



# Overview of AmeriCorps State and National Resources

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# Today's Agenda



*Introduction*



*ASN Grantee Resources*



*Knowledge Network Tour*



*Grantee Support System*

*Q&A*



*Closing Remarks*

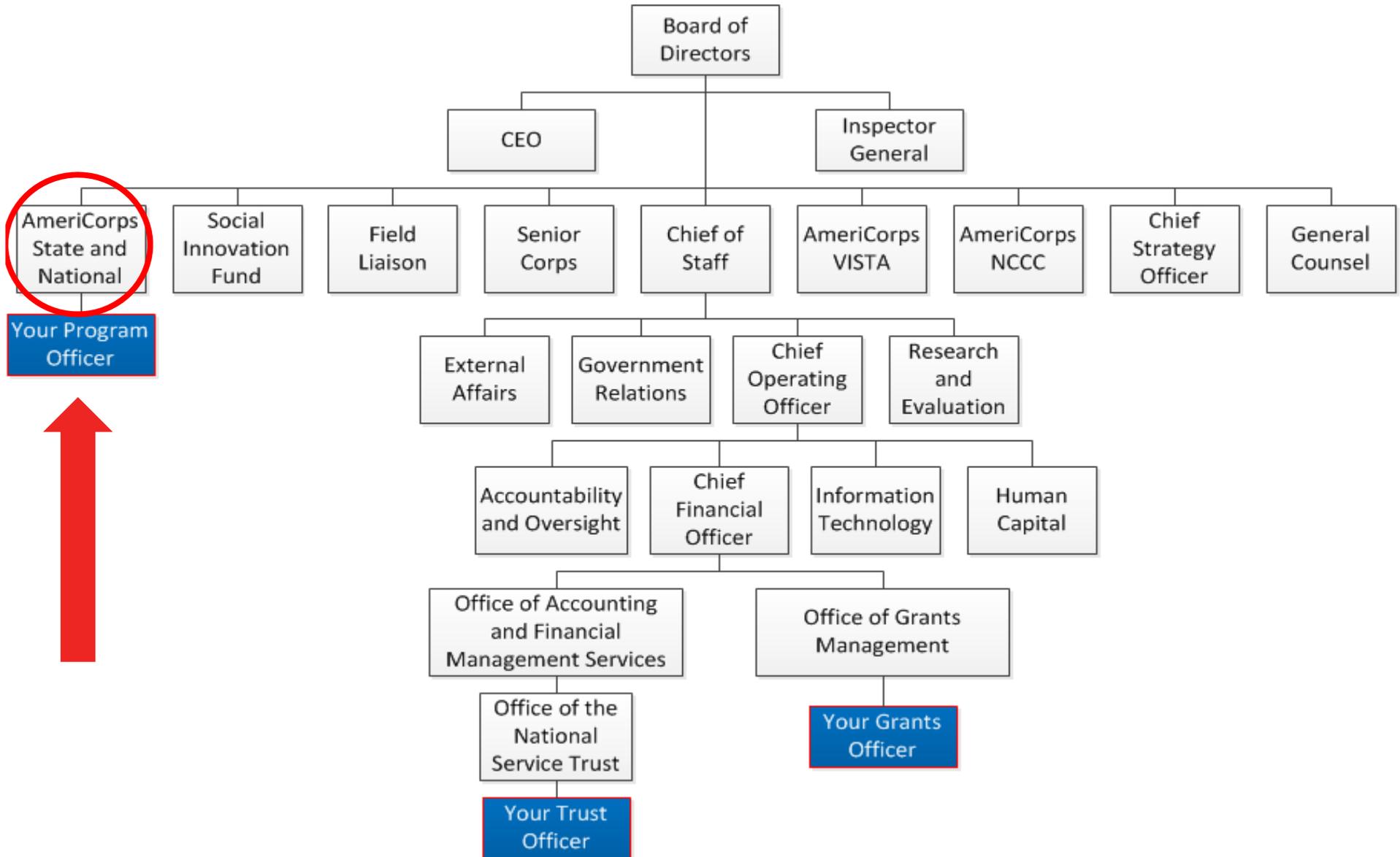


# Introduction

- Who are AmeriCorps State, National, and Tribal grantees?
- What do grantees need to know?
- Where can you find resources to help?
- How do you make a dogtini?



# CNCS Structure



# Grantees

The AmeriCorps State and National (ASN) unit at CNCS funds these types of organizations:

- ✓ State Service Commissions
- ✓ Tribal Planning and Program Grantees
- ✓ Programs Operating in US Territories
- ✓ National/multi-state Programs

These types of grants have formed the core of ASN funding since CNCS was created.

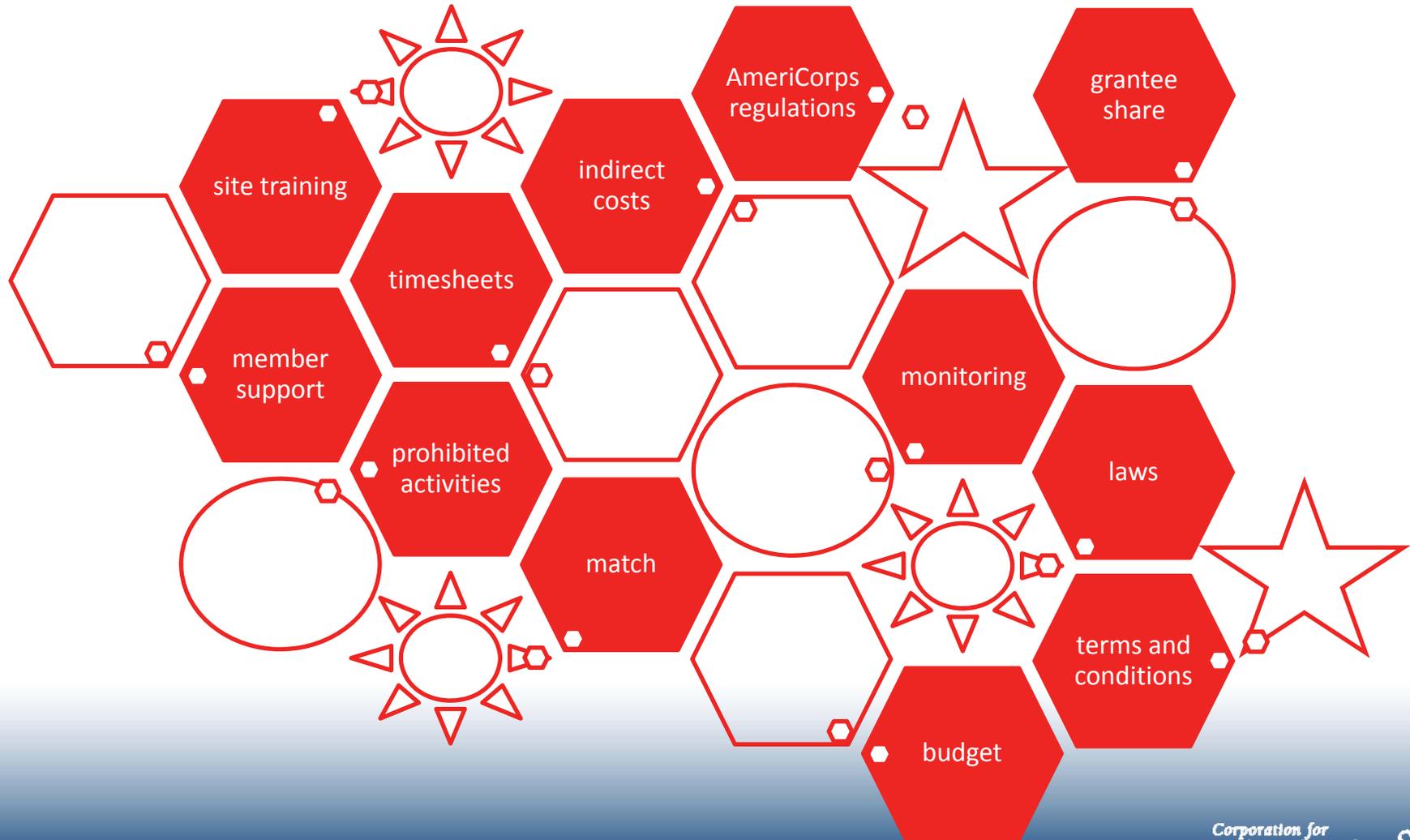
# Grantees

In addition, ASN also provides funds to support specific community-based or national initiatives:

- ✓ Operation AmeriCorps Programs
- ✓ School Turnaround Programs
- ✓ Justice AmeriCorps Programs

These special initiatives may change from year to year.

# What Do Grantees Need to Know?



# Wait...what?



Be afraid...be very afraid...



# Where Can You Find AC Resources to Help?

In-person

Online

# Resources At-A-Glance

## *In-person:*

- ✓ CNCS Program Officer Communications
  - ✓ CNCS Site Visits (POs and GOs)
  - ✓ CNCS Training and Resource Staff
    - ✓ Trainings/Meetings

# Online Resources At-A-Glance

**eGrants/Portal:** Be sure you save PDFs of your approved grant narratives, PMs, budget, member reports from the Portal, etc.

**CNCS Website:** Start with [www.nationalservice.gov](http://www.nationalservice.gov)

- ✓ Email Updates
- ✓ Funding Opportunities and TA for Applicants
  - ✓ Managing AmeriCorps Grants
  - ✓ National Service Knowledge Network

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  - Previous Funding Opportunities
  - Managing AmeriCorps Grants
  - Managing Senior Corps Grants
  - eGrants
  - Criminal Background Check Requirements
- Learning and Best Practices

## Funding Opportunities

The Corporation of National and Community Service provides grants to national and local nonprofits, schools, government agencies, faith-based and community organizations, and other groups committed to strengthening their communities through volunteering. Our funding opportunities vary by program.

To review archived program grants, please visit the Notices of Funding Availability / Notice of Funding Opportunities archive page.

### Current Funding Opportunities

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Nov 3, 2015  | 2016 RSVP Limited Geographical Area Competition |
| Jan 20, 2016 | AmeriCorps State and National Grants FY 2016    |

[See Previous Funding Opportunities](#)

### New Funding Opportunities

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### National Service In Your State

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# Managing AmeriCorps Grants

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## Managing AmeriCorps Grants

### AmeriCorps State and National

#### Rules, regulations, and provisions

Certain key provisions and rules including the single match are only represented in appropriations language.

- The National and Community Service Act of 1990 as amended by the Serve America Act (PDF)
- AmeriCorps Regulations (XML)
  - Update to National Service Criminal History Check Regulations (October 5, 2012) (PDF)
- AmeriCorps Provisions**
- AmeriCorps State and National Policy Frequently Asked Questions (updated 7/30/14) (PDF)
- AmeriCorps State and National Compiled Search document (including legislation, 2012 Regulations, 2014 provisions, FAQs, and relevant OMB circulars) (PDF) - *While efforts are made to keep information in this consolidated document current, please consult the primary source for the most up-to-date information. Provisions apply based on the year of the award.*

Other valuable ASN resources

Search AmeriCorps State and National

Use this search box to find AmeriCorps grant provisions, FAQs, legislation, and regulation

Enter Search Term(s):  
Keywords  
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### My AmeriCorps

The My AmeriCorps website provides a one-stop-shop for all AmeriCorps members and alumni - with information, self-service capabilities and access to the Online Payment System.

Visit Now

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-10-05/pdf/2012-24467.pdf>

# Introduction to the Knowledge Network

- What is the Knowledge Network?
- How has it developed over the years?
- Where are we now?

# How to Access the Knowledge Network

- The top menu bar on the CNCS homepage “[Knowledge Network](#)”
- Direct link: [www.nationalservice.gov/resources](http://www.nationalservice.gov/resources)

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Corporation for National & Community Service. At the top left is the organization's logo, and at the top right are links for 'FAQs', 'Contact Us', and a search icon. Below these are social media icons for Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, Facebook, and Tumblr. A dark blue navigation bar contains the following menu items: 'Programs', 'Focus Areas', 'Special Initiatives', 'Newsroom', 'National Service Blog', and 'Knowledge Networks'. The 'Knowledge Networks' item is circled in red, and a large red arrow points to it from the right. Below the navigation bar is a large banner for 'AmeriCorps State and National Competitive Grants FY 2016' with a list of focus areas: 'Disaster Services | Economic Opportunity | Education | Environmental Stewardship | Healthy Futures | Veterans and Military Families'. The bottom section features three columns: 'About Us' with a paragraph, 'Our Programs' with 'View All' and images for AmeriCorps and Senior Corps, and 'Our Focus Areas' with 'View All' and images for Disaster Services and Education. The footer contains the text 'AmeriCorps | Senior Corps | Social Innovation Fund | Volunteer Generation Fund' and the organization's logo on the right.

