

MEMORANDUM

**To: Eligible FY23 Applicants**  
**From: Maryland Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GOSV)**  
**Re: FY23 Mandatory Member Service Year (MSY) of 20 or Waiver Required**  
**Date: Effective September 22, 2022**  
**Revised Version: Updated 10.19.22**

AmeriCorps currently requires a minimum of 10 MSY for funding application purposes. Please note, one (1) MSY is equivalent to a full-time AmeriCorps position (1,700 service hours).

For purposes of programmatic sustainability, the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (**GOSV**) is **requiring that MD State AmeriCorps Sub-Grantee Applicants going forward should plan for and maintain program operations for a minimum of 20 MSY (Member Service Year).**

Going forward, eligible new applicants may request as few as 10 MSYs (Member Service Year) in the first year. ALL participants must include in their application a growth plan to support 20 MSYs by their third year of funding.

In certain situations (*for example*, programs applying for *first time funding* with Maryland, or for programs with an *established smaller co-hort*, or for program models with a *limited number of partner sites*), the **GOSV may grant authorization in the form of a waiver, permitting fewer than 20 MSY (but no less than 10 MSY) on a case by case basis.**

**To request an FY23\_Waiver to GOSV MSY of 20**, please submit a narrative justification in response to the following questions:

1. How many MSYs are you planning for FY23? (*Provide detailed slot configuration (i.e. how many full-time members, how many half-time, how many quarter-time, etc.)*)
2. Please share any barriers you've identified that would prevent you from requesting or reaching GOSV's minimum of 20 MSY?
3. What (previous) attempts have you made toward addressing these barriers?
4. Please provide any other information helpful to support your waiver request.

Thank you,  
GOSV Staff

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