

#### **OVERVIEW**

Before OneStar foundation will award a Grant to an organization several steps must be completed during the Pre-Award Risk Assessment. Please note that without an executed NOGA on file at OneStar an AmeriCorps member cannot begin service and no reimbursement payments can be made. The Pre-Award Risk Assessment includes a Program Readiness Review and a Fiscal Readiness Review.

**Submission instructions:** All Pre-Award Risk Assessment documents should be submitted through Dropbox (<a href="https://www.dropbox.com/">https://www.dropbox.com/</a>) by the specified deadline below. Your Program Officer will share a Dropbox folder with your program for you to upload all documents. It is necessary for your program to create at least one Dropbox account, they are free to create. If you are not able to use Dropbox please contact your Program Officer to arrange an alternative method for submission.

#### **DEADLINE:**

Submit all documents to OneStar by:

June 28, 2018 if your Budget Period start date is August.

July 27, 2018 if your Budget Period start date is September or later.

OneStar's expectation is that we have accurate documents on file for your organization at all times. If at any point prior to the start of or during your program year any items on this list change, you must submit the revised documents to OneStar.

#### **PROGRAM READINESS REVIEW**

The documents that need to be submitted to OneStar for review are below, please review the Program Readiness Review checklist below for detailed instructions on what must be included in each document:

- Program Readiness Review Pre-Award Risk Assessment 2018-2019 NEW &RECOMPETE
- MEMBER SERVICE AGREEMENT(S) Please submit MSAs for each position type. Please note that there is \*UPDATED\* required grievance procedure language, changes to grievance procedure language can be found highlighted on the Sample Grievance Procedure below. Please review the Program Readiness Review checklist and the specific MSA checklist included within to ensure that all required elements are included. (See below for sample)
  - Sample AC Member Service Agreement
  - \*UPDATED\* Sample Grievance Procedure
- MEMBER POSITION DESCRIPTION(S) OneStar requires a standalone member position description for each member position type. Please find \*UPDATED\* required language for disaster service activities in the Program Readiness Review Checklist. Please review the Program Readiness Review checklist and the specific Position Description checklist included within to ensure that all required elements are included.
- MEMBER TIMESHEET Ensure that timesheets allows member to assign service hours to "direct service, fundraising, or training." Please review the Program Readiness Review checklist and the specific Timekeeping checklist. (See below for samples)
  - Member Timesheet with accompaniment Sample A
  - o Member Timesheet with accompaniment Sample B



#### MEMBER PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

- End of Term Performance Evaluation Form: Please submit the forms used for the member end of term evaluation. Please review the Program Readiness Review checklist and the specific Member Performance Evaluation checklist. (See below for sample)
  - o <u>Member Performance Evaluation Template</u>
- **Previous Term of Service Verification:** Please submit the form used to verify a member's eligibility if they have previously served in AmeriCorps. (See below for sample)
  - \*UPDATED\* Previous Term Eligibility Verification Form Template

## NATIONAL SERVICE CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS (NSCHCs)

- Member and Staff NSCHC Consent and Verification Form: Please submit the form your program will use to
  obtain consent from covered individuals and to verify that the NSCHC was initiated and completed. This may
  be the same form, or two different forms. Submit a copy of the blank form being used, not actual completed
  checks. Please review the Program Readiness Review checklist and the specific Criminal History checklist.
  (See below for sample)
  - \*UPDATED\* OneStar NSCHC Consent Form Template
  - \*UPDATED\* OneStar NSCHC Verification Form Template
- **Staff NSCHC Certification:** Complete this form and submit. This form is not required for Professional Corps programs.
  - Staff NSCHC Certification
- CNCS NSCHC eCourse Certification: Submit at least one updated eCourse certificate indicating program staff have completed this course. It is highly encouraged for all staff involved in criminal history checks for members and staff to complete this course. This course must be completed every year.
  - CNCS NSCHC eCourse

#### MEMBER BENEFITS

- Healthcare Insurance Waiver Form: Please submit the form your program will use to determine coverage status of full-time AmeriCorps members. This form is only required of programs with full-time members. This form is not required for Professional Corps programs. (See below for sample)
  - \*UPDATED\* Healthcare Insurance Acceptance or Waiver Form Template
- Childcare Waiver Form: Please submit the form your program will use to determine if AmeriCorps members
  require childcare benefits. Alternatively, this may be included within the MSA. This is form is only required
  of programs with full-time members. (See below for sample)
  - \*UPDATED\* Child Care Acceptance or Waiver Form Template

#### ADDITIONAL COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTS

- **MEMBER TRAINING SURVEY** Programs must ensure that AmeriCorps members receive necessary training prior-to or during their term of service. Please complete the training self-certification form below:
  - AmeriCorps Member Training Certification
- \*NEW\* Breaches of Personally Identifiable Information (PII) All programs must be prepared for potential breaches of Personally Identifiable Information, PII. Programs must ensure that they have procedures in place to prepare for and respond to breaches of PII, and notify OneStar Foundation in the event of a breach.