# Tour of the Knowledge Network



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## Knowledge Networks

### Focus Area Resources



#### Disaster Services

This online network provides a place to share what works at the intersection of disaster services and national service.



#### Economic Opportunity

This network provides a place to share what works at the intersection of national service and economic opportunity services.



#### Education

This network provides a place to share what works at the intersection of education and national service.



#### Environmental Stewardship

This network provides a place to share what works at the intersection of national service and environmental stewardship.



#### Healthy Futures

This network provides a place to share what works at the intersection of

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[www.nationalservice.gov/resources/ameri-corps](http://www.nationalservice.gov/resources/ameri-corps)

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## Resources

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- VISTA Campus
- Capacity Building
- Criminal History Check
- Disability Inclusion
- Disaster Services
- Economic Opportunity
- Education
- Education Award
- Environmental Stewardship
- Evaluation
- Financial Management
- Healthy Futures
- Marketing and Media
- Member & Volunteer Development
- Online Courses
- Performance Measurement
- Recruitment
- Senior Corps
- Uniform Guidance
- Veterans & Military Families

## AmeriCorps Resources

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*Section: Resource page pages are not under access control*

A place for State Service Commission and program staff to find tools to support strong AmeriCorps programs and national service initiatives.

See resources for AmeriCorps programs on start-up financial & grant management, program management, and member management.

### Featured Video

National Service: #AmeriDay



### Featured Resources

- **UPDATED!** AmeriCorps State and National Grantee Training Calendar
- Data Quality Review Best Practices (August 25)
- 2015 AmeriCorps State and National Symposium
- New AmeriCorps Program Start-up Institute
- State Commission Virtual Learning Community
- State Service Commission Road Map
- Evaluation Resources
- AmeriCorps Performance Measurements

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The Knowledge Network's Social Media pages:

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[www.twitter.com/serviceresource](http://www.twitter.com/serviceresource)

# What is Next for the Knowledge Network?

- Continuing evolution of the Knowledge Network
  - organization and cleaning
  - material update/development
- Current user experience
  - easy access for all sections of the Knowledge Network
  - dedicated CNCS staff support
- Potential challenges
  - locating materials in new structure
  - broken links

# User Support



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# Where can I find...

- Instructions for completing the Grantee Progress Report?  
[www.nationalservice.gov/resources/ameriCorps/completing-ameriCorps-grantee-progress-report-gpr](http://www.nationalservice.gov/resources/ Americorps/completing-ameriCorps-grantee-progress-report-gpr)
- Information about managing grant amendments?  
[www.nationalservice.gov/resources/ameriCorps/grant-amendments](http://www.nationalservice.gov/resources/ameriCorps/grant-amendments)
- The requirements for completing the National Service Criminal History Checks?  
[www.nationalservice.gov/resources/criminal-history-check](http://www.nationalservice.gov/resources/criminal-history-check)
- Details of the AmeriCorps performance measures?  
[www.nationalservice.gov/resources/performance-measurement/ameriCorps](http://www.nationalservice.gov/resources/performance-measurement/ameriCorps)
- The slides and recording for today's session?  
[www.nationalservice.gov/resources/ameriCorps](http://www.nationalservice.gov/resources/ameriCorps) (under Featured Resources)

# Resources At-A-Glance

***In-person:*** When you're looking for anything, the best place to start is always your CNCS Program Officer.

Trainings:

- ✓ Local Meetings and Conferences
- ✓ Regional National Service Conferences
- ✓ AmeriCorps State and National Symposium

# Resources Nexus

*Work through one or more online courses with your Program Officer.*

*Recommended courses to start:*

- ✓ *Overview of the CNCS Partnership*
- ✓ *Managing the CNCS Partnership*

[www.nationalservice.gov/resources/online-courses](http://www.nationalservice.gov/resources/online-courses)  
*(Program Specific: AmeriCorps)*

# Q&A



- What questions do you have today?
- Contact information:

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Happy Halloween!

