

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Grant Competition**  
**Frequently Asked Questions**  
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1. The Funding Opportunity Title is 2015 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Grants, but 2015 Martin Luther King Jr. Day has already occurred. Are funds awarded through this grant competition for the 2016 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service?

Yes.

2. Where can I find information about the results of previous Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Grant competitions?

Results can be found at: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/open-government-initiative/transparency/results-grants-competition>

3. Are State Service Commissions eligible to apply to this competition?

Yes.

4. My organization is not interested in applying for the minimum funding amount of \$50,000. Are there any options for my organization to receive funding through this competition?

To receive funding directly from CNCS, you must apply for at least \$50,000. Your organization may become engaged as a partner organization with an applicant organization and receive support from the partner organization if the partner organization is selected for funding. See page 4 of the NOFA for more information.

5. Can you please clarify the eligibility requirement described on page 3 of the NOFA:

Eligible applicants are capable of carrying out multi-state, nationally focused (10 or more states), or comprehensive regional initiatives involving at least ten (10) projects in a region. Successful applicants must have submitted an application that meets one of the two criteria set forth in the preceding sentence. Regional initiatives are multiple states in a region.

Applications awarded must have either:

- Multi-state, nationally focused: projects in 10 or more states
- Comprehensive regional: projects in 10 or more locations involving multiple (more than 1) states

6. How exactly do I apply for this competition in eGrants?

Once you have set up your eGrants account, select the NOFA name, 'FY 2015 Martin Luther King Jr Day of Service Grants.' For additional eGrants technical assistance, please contact the National Service Hotline at (800) 942-2677.

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7. What amount should we put in as our award request in our budget?

The budget amount should reflect the funds necessary to meet the program objectives for a one year budget period.

8. Would travel expenses for youth participants be considered allowable?

It depends on the specific details of the Federal award and project. Any cost must be necessary and reasonable for the performance of the Federal award and be allocable under 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E. To determine if a cost meets these criteria, you should consider [2 C.F.R. Part 200](#), Subpart E for more details. See especially 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.403, 200.404, 200.405.

9. Where can I learn what budget items are allowable and unallowable?

Please review the NOFA carefully and consider if the cost is reasonable, necessary, allocable and allowable per [2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E](#). In considering these items see especially 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.403, 200.404, 200.405.

10. If our organization only holds one project within our city limits, but holds at least nine other projects outside of the city, does this meet the eligibility requirements described in the NOFA to have at least ten projects?

Yes.

11. Does an application first have to be submitted to a state service commission for review?

No. Applications should be submitted directly to CNCS through eGrants.

12. How do I know if my proposed project is a good proposal for this competition?

Individual feedback on proposals is not provided in an open competition. To help you assess whether your proposal is viable for this competition, review your idea against the funding priorities section of the NOFA on page 2, the performance measures on page 2 of the NOFA, and the selection criteria in the NOFA.