing program model in unserved or underserved areas of the state. Organizations use planning grants to become better prepared to compete for an AmeriCorps program grant in the subsequent grant cycle (2021-2022).

Applicants are required to submit a [Notification of Intent to Apply](#) by February 28, 2020 by Midnight CT.

See RFP #2021-WNCSB-PG below for more details.

Note: The RFP and instructions on this page are for *Planning Grant* proposals. If you are interested in applying for an AmeriCorps Program, please see the information on this page instead: [AmeriCorps RFP](#).

### IMPORTANT DATES & ACTIONS REQUIRED

- **February 14, 2020:** RFP Release
- **February 28, 2020:** [Notification of Intent to Apply](#) due
- **March 17, 2020:** Last day for submitting written inquiries regarding this *RFP*
- **March 19, 2020:** Proposals and additional documents due

### RFP & APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Below are links to the documents that must be reviewed and used to complete a planning grant proposal.

- [2020-2021 AmeriCorps State Planning Grant Request for Proposals #2021-WNCSB-PG](#)
- [Appendix A: Planning Grant Additional Documents Checklist](#)
- [Appendix B: AmeriCorps Planning Grant Budget Template](#)
- [Appendix C: AmeriCorps Planning Grant Review Form](#)
- [2020-2021 Planning Grant Application Instructions and Attachments](#)

# Foundational Documents



For all Foundational Documents related to  
the 2020-2021 AmeriCorps Formula  
Planning Grant RFP, visit:

[https://www.servewisconsin.wi.gov/program  
-planning-grant](https://www.servewisconsin.wi.gov/program-planning-grant)

# Schedule



- February 28 – NOI Due
- March 17 – Last day for questions
- March 19 – App deadline
- April 28 – PE&D Committee Meeting
- May 14 – WNCBSB Meeting
- May 20 – All application revisions complete!

# Application Fields & Page Limits

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- Section 2.1.2
- Section point values
- Address each bullet point
- Application Review Process

# Complete Proposals

- ❑ Application (word processing document)
- ❑ Additional Documents
- ❑ Budget



# Application Review

## Appendix C: 2020-2021 AmeriCorps State Planning Grant Review Form

Legal Applicant/Program Name: <input type="text"/>	Reviewer Number: <input type="text"/>
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### Executive Summary (Required – 0 points)

Criteria	Satisfactory Answer: Y/N
<p>Review the required template for Executive Summaries below. Did the applicant follow the template for the Executive Summary?</p> <p>[Name of the organization] proposes to develop an AmeriCorps program serving in [the location(s) the AmeriCorps program will serve] that will focus on the CNCS focus area(s) of [CNCS focus area(s)]. The CNCS investment of \$[amount of request] will be matched with \$[total amount of projected match], \$[amount of local, state, tribal, and/or federal funds] in public funding and \$[amount of non-governmental funds] in private funding. No AmeriCorps members will be needed to execute this plan.</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>

### Need (10 points)

Criteria	Satisfactory Answer: Y/N	Comments including both strengths and weaknesses
The problem the applicant plans to address with an AmeriCorps program is described and there is support the need exists	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<input type="text"/>
The applicant has described why they are applying for a planning grant, why a planning grant is needed to address the previously described need, and what they hope to achieve during the one-year planning period.	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Out of 10 maximum points, my score for this section is:</b>	<input type="text"/>	

# Reminders

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- Stick to the instructions
- Acronyms
- No prohibited activities
- This is a planning grant. You don't need it all figured out
- Page Limits
- Budget Template

# Support

- Resources on our website:
  - ▣ <https://www.servewisconsin.wi.gov/funding-opportunities> (look at both program and planning to find all resources available)
- Wisconsin Evaluation Collaborative
  - ▣ 1:1 assistance –  
<https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV3NMIUHTZwhDx2Qd>
- Questions to [servewisconsin@wisconsin.gov](mailto:servewisconsin@wisconsin.gov)

# Questions?



- Continued assistance:

- ▣ <https://www.servewisconsin.wi.gov/funding-opportunities>

- ▣ [ServeWisconsin@wisconsin.gov](mailto:ServeWisconsin@wisconsin.gov)

Thank you for your participation today!