



## GENERAL INFORMATION

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**Q. What is the consultation process?**

- A. The Corporation expects State Commissions and multi-state grantees to consult and coordinate activities at the local level, as specified in Section 131 of the National Community Service Act (NCSA). This consultation is designed to ensure the most effective use of national service resources and lead to enhanced coordination among AmeriCorps programs. After all National applications have been submitted, the Corporation will solicit State Commission input on National applicants proposing to operate in their state.

**Q. What does OneStar Foundation require for the national consultation process?**

- A. OneStar utilizes America's Service Commissions online National Direct Consultation single form to initiate and streamline consultation between multi-state applicants and state service commissions. The online form can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/88LXRFW>

Information on America's Service Commissions Consultation process can be found here:  
<https://amsc.memberclicks.net/national-direct-consultation>

**Q. When do I need to consult with OneStar?**

- A. Organizations may begin communicating with OneStar from the beginning of their planning process. OneStar is happy to provide assistance during the planning process and to share information about our current AmeriCorps\*State programs to ensure that services between State and National programs are not being duplicated. We ask that all National applicants consult with us prior to the application deadline, which is typically in January.

## BUDGET

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**Q. Do I need to include costs in my budget for Unemployment Tax for the members placed in Texas?**

- A. No, the Texas Workforce Commission has determined that Living Allowances paid to AmeriCorps members are not considered covered wages under the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act. Therefore, Unemployment Insurance tax may not be budgeted to the grant or paid on AmeriCorps member living allowances.

**Q. Do I need to include costs in my budget for Workers Compensation for the members placed in Texas?**

- A. You may include costs for either workers compensation or accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D).

## COMMUNICATION

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**Q. I would like to receive information from OneStar Foundation regarding your general activities and events, do you have a newsletter?**

- A. Yes, to receive email alerts and the OneStar Foundation newsletter, please create an account on the OneStar Foundation website and indicate that you would like to receive our email newsletter. You can select both OneStar Updates and AmeriCorps Update newsletters:  
<https://signup.e2ma.net/signup/1713959/24609/?v=a>

**Q. I would like to speak to someone regarding our AmeriCorps\*National application. Who is the contact for us at the Texas commission?**

- A. All questions should be directed to Jaclyn Kolar. Jaclyn can be reached at [jaclyn@onestarfoundation.org](mailto:jaclyn@onestarfoundation.org) or 512-287-2049.