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FY 24 PHA Continuation Only Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

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NOFO Overview

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Public Health AmeriCorps Overview

- Partnership with Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

Goals:

- Help **meet public health needs of local communities** by providing needed capacity and **support in state and local public health settings** and **advancing more equitable health outcomes** for communities who are currently or historically underserved.
- Provide **pathways to good, quality public health-related careers** by providing exposure through onsite experience, training, and more, with a focus on recruiting AmeriCorps members who reflect the communities in which they will serve.



FY 24 PHA Grant Cycle

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Debt Ceiling Deal impacts to Public Health AmeriCorps funding are being determined.

FY 24 "Continuation Only" process:

- **non-competitive process** - FY 23 PHA grantees already underwent a competitive process.
- **unique continuation process** if funding is insufficient to cover all continuation requests.
- **Not expecting to fulfill expansion** requests.
- seeking to **make grantees whole up to FY 23 budgets**, taking into account unexpended funding.

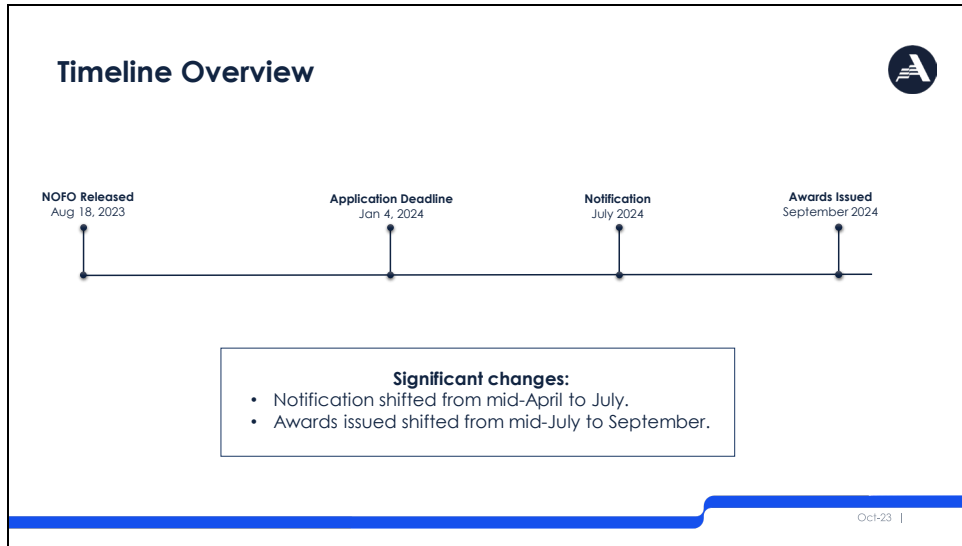
New public health partners should explore other AmeriCorps funding, (including [AmeriCorps State and National](#) and [Grants.gov](#)).



Eligibility

- Only **current Public Health AmeriCorps grantees**, also known as PHA continuation applicants, are eligible.
- This includes organizations that have current Public Health AmeriCorps awards that will be in program Year 2 or 3 in FY 2024.





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Also leverage the [PHA NOFO FAQ](#) and AmeriCorps Regulations (45 CFR 2520-2550).
Package found on the [PHA AmeriCorps webpage](#).

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Type of Award



- One-year Grant
- Cost Reimbursement
- Public Health AmeriCorps **does not** have a Match or Cost Sharing requirement
- FT = Full time, TQT = Three Quarter Time, HT= Half Time, RHT = Reduced Half Time, QT = Quarter time, MT=Minimum Time, AT = Abbreviated time

	Cost Reimbursement
Maximum Cost per MSY*	\$27,000
Type of Slots in the National Service Trust**	FT, TQT, HT, RHT, QT, MT, AT
Budget Submission Required	Yes
Availability of Funds linked to enrollment and retention of awarded MSYs	No
Financial Reporting Requirements	Yes
Available to new Applicants	No

AmeriCorps Members

- Individuals enrolled for a specific term of service with an AmeriCorps program
- Members are not volunteers or employees
- Members have a contract with the program
- Members must commit to a specific term of service



