

**MARYLAND GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ON SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM**  
**AMERICORPS FUNDING WEBINAR KEY POINTS**

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**1. Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) Priority Focus Areas:**

- a. Disaster Services
- b. Economic Opportunity
- c. Education
- d. Environmental Stewardship
- e. Healthy Futures
- f. Veterans & Military Families

**2. Key Elements for AmeriCorps Programs—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.

**3. Types of Programs Funded:** Various, including rural youth conservation corps, urban teacher corps, and inter-generational programs; program model is based on local community need.

**4. Who's Eligible to Apply?** Nonprofit and government organizations; must provide direct services to citizens/environment; must address CNCS focus areas and national performance measures; must not engage in lobbying or receive other CNCS funds for the same project.

**5. GOSV Grant Cycles:** Fall (national competitive) and winter/spring (state formula); the grant year for the next funding cycle is August 15, 2017–August 14, 2018.

**6. Types of Grants:** Program and planning.

**7. Estimated Total Program Funding:** In the most recent funding cycle, program grants ranged from \$125,007 to \$540,000. The GOSV typically receives more than twice as much in requests as funds available.

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

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

**10. How to apply for a *Program* grant?** The deadline to submit Concept Papers for the 2017–2018 grant cycle is February 10, 2017. Invited applicants must submit a full grant application submission on March 24, 2017.

**11. How to apply for a *Planning* grant?** The deadline to submit a Planning grant application for the 2017 – 2018 grant year is April 7, 2017. No Concept Paper is required to apply for a Planning grant.

**12. Resources:** Find information on GOSV grant-making and volunteer recognition at [GOSV.maryland.gov](http://GOSV.maryland.gov). Find information on CNCS focus areas and national performance measures at [nationalservice.gov](http://nationalservice.gov) and [nationalservice.gov/resources](http://nationalservice.gov/resources).