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**2014 AmeriCorps*Texas
All-Grantee Meeting**
March 27-28, 2014

Welcome!



What to expect at All-Grantee Meeting

- Goals + Objectives
 - Share best practices and challenges
 - Reflect on the year-to-date
 - Provide important program/fiscal/policy updates and guidance
 - Build the AmeriCorps*Texas network



Housekeeping



Inventory – who's in the room?



Introductions

- Name and title
- Organization
- A word or phrase that you would use to describe this program year



News from D.C.

- [Task Force on Expanding National Service](#)
- Continuing National Service Partnerships
 - School Turnaround AmeriCorps
 - STEM AmeriCorps
 - VetSuccess AmeriCorps
- FY14 Consolidated Appropriations Act (\$1.05 billion for CNCS)
- [FY15 Congressional Budget Justification for CNCS](#)
- America's Service Commissions
- National Conference - June 16-18

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POINTS OF LIGHT 

News from D.C. – HOT TOPICS

- New GPR
- Evaluation
- Health Care
- EAO/EAP
- NSCHCs – Staff Checks
- Asset Utilization
- Cost Effectiveness
- Expanding number of people who can serve (limiting total # of terms)

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POINTS OF **LIGHT** 

- News from Texas/Southwest Cluster




- News from OneStar



COLLECTIVE ACTION FOR IMPACT
SEPTEMBER 18 & 19 2014

TEXAS NONPROFIT SUMMIT



A circular inset photograph shows a group of AmeriCorps members in white polo shirts with their logo on the sleeve, standing in a line with their hands over their hearts. To the right of the photo is a large graphic logo for the 20th anniversary. The logo is circular with a serrated edge, containing the word "AMERICORPS" at the top, a large "A" in the center, and a red banner at the bottom with the text "20 YEARS".

20th Anniversary of AmeriCorps
September 12, 2014

Join us as we commemorate two decades of AmeriCorps
with a nationwide swearing-in ceremony.

nationalservice.gov/ Americorps20



AmeriCorps Grantmaking Updates

Elisa Gleeson



- Define Common Grant Management Terms
- Distinguish Between Funding Types
 - Competitive vs. Formula
- Discuss AmeriCorps Grant Types
 - Cost Reimbursement vs. Full-time Fixed Amount
- Review Calendar



- **2014-2015 Changes**
 - Performance Measure Tiers
 - Selection Criteria
- **Expansions**
 - \$, MSYs, Location
- **Performance Expectations**
 - CNCS vs. OneStar



- **Budget Period** – Annual period that reflects the approved eGrants budget. 12 months in length unless you are granted a No Cost Extension.
- **Project Period** – Three year funding cycle that a grant is awarded as a new or recompile applicant.
- **Continuation** – Process that applicants go through during Years 1 and 2 of their AmeriCorps program Project Period.
- **Recompile** – Process that applicants go through during Year 3 of their AmeriCorps Project Period.



	Competitive	Formula
Funding	Available directly through a National Competition from CNCS.	Available from OneStar as a pass-through from CNCS.
Reporting	same	
Continuation Application	Due in November	Due in May
Program Quality	same	
Opportunity for Expansion	Typically Limited	Typically more Flexibility
Grantor	OneStar	
Significant Programmatic or Budget Changes	Requires OneStar & CNCS Approval	Requires OneStar Approval



Cost Reimbursement

- Apply for funds to pay for program costs such as member support, operational costs, and administrative costs.
- Match required of 24% for year one (increases starting in year 4)
- Cost per MSY: up to \$13,300

Full-Time Fixed-Amount *(not available to new programs)*

- Funds paid out based on enrollment AND retention.
- No match required; however, your organization must have the resources to support all program costs.
- Cost per MSY: up to \$13,000



March

- Competitive Clarification
- Closeout

April

- Competitive Clarification
- Formula Allocation
- APR
- FFR

May

- Formula Continuation Applications Due

June

- Formula Clarification
- Funding Notification
- Start-Up Documents

July

- Pre-Award Costs
- NOGAs and T&Cs

August

- NOGAs and T&Cs
- Initial New/Recompete Information Released

September

- New/Recompete Informational Sessions

October

- New/Recompete Informational Sessions
- APR
- FFR

November

- New/Recompete Applications Due
- Competitive Continuation Applications Due

December

- Competitive Clarification

January

- New/Recompete Notification of Selection
- Closeout

February

- Closeout



- Priority vs. Complementary National Performance Measures
- CNCS Funding Priorities 2014 – 2015 (Tiers 1 – 3)
 - Tier 1
 - Governor and Mayor Initiative
 - Priority Measures in Veterans and Military Families, Disaster Services, Select Complementary Measures in Economic Opportunity (Have 30% or more of MSYs in those measures)
 - Opportunity Youth
 - VetSuccess AmeriCorps
 - Tier 1 Education (formerly referred to as School Turnaround AmeriCorps)
 - Tier 2
 - Priority Measures in Veterans and Military Families, Disaster Services, Select Complementary Measures in Economic Opportunity (Have less than 30% of MSYs in those measures)
 - Priority Measures in Economic Opportunity, Education, Environmental Stewardship, Healthy Futures, or Capacity Building (Have 30% or more of MSYs in those measures)
 - Tier 3
 - Priority Measures in Economic Opportunity, Education, Environmental Stewardship, Healthy Futures, or Capacity Building (Have less than 30% of MSYs in those measures)
 - Complementary Performance Measures.



- **Revised Sub-Sections**

- Problem/Need
- AmeriCorps Members as a Highly Effective Means to Solve Community Problems Evidence-Based and Measurable Community Impact
- Member Training
- Member Supervision
- Commitment to AmeriCorps Identification
- Organizational Background and Staffing
- Compliance and Accountability
- Past Performance for Current Grantees and Former Grantees Only
- Continuous Improvement
- Cost Effectiveness
- Budget Adequacy
- Evaluation Summary or Plan

- **Length of Narrative**

- 15 Pages (14 pages of text)

