

Operation AmeriCorps Competition Overview

2015 Operation AmeriCorps

Operation AmeriCorps grants were awarded to Tribal governments; local governments of U.S., cities, counties and towns; and school boards to achieve a dramatic and measurable improvement in the given locality in a two-year period. Those applicants not representing Tribal governments were to apply through state service commissions.

Applicants could request AmeriCorps State and National, AmeriCorps NCCC, and/or AmeriCorps VISTA resources in a single application. Applicants were to identify a high priority local challenge which AmeriCorps members could holistically address in a relatively short period of time using place-based solutions through coordination with CNCS and other local organizations.

The competition included two priority areas:

Priority 1 applications proposed a transformational project that used a national service solution to ensure that every high school senior has a career or educational opportunity upon high school graduation. Using AmeriCorps as the catalyst to engage the whole community, the goal is for every graduating high school senior to participate in one of the following five options following high school graduation:

- further education, including at two- or four-year colleges
- military service
- national service in AmeriCorps
- employment
- a paid internship, a registered apprenticeship, or job training program.

Priority 2 applications proposed transformational projects that addressed any of CNCS's six focus areas: economic opportunity, education, disaster services, veterans and military families, healthy futures, or environmental stewardship.