Welcome!

2016 National Service Workshop

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- Breaks
- Refreshments
- Etiquette
  - Please mute phones
  - You will be in listen only mode until the line is open for questions
  - Phone lines will be opened at the end of each session to address questions.
- Parking Lot
  - Post-It notes are on tables
    - Parking lot questions will be addressed after lunch and in the evenings before we adjourn.
Introductions

• Name
• Organization
• Title
• Very brief overview of program focus
• Status
  – New, Continuation, Re-Compete
CNCS State Office/DED
Overview of National Service & Other DED Programs

• AmeriCorps VISTA
• Senior Corps
• Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP)
• Youth Opportunity Program (YOP)
• Application Process
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Missouri Community Service Commission

- Overview of Missouri Community Service Commission
  - Common Terms/Acronyms
  - Brief History
  - Location
  - Mission
  - Commissioners
  - Staff
  - Funding Source
# Terms & Acronyms

**Corporation for National and Community Service**
- The Corporation
- CNCS
- Grantor

**Missouri Community Service Commission**
- The Commission
- MCSC
- Grantee

**Programs**
- Program
- Sub-Grantee

**AmeriCorps Members**
- Member Service Years (MSY)
  - Equivalent to FTE, but Members are not employees
- Member
- ACM

**Communities Served**
- Beneficiaries
Other Terms

• **Living Allowance**
  – **Federal Stipend** – living allowance received by AmeriCorps Members
    • Members are not eligible for Unemployment Compensation

• **Status**
  – **New** = First time applicants
  – **Continuation** – Applicants that are in the 2\textsuperscript{nd} or 3\textsuperscript{rd} year of a three-year grant period
  – **Re-Compete** – Applicants that have completed the 3\textsuperscript{rd} year of a three-year grant period and are submitting a renewal grant application

• **Grant Types**
  – **Formula** – Based on a State population formula. Applies to and receives funds from the Missouri Community Service Commission.
  – **Competitive** – States compete. In Missouri, the Commission and Staff decides, based on past performance, which of the formula programs will be invited to submit competitive applications.
  – **Governors and Mayors Initiative** – a new CNCS initiative with a focus on partnerships between Governors and Mayors.
  – **National Direct** – Organizations applying to and funded directly by the Corporation for National and Community Service.
Ah Ha Moments!
The Corporation for National and Community Service is the nation’s largest grant maker supporting service and volunteering. Through their Senior Corps and AmeriCorps programs, they provide opportunities for Americans of all ages and backgrounds to express their patriotism while addressing critical community needs.
MCSC History

- Created in 1994
  - In response to National and Community Service Act in 1993
LOCATION

- Missouri Department of Economic Development
  - Business and Community Services Division
MCSC Mission Statement

The Missouri Community Service Commission (MCSC) connects Missourians of all ages and backgrounds in an effort to improve unmet community needs through direct and tangible service. The MCSC serves as the administrator for AmeriCorps State funding in Missouri by awarding monetary grants and providing technical assistance and support to its grantees.
MCSC Roles & Responsibilities

• Commissioners
  – Review and Score Applications
  – Funding Decisions
  – Promote Service and Volunteerism
  – Fundraise
  – 4 Committees
    • Program
    • Service and Development
    • Public Relations
    • Legislative Education Committee

• Staff
  – Review and Score Applications
  – Monitor and Oversee Sub-Grantees
  – Reimburse Sub-Grantees
  – Inform Commissioners
  – Provide Technical Assistance to Sub-Grantees
AmeriCorps

- Pronounced Amer-i-core
- “The Domestic Peace Corps”
- Critical Issues
Eligible Applicants

- 501(c)3 organizations registered with the Missouri Secretary of State’s office
  - Non-Profit Organizations
  - Faith-Based Organizations
- State and Local Government Agencies
- Missouri Educational Institutions
- Organizations operating in multiple states should apply directly to the Corporation for National and Community Service.
Ineligible Organizations

- Organizations convicted of a federal crime
- Organizations described in Section 501(c)4 of the Internal Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)4, that engage in lobbying activities
- Organizations that provide abortion services
Capacity

• Eligible Organizations should show capacity to operate an AmeriCorps Program
  – Financial systems
  – Match
  – Staff (recommend at least 50%)
  – Commitment from off-sites (if applicable)
Types of Applications

- **National Direct**
  - Operates in multiple states
  - Must consult with State Commissions
  - Applies directly to CNCS
  - Deadline to CNCS is January 21st, 2015

- **Competitive**
  - Applies directly to MCSC
  - Draft application due to Commission December 16th
  - Final application due to CNCS January 14, 2015
  - Letter of Intent due December 10th

- **State Commission Formula**
  - Applies to the Missouri Community Service Commission
    - New, Re-Compete, Continuation
  - Concept papers due December 22, 2014
  - Final application due March 2, 2015 no later than 3:00 p.m.

(Note: Incomplete or late applications may not be reviewed)
Formula Process

- Application Workshop
- Concept Paper
- Answer questions and provide technical assistance to applicants
- Final Application
- Application Review Period
- Notifications
Competitive Process

• By Invitation Only
• Selected from current Formula programs
• Criteria
  – Programs must have been in the MCSC funding portfolio for a minimum of three years.
  – Program staff, having direct responsibility to the oversight and success of the AmeriCorps program, must have been in their position for a period of typically three years and have demonstrated the ability to successfully oversee an AmeriCorps program.
  – Programs must have no outstanding compliance issues.
  – Programs must have a very good recruitment rate.
  – Programs must have a very good retention rate.
  – Programs must demonstrate positive and substantial impact in their communities and/or neighborhoods.
  – Member enrollment must be timely as described by AmeriCorps rules and regulations.
  – Member exits must be performed in a timely fashion as described by AmeriCorps rules and regulations.
  – Program directors must respond to commission staff in a timely manner (within 2 working days).
  – All reports must be submitted in a timely manner (on or before due dates).
  – Only programs that score low on risk assessments will be considered.
Focus Areas

• Disaster Services
• Economic Opportunity
• Education
• Environmental Stewardship
• