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FY 24 Public Health AmeriCorps Notice of Funding Opportunity Frequently Asked Questions

Below is a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) about the FY 24 Public Health AmeriCorps Notice of Funding Opportunity (PHA NOFO). This is a supplementary document, and all eligible applicants interested in pursuing continuation funding through PHA should read the FY 24 PHA NOFO.

Q1: How will the FY 24 PHA continuation process work?

Please use section E of the NOFO for more information regarding the FY 24 PHA continuation process. Please also use the "Technical Assistance Webinars" section of the <u>Public Health AmeriCorps webpage</u> to access a webinar providing an overview.

Q2: When are FY 24 PHA continuation applications due?

FY 24 PHA continuation applications are due Thursday, January 4, 2024, 5pm ET. Single-state continuation applicant deadlines to State Service Commissions may be significantly before the AmeriCorps deadlines, so state applicants seeking continuation funding should contact the Commission in the state or territory where they intend to apply as early as possible. The list of Commissions can be found on the AmeriCorps State Service Commissions' webpage.

Q3: Who is eligible to apply for funding through the FY 24 PHA NOFO?

Only current Public Health AmeriCorps grantees, also known as PHA continuation applicants, are eligible. Eligible applicants are those organizations that have current Public Health AmeriCorps awards that will be in program Year 2 or 3 in FY 2024. Applicants must have a valid SAM registration and Unique Entity Identifier to receive an award. Please use section C of the FY 24 PHA NOFO for more information.

Q4: I am not a current PHA grantee, am I eligible for funding through the FY 24 PHA NOFO?

No, only PHA grantees in their second or third year of program operation in FY 24 are eligible to apply for funding through the FY 24 PHA NOFO.



Q5: I am a current ASN grantee, am I eligible for funding through the FY 24 PHA NOFO?

No, only PHA grantees in their second or third year of program operation in FY 24 are eligible to apply for funding through the FY 24 PHA NOFO.

Q6: I am not a current PHA grantee but wanted to apply for a PHA funding in FY 24, what can I do?

Please explore funding opportunities through <u>AmeriCorps State and National</u> and other AmeriCorps grant programs.

Q7: Can I apply for an expansion request through the FY 24 PHA continuation process?

Yes, current PHA grantees may request funding that exceeds their FY 23 award; however, AmeriCorps does not expect to award expansion requests through the FY 24 PHA NOFO.

Q8: How much funding can I request through the FY 24 PHA NOFO?

Eligible applicants may request a budget that reflects program needs, but please note that AmeriCorps does not expect to award continuation grants that is greater than the grantee's FY 23 award.

Q9: When will my organization know how much continuation funding has been granted?

It is anticipated that continuation applicants will be notified by July 2024, and awards will be issued by September 2024.

Q10: My grant start date is before September. Will the FY 24 PHA NOFO's new timeline impact my project's activities?

FY 24 programming cannot begin until new member slots are made available through the completion of the award process. If available and allowable per the organization's policies and procedures, grantees may use unexpended funds to cover pre-award staffing costs to prepare for FY 24 programming.

Q11: Can a state commission reallocate unexpended Public Health AmeriCorps funding from one sub-grantee to another?



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

Q12: Are all single-state continuation applicants required to submit their applications through their respective state commissions?

No, single-state continuation applicants who applied to the Public Health AmeriCorps program in FY 22 as National Directs and were awarded as National Directs will continue to apply as National Directs for the FY 24 Public Health AmeriCorps grant cycle. These applicants will not apply through State Service Commissions.

Q13: I am a Public Health AmeriCorps grantee that would like to apply to a FY 24 AmeriCorps State and National funding opportunity. How do I apply and in what funding year will I be for purposes of the match requirement?

If you are eligible and desire to do so, Public Health AmeriCorps grantees may apply for a <u>FY 24 AmeriCorps State and National funding opportunity</u>. Please note that AmeriCorps anticipates that the FY 24 AmeriCorps State and National cycle will be particularly competitive.

The AmeriCorps State and National funding opportunity has a match requirement. If a current Public Health AmeriCorps grantee applies to the FY 24 AmeriCorps State and National funding opportunity and is selected for award, they will be considered as "Year 1" for the purposes of the match requirement. Please review section C.2. of the FY 24 AmeriCorps State and National Notice of Funding Opportunity for more information.

For the system to recognize your application as "Year 1" for the FY 24 AmeriCorps State and National funding opportunity, submit your application using a new project. The new project must be created by your Portfolio Manager.

Q14: I am a Public Health AmeriCorps grantee that applied to the FY 24 AmeriCorps State and National funding opportunity. If my project is selected for award through the FY 24 AmeriCorps State and National funding opportunity, may I also accept my Public Health AmeriCorps continuation award?

Please note that if the same organization submits both a PHA continuation application and a FY 24 AmeriCorps State and National application for the same AmeriCorps activities, and they are selected for an FY 24 AmeriCorps State and National award – the Public Health AmeriCorps grantee may only accept one award – an AmeriCorps State and National award or a Public Health AmeriCorps continuation award.

It is anticipated that AmeriCorps State and National award notifications will happen before Public Health AmeriCorps continuation notifications. If accepting the AmeriCorps State and National award, please notify your Portfolio Manager and the Public Health AmeriCorps team at publichealth@americorps.gov.

Q15: What are key factors to keep in mind if I am a Public Health AmeriCorps grantee that is interested in applying for an AmeriCorps State and National grant?

If a Public Health AmeriCorps grantee applies for and accepts the AmeriCorps State and National award, they will receive **up to the ASN max cost per MSY (\$25,000** for a full-time ASN member as compared to **\$27,000** for full-time PHA members) and will not have access to PHA trainings, professional development opportunities, nor other resources provided to PHA grantees.

Additionally, the FY 24 **Public Health AmeriCorps Continuation award proces**s will be **non-competitive**. A Public Health AmeriCorps grantee that is in good standing will receive at least a portion of funding requested, pending funding availability. AmeriCorps anticipates that the FY 24 AmeriCorps State and National cycle will be particularly competitive.

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