



AmeriCorps
Hawai`i

Request for Grant Applications

AmeriCorps State Formula Grant

Federal Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027

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OVERVIEW

Commission Name:	Hawai'i Commission for National & Community Service
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Hawai'i Commission for National & Community Service (HCNCS) is pleased to announce the 2026 - 2027 AmeriCorps State Formula Request for Grant Applications (RFGA) to meet state and local challenges through service and volunteer action. These grants are awarded to organizations that propose to place AmeriCorps members in service solely within Hawai'i. Selected organizations will receive grants to support AmeriCorps member positions that engage members in service to meet critical needs in Hawai'i. This notice is for new, recompetete, and continuation AmeriCorps Hawai'i programs.

Disclosure: Publication of this Request for Grant Applications (RFGA) does not obligate AmeriCorps State and National (ASN) or Hawai'i Commission for National & Community Service (HCNCS) to award any specific number of grants or to commit any amount of funding. The actual amount, timing, and process of grant funding will be subject to the availability of annual appropriations.

Any award made under this Notice may be terminated by the agency if it no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities.

Program Authority: Awards under this Notice are authorized by the National and Community Service Act of 1990, as amended, (NCSA) (42 U.S.C. 12501 et seq.).

Who We Are: Hawai'i Commission for National & Community Services

The Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service (HCNCS), also known as AmeriCorps Hawai'i, is the State of Hawai'i's designated commission to award and administer AmeriCorps State and National funds throughout the state.

Guided by Hawai'i's values and the AmeriCorps focus areas, the Commission supports high-quality service programs that address critical community needs and expand opportunities for individuals and organizations across the state.

AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. AmeriCorps brings people together to tackle some of the country's most pressing challenges through national service and volunteerism. AmeriCorps members serve with organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities and those serving.

Purpose of AmeriCorps Funding

AmeriCorps grants are awarded to eligible organizations that engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions to strengthen communities. An AmeriCorps member is a person who does community service through AmeriCorps. Members may receive a living allowance and other benefits. After successful completion of their service, members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award they can use to pay for higher education expenses or apply to qualified student loans.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

AmeriCorps Funding Priorities

Faith-Based:

- Organizations that are faith-based.

Serve Communities:

- **Serve communities with concentrated poverty**, rural communities, and tribal communities.
- Implement programs for or **expand access to high-quality youth mental health and substance use recovery services** and prepare AmeriCorps members to enter behavioral health careers. These may include individuals who have experienced substance use and mental health challenges.
- **Focus on improving quality of life for veterans, active-duty members of the Armed Forces, and their families** through models that provide effective interventions or services or that are designed to recruit veterans, military spouses, and their older children into national service, e.g., veterans serving in mentorship roles.
- **Focus on public safety, crime prevention, and/or partnerships between law enforcement and the community.**
- **Focus on expanding outdoor recreation opportunities for future generations** by maintaining public lands; supporting wildland fire mitigation and sustainable forest management; and providing reforestation services.
- **Create workforce pathways for AmeriCorps members**, including deliberate training, such as pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship opportunities, certifications, and hiring preferences or support;
- **Focus on strengthening families**, e.g., activities that aim to support low-income parents through parenting education, responsible parenting and healthy relationship skills.

Benefit AmeriCorps Members:

- **Enhanced member experience** by providing opportunities for skill attainment, personal growth and connection to the community they are serving in support of a lifetime of civic participation.
- **Enhance and expand services to formerly incarcerated and at-risk youth** and/or engage those youth as AmeriCorps members.

Use Evidence:

- Utilize reports from the [AmeriCorps Evidence Exchange](#) on programs assessed as having Moderate or Strong evidence to scale, replicate, or adapt the intervention.

AmeriCorps Hawai'i Funding Priorities

In addition to the AmeriCorps Funding Priorities, AmeriCorps Hawai'i will also consider these priorities:

- **Support with Maui recovery efforts** post 2023 fire that provide immediate short-term needs as well as long-term paths to thriving communities.
- **Support the protection, restoration, and sustainable management of local resources.**

To receive priority consideration, applicants must show the priority area is a significant part of the program focus and intended outcomes. Priority consideration does not guarantee funding.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

General Information

Applicants are required to complete applications for funding in accordance with the **2026 AmeriCorps State Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)** and the **Application Instructions**. Refer to these and additional important informational documents and resources at our [AmeriCorps Hawai'i Funding Opportunities webpage](#).

Note: The dates referenced in the NOFO materials are for State Commissions. At no time during the state competition should single-state applicants contact the federal agency.

Application Deadline and Additional Documents

All application materials must be completed and submitted in eGrants by 11:59 p.m. (HST) on **March 2, 2026**. Additionally, all required additional documents must be submitted to hicncs@hawaii.edu by the same deadline. Do not send these to the email noted in the 2026 AmeriCorps State Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).