

# MARYLAND GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ON SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM (GOSV)

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## *AmeriCorps Funding at a Glance*

### **National Funding Priority Areas:**

1. Disaster Services
2. Economic Opportunity
3. Education
4. Environmental Stewardship
5. Healthy Futures
6. Veterans & Military Families

**Eligible Applicants for AmeriCorps Grants:** Nonprofit and government organizations with the capacity to support an AmeriCorps program and provide the monitoring and reporting required for a federal grant

**Key Elements for AmeriCorps Programming—the Big 4:** Unmet *community need* in national priority funding area, engagement of AmeriCorps members in *direct human and/or environmental service*, measurable and attainable *community outcomes* within the AmeriCorps term of service, and *transformational service* experience for AmeriCorps members

**Types of Programs Funded:** Various, including rural youth conservation corps, urban teacher corps, intergenerational school-based programming; based on identified local community need

**Maryland AmeriCorps Funding Cycles:** Fall (national competition) and spring (state competition); the program period for next funding cycle is September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2017

**Estimated Total Program Funding:** In the most recent funding cycle, grants ranged from \$124,285 to \$455,595; the GOSV typically receives more than twice as much in requests as funds available.

**Matching Funds Required:** Minimum 24% cash or in-kind

**Prohibited Activities (for AmeriCorps members, staff, and volunteers):** Political advocacy and religious instruction; limits on fund raising and clerical support

**How to Apply?** Submit a Concept Paper by February 26, 2016, to be considered for the 2016 State AmeriCorps grant competition. If invited to apply, the deadline for a full grant application submission will be April 8, 2016.

**GOSV Grant Assistance:** Monthly funding overview webinars; registration for events, Concept Paper Instructions, and other resources at [GOSV.maryland.gov](http://GOSV.maryland.gov).

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