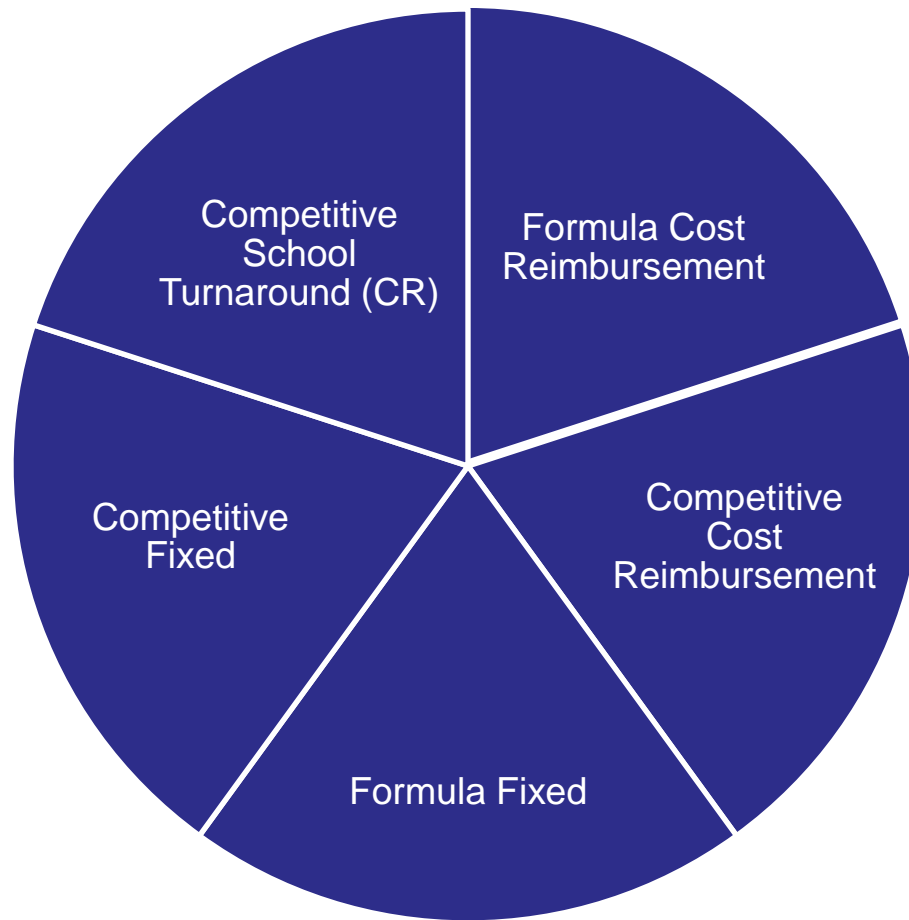
- **Required Documents**

- Logic Model
- Organizational Chart
- Letters of Commitment from most significant community partners



- **Expansions can occur:**
 - During the program year
 - During Continuation
 - During Recompete
- **Monetary**
 - Must be able to provide substantial justification for the increase.
 - Must have a solid history of utilizing funds.
- **MSY**
 - Can occur during the program year
 - Only available during the program year if MSYs are available from another program within your prime.
 - Must have a solid history of strong enrollment and retention rates.
- **Location**
 - Most common, can occur equally frequently during or between program year.
 - May require CNCS approval.





	CNCS	OneStar
Enrollment	“highest possible”	100%
Retention	“highest possible”	90%
Asset Utilization	Expectation on OneStar	97%
Performance Measures	All met	100%

Things to Consider

- One thing alone will not “kick you out”.
- We all have bad years, we look for consistent issues or decline.
- Be open and realistic about performance targets, work with your Grants Officers if adjustments can and should be made.
- Are you meeting basic eligibility by consistently having low enrollment?
- Why would we expand your program if you are not meeting full enrollment, retention or spending all the funds you currently have?

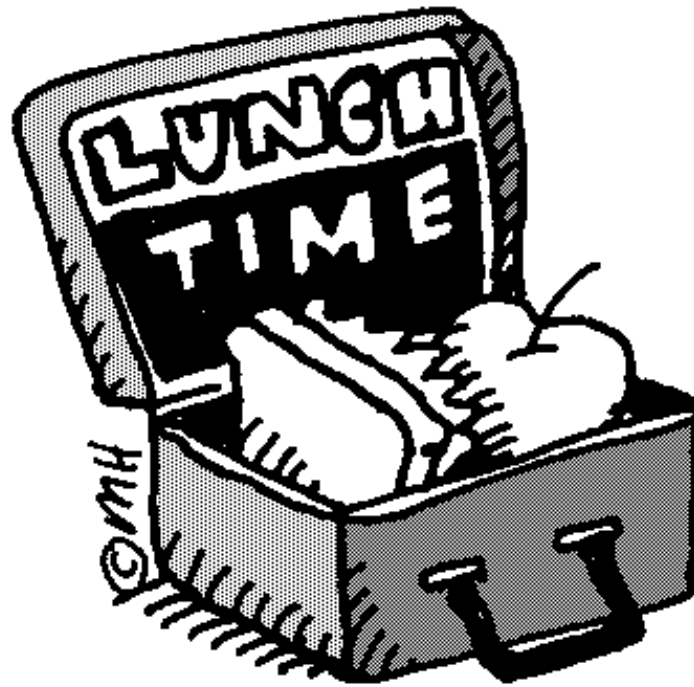
Questions?



What You Need to Know About AmeriCorps Health Care

Emily Steinberg, OneStar Foundation
Chris Rooney, Willis of Seattle





Safeguarding and Accountability of Corporation Funds

Jeffrey Morales, CNCS Office of Inspector
General



BREAKOUT SESSIONS!

Program: Best Practices Café
(Training Room B/C)

Fiscal: Updates, Share Fair, Living Allowance, Audit Madness
(Heritage Room)





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