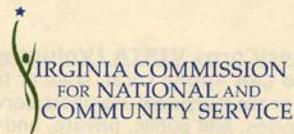


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What is AmeriCorps??

The Corporation for National and Community Service provides opportunities for Americans of all ages and backgrounds to serve their communities and country through AmeriCorps. The Virginia Commission for National & Community Service falls under the guidance of the Corporation for National and Community Service and funds agencies and nonprofit organizations throughout the Commonwealth. Since the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, the Corporation has made funding available to organizations whose focus includes homeland security. An AmeriCorps program consists of a team of volunteers set up within an organization who commit to a year of part-time or full-time service. For their service to their community, members, or volunteers, receive a monthly living allowance and are eligible for an education award at the end of their service term. The partnership of Virginia Corps with AmeriCorps will ultimately strengthen the effort of homeland security within the Commonwealth.

Funding Opportunities

The various AmeriCorps funding opportunities are listed below:

AmeriCorps State

Who Can Apply: State and local non-profit organizations can apply as a planning grant

Program Purpose: To engage AmeriCorps members in providing direct service to address unmet community needs.

For An Application: VA Commission for National & Community Service, #804.726.7064

Match Requirement: 15% cash match for AmeriCorps member support cost; 33% cash or in-kind match of the overall operating costs

Application Deadline: TBA

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AmeriCorps Education Award-Only Program

*NO STIPEND
NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR MATCHING STIPEND.*

Who Can Apply: Local non-profit organizations, state and local units of government, national non-profits, multi-state collaborations. Institutions of higher education and state education agencies may apply to the State Commission or directly to the Corporation

Program Purpose: Same as AmeriCorps State and includes summer programs, and college-based programs

For An Application: VA Commission for National & Community, #804.726.7064 or Corporation for National and Community Service, #202-606-5000 ext. 417

Match Requirement: Programs cover all costs with the exception of the education awards and up to \$400 per full-time equivalent

Application Deadline: February 2004 (exact date TBA)

AmeriCorps National Direct

Who Can Apply: National non-profit organizations that operate in two or more states (such as the American Red Cross or Habitat for Humanity). Programs apply directly to the Corporation for National & Community Service.

Program Purpose: Same as AmeriCorp State

For An Application: Corporation for National and Community Service #202-606-5000, ext. 163 or go to: www.americorps.org/resources/04ACNationalApplicationInstructions.pdf

Match Requirement: 15% cash match for AmeriCorps member support cost and 33% cash or in-kind match of the overall operating program costs.

Application Deadline: March 2, 2004 by 5:00 PM

AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America)

Who Can Apply: Local, state or federal agencies; public, private, or faith-based nonprofit organizations

Program Purpose: Members serve at least one year of full-time service with local, state, and federal agencies, and public, private, and faith-based nonprofit organizations. All projects focus on building permanent infrastructure in nonprofit organizations to help them more effectively bring individuals and communities out of poverty.

For An Application: Corporation State Office, #804.771.2197

Match Requirement: Cash match is not required. In-kind match in the form of supervision, space, phone, equipment, and service-related travel will be negotiated prior to project approval. You can increase the availability of AmeriCorps VISTA resources to your agency or organization by sharing a portion of the costs associated with supporting members.

Application Deadline: ongoing enrollment

Special Volunteer Programs to Support Homeland Security

Can do; recruitment/training/supervision

Who Can Apply: State commissions on national and community service; nonprofit organizations operating in more than one state; consortia of local nonprofit organizations, including faith-based organizations.

Program Purpose: The Corporation was the first federal agency to distribute grants to engage volunteers in homeland security. Special Volunteer Program (SVP) grants support recruitment of volunteers for local efforts to develop disaster response plans, expand neighborhood watch and Community Emergency Response Teams, develop bioterrorism response teams, and assist radio operators and volunteer pilots in responding to disasters.

For An Application: Corporation for National and Community Service, #202.606.5000

Match Requirement: none

Application Deadline: March 2004 (exact date TBA)

Expectations of Applicants and Awarded Programs

- Funding is available for a three-year period. Applications must include proposed activities and detailed proposed budget for the first year of operation and program objectives for a one-year period. Funding for the second and third years of an approved program is contingent upon the availability of funds, adequate performance including satisfactory progress in relation to the approved objectives, submission of proposed changes in activities or objectives, a detailed budget and budget narrative for the applicable program year, and any other criteria established in the award agreement.
- Homeland Security programs must focus on preparing communities to be able to prevent, mitigate, prepare for, and respond to acts of terrorism or other disasters that breach the security and safety of their citizens. Applications should include evidence of organizing, training, and preparing people for homeland security disasters or emergencies.
- If approved, AmeriCorps Program Directors are responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the grant to assure compliance with applicable federal requirements and achievement of all performance goals. Aside from SVP, funding is accompanied by monitoring site visits to ensure Federal compliance of program function, activity, and the service of members. Programs are encouraged to partner with as many organizations and groups as possible within their community, including their local Citizen Corps Council.

Helpful Web Sites

AmeriCorps: www.americorps.org

AmeriCorps Homeland Security News: www.nationalservice.org/news/homeland.html

Virginia Commission for National & Community Service: www.vaservice.org