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To: AmeriCorps State and National Grantees

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Subject: 2023.04: AmeriCorps State and National Guidance – Teleservice Exceptions

AmeriCorps State and National released 2023.01: AmeriCorps State and National Guidance - Teleservice on January 8, 2023. This provides exceptions to that guidance.

The exceptions to 2023.01 will be granted to grantees/subgrantees/operating sites that were operating at the time the guidance was released and applicants that submitted applications to be funded with the FY 2023 competitive/formula funds and became grantees/subgrantees or will be become grantees/subgrantees. The intent of offering these exceptions is to not disrupt program designs that were already approved and funded, or that were submitted prior to the 2023.01 being released.

Prime grantees (State Commissions, National Directs, and Native Nations) must submit notifications of exceptions to 2023.01 in writing to Portfolio Managers. Portfolio Managers will then provide that information to the AmeriCorps State and National staff.

Grantees/subgrantees that were operating at the time the guidance was released:

- In the first year funded by FY 2022 funding. These grantee/subgrantees are provided an exception to the 2023.01 guidance for the remainder of their current grant cycle*.

Grantees will need to notify their Portfolio Managers in writing to let them know they are taking this exception.

Should the grantee/subgrantee recompete for AmeriCorps funding, the grantee/subgrantee will need to comply with 2023.01: AmeriCorps State and National Guidance – Teleservice.

- In the second year funded by FY 2022 funding. These grantee/subgrantees are provided an exception to the 2023.01 guidance for the remainder of their current grant cycle*.

Grantees will need to notify their Portfolio Managers in writing to let them know they are taking this exception.

Should the grantee/subgrantee recompete for AmeriCorps funding, the grantee/subgrantee will need to comply with 2023.01: AmeriCorps State and National Guidance – Teleservice.

- In the third year funded by FY 2022 funding. These grantee/subgrantees are provided an exception to the 2023.01 guidance for the remainder of their current grant cycle*.
Grantees will need to notify their Portfolio Managers in writing to let them know they are taking this exception.

Applicants that submitted applications to be funded with the FY 2023 competitive/formula funds and became grantees/subgrantees or will be become grantees/subgrantees in FY 2023:

- In the first year funded by FY 2023 funding. These grantee/subgrantees are provided an exception to the 2023.01 guidance for the remainder of their grant cycle.

Grantees will need to notify their Portfolio Managers in writing to let them know they are taking this exception.

Should the grantee/subgrantee recompete for AmeriCorps funding, the grantee/subgrantee will need to comply with 2023.01: AmeriCorps State and National Guidance – Teleservice.

Prime Grantees (State Commissions, National Directs, and Native Nations) are asked to notify their Portfolio Managers with the following details no later than Friday, May 26, 2023, about exceptions.

- Name of prime grantee
  - If commission: which subgrantee(s) is(are) taking the exception
  - If national direct or Native Nation: whether all operating sites are taking the exceptions, or which operating site(s) is (are taking the exception

- Whether the grant is formula or competitive
- Which year the grant is funded with FY 2022 funding (first, second, third) or that it is funded with FY 2023 funding.

Prime Grantees will not have to resubmit the exception notification in future years in which they or their subgrantees apply for and receive continuation funding.

All grantees covered by this exception will need to comply with 2023.01: AmeriCorps State and National Guidance - Teleservice at such time as they recompete for a new grant.

*Grant cycle refers to the time frame that a grant is funded (initial year and continuation years). For most grants, this is three years. For some PHA grants, it is two years.

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