Please submit your program's policies and procedures for potential breaches of PII. *Please review the Program Readiness Review checklist and specific Additional Compliance Documentation checklist.* 

o **ADDITIONAL FORMS** – Please submit any additional forms that your program requires members to sign or agree to. This could include a handbook, policy and procedure manual, code of conduct, etc.

#### FISCAL READINESS REVIEW

The documents that need to be submitted to OneStar for review are below, please review and complete the Fiscal Readiness Review checklist below:

- \*UPDATED\* Fiscal Readiness Review Checklist: Please use this list when preparing the documents below. The checklist will provide guidance on which forms and documents subrecipients will be required to submit. Submit the completed checklist with the documents.
  - o Fiscal Pre-Award Review Checklist- Cost Reimbursement New/Recompete
  - o Fiscal Pre-Award Review Checklist- Fixed Amount New/Recompete
- Accounting Policies & Procedures: Please note that if your P&Ps are not in one document, ensure that you
  submit copies of your procurement policy, travel policy, member living allowance policy, and any other policies
  pertaining to costs included in your AmeriCorps budget. Please include the procedures for preparing your
  AmeriCorps Periodic Expense Report.
- \*NEW\* Bond Rating Report: This is only required of public universities, school districts and municipalities. Submit the most recent bond rating report for the organization.
- Cost Allocation Plan: This should show the methodology used to allocate any shared costs in Section I or II of your budget. Cost allocation plans are required if your budget includes any Section I or II costs (cash or in-kind) that simultaneously benefit your AmeriCorps project and other projects, necessitating the AmeriCorps portion to be derived via an allocation method. Examples of such costs could include budget items such as salaries and fringe benefits of program staff, supplies, training costs, rent, and utilities. Your cost allocation plan should clearly lay out the methodology that your organization uses to assign those costs to the AmeriCorps grant. Only required for cost-reimbursement.
- **Federally Approved Indirect Cost Rate:** If you are using a State of Texas approved indirect cost rate rather than the Corporation Fixed Amount method, please submit the state rate. Only required for cost-reimbursement.
- **IRS Form 990:** Submit the most recent IRS Form 990. Not required for public universities, school districts, or municipalities.
- **Staff Job Descriptions:** Provide a copy of the job description of any Program staff listed in the budget and any Fiscal staff that are responsible for the management of the AmeriCorps grant. Only required for cost-reimbursement.
- **Job Description Cross Walk:** This form is only needed when the Staff Job Descriptions do not match the job titles listed on the eGrants budget. Only required for cost-reimbursement.
  - Job Description Cross Walk Template



- Member Pay Schedule: A living allowance schedule is a requirement within the member contract. The member living allowance pay schedule should show each different member type and member term of service that is part of your program design along with the proposed pay schedule. Please reference OneStar's policy on living allowance distribution below. Note: If you do not have member living allowance costs on your grant, you do not have to submit this form.
  - Member Living Allowance Pay Schedule
  - Living Allowance Distribution Policy
- \*UPDATED\* Organizational Capacity Survey: Please complete this survey to allow OneStar to assess your organization's capacity to administer an AmeriCorps grant.
  - o Organizational Capacity Survey
- Organizational Separation of Duties: Complete this form and submit.
  - o Organizational Separation of Duties Worksheet
- **Subrecipient COI Disclosure Form:** Please include your entity's conflict of interest policy and fill out this form indicating whether or not there is a known conflict of interest within your organization.
  - o <u>Subrecipient COI Disclosure Form</u>

### CREATING/UPDATING PROGRAM CONTACT INFO AND PAYMENT METHOD

OneStar utilizes an online system for managing contact information for all AmeriCorps programs. If you have not already done so, ensure that the contact information for the primary and secondary program and fiscal contacts and the authorized legal signatory is correct.

The form can be found online here: <a href="http://www.tfaforms.com/159770">http://www.tfaforms.com/159770</a>.

In order to process payments, all sub-grantees must submit to OneStar a Funds Transfer Request Form and a W-9. If you have previously submitted this form to OneStar, resubmission is only necessary if there have been changes to your account information.

- Funds Transfer Request Form
- W-9