ASN Member Terms of Service



Service Term	Minimum Hours Served
Full-time	1,700
Three Quarter-time	1,200
Half-time	900
Reduced Half-time	675
Quarter time	450
Minimum time	300
Abbreviated Time	100

Member Living Allowance



- Not considered a salary or wage
- Not required for members serving less than full-time
- Must comply with maximum limits
- Cost- Reimbursement: must include in proposed budget (Use NOFO section D.6.a)

Table: Minimum and Maximum Living Allowance

Service Term	Minimum # of Hours	Minimum Living Allowance	Maximum Total Living Allowance
<i>Full-time</i>	1,700	\$18,700	\$37,400
<i>Three Quarter-time</i>	1,200	n/a	\$26,180
<i>Half-time</i>	900	n/a	\$18,700
<i>Reduced Half-time</i>	675	n/a	\$14,212
<i>Quarter-time</i>	450	n/a	\$9,724
<i>Minimum-time</i>	300	n/a	\$7,854
<i>Abbreviated-time</i>	100	n/a	\$2,244

Cost per MSY



Member Service Year = MSY

Does not include:

- Childcare
- Value of Education Award

Continuation applicants held to maximum cost/MSY for their grant type. Please update it to align with the new maximum.

AmeriCorps Share
of MSYs Requested

Grant Program	Maximum
Public Health AmeriCorps grants	\$27,000

*Use section D.6.a. of the NOFO

PHA Living Allowance and MSY

Significant Changes



	FY23	FY24
FT Member Min. Living Allowance	\$17,600	▲ \$18,700 (\$11/hr)
Max. Cost/MSY	\$28,800	▼ \$27,000

Guidance:

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- Please closely review all continuation applications prior to submission to ensure that the max cost per MSY does not exceed the new FY 24 limits.

Prohibited Activities



- (1) Attempting to influence legislation;
- (2) Organizing or engaging in protests, petitions, boycotts, or strikes;
- (3) Assisting, promoting, or deterring union organizing;
- (4) Impairing existing contracts for services or collective bargaining agreements;
- (5) Engaging in partisan political activities, or other activities designed to influence the outcome of an election to any public office;
- (6) Participating in, or endorsing, events or activities that are likely to include advocacy for or against political parties, political platforms, political candidates, proposed legislation, or elected officials;
- (7) Engaging in religious instruction, conducting worship services, providing instruction...

CONTINUED in the AmeriCorps Regulations, section 2520.65...

Performance Measures



- If updates made to continuation applications impact performance measures, please make appropriate updates.
- All applications must include at least one aligned performance measure (output and outcome) that corresponds to the proposed primary intervention
- FY 2024 Best Practices for Performance Measures (Recording Posted to NOFO Site), **Thursday, September 21st**
- FY 2024 Best Practices for Performance Measures ([Live Session](#)), **Thursday, September 28th, 2 – 3:30 pm ET**



FY 24 PHA Grant Cycle

Continuation Only Process

Unique continuation process if funding is insufficient to cover all continuation requests.

Not expecting to **fulfilling expansion** requests

Seeking to **make grantees whole up to FY 23 budgets**, taking into account unexpended funding.

Let's walk through an example:

Grantee A requested and received \$50,000 in FY 23 and has \$30,000 in expenditures. Grantee A has \$20,000 in unexpended funding.



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SCENARIO 1: AmeriCorps has enough funding to fulfill continuation requests.

Grantee A may receive \$50,000 in new continuation funding.

\$20,000 (unexpended) + \$50,000 (new continuation)
= \$70,000

For FY24, Grantee A will have \$70,000 in total funding available.

Please note that Grantee A is not required to request the same amount of funding that was requested in FY23. Grantee A's FY24 funding request should align with current capacity and program needs.



Example

Grantee A requested & received \$50,000 in FY23 & has \$30,000 in expenditures. Grantee A has \$20,000 in unexpended funding.

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SCENARIO 2: AmeriCorps has insufficient funding to fulfill all continuation requests

$\$50,000$ (FY 23 award) - $\$20,000$ (unexpended) = $\$30,000$ (max continuation award)

Grantee A may receive a max award of $\$30,000$.

$\$20,000$ (unexpended) + $\$30,000$ (new continuation) = $\$50,000$

For FY24, Grantee A will have $\$50,000$ in total funding available which is equal to their FY 23 budget.



Example

Grantee A requested & received $\$50,000$ in FY23 & has $\$30,000$ in expenditures. Grantee A has $\$20,000$ in unexpended funding.

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SCENARIO 3: AmeriCorps has insufficient funding to fulfill all continuation requests at the max award.

Grantee A max award is \$30,000. However, AmeriCorps can only fulfill all continuation requests at 50% of the max award.

- \$30,000 (max award) x 50% = \$15,000
- \$20,000 (unexpended) + \$15,000 (new continuation) = \$35,000

For FY24, Grantee A will have \$35,000 in total funding available.



Example

Grantee A requested & received \$50,000 in FY23 & has \$30,000 in expenditures. Grantee A has \$20,000 in unexpended funding.

How much funding should I request through the PHA continuation process? I'd like to expand my work.

Your organization is responsible for determining the budget needs of your work. Current PHA grantees may request funding that exceeds their FY23 award; **however, AmeriCorps does not expect to award funding expansion requests through the FY24 PHA NOFO.** You are welcome to request up to your FY23 award amount. **Budget requests should reflect program needs.**

While AmeriCorps does not expect to consider requests for funding greater than the FY23 award amount; **continuation applicants may request more AmeriCorps members** than were previously awarded



Through the FY24 continuation process, can a state commission reallocate unexpended Public Health AmeriCorps funding from one sub-grantee to another?

No, state commissions are not permitted to reallocate unexpended Public Health AmeriCorps funding from one sub-grantee to another sub-grantee.





Application Information



AmeriCorps

Submitting your Application in eGrants



- Organizations submit grant applications to AmeriCorps via online eGrants system
- If you are a new user, please establish an account using this link: <https://egrants.cns.gov/espan/main/login.jsp>
 - **Click Continuation/Renewal** on your eGrants home page. eGrants will show a list of grants that are eligible for continuation.
 - Select the correct grant your organization wishes to continue. **Do not** start a new application.
 - **Edit your continuation application** as directed in the Application instructions. When you have completed your work, click the SUBMIT button.



[Application Instructions](#)

Continuation Application Content



AmeriCorps **expects** that programs will maintain a consistent program design, and **most continuation applicants will not request changes.**

If there are changes, information should be provided in the Continuation Changes narrative field as relevant:

- Changes in **Operating Sites**
- Significant Changes in **Program Scope or Design**
- Changes to **Performance Measures**
- Significant Changes to **Monitoring Structures or Staffing**
- **Budget revisions**



[Application Instructions](#)

The **page limit** for the Continuation Changes field is **six pages** as the pages print out from eGrants.

Application Review



Non-competitive review process based on:

- progress reports,
- the federal financial report,
- evaluation plans, and
- AmeriCorps staff's knowledge of the grant program.

To be approved for continuation funding, recipients must:

- demonstrate **satisfactory performance** with respect to key program goals and requirements,
- **compliance with the terms and conditions** of the grant.

AmeriCorps **reserves the right to award applications in an amount less than the requested level of funding** and will document the rationale for doing so. Use Section E of the NOFO for more information.

Upcoming Webinars + Deadline



Date	Time	Topic	Where?
Mon, September 18th	N/A	Best Practices for Budget Development	Recorded session posted to NOFO site
Thurs, September 21st	N/A	Best Practices for Performance Measures	Recorded session posted to NOFO site
Wed, September 27th	1:30-2:30pm ET	Best Practices for Budget Development Office Hour	Register here
Thurs, September 28th	2-3:30pm ET	Best Practices for Performance Measures (Live Session)	Register here

Continuation applications due **January 4, 2024, 5pm ET.**



Questions?

You may use the Q&A chat feature.

Additional Questions?



Please email publichealth@americorps.gov with **general questions about the NOFO**. SMD

Questions about **your continuation application**? Please contact your assigned portfolio manager.

Please call the National Service Hotline at 1-(800) 942-2677 with **eGrants technical issues**.



Thank you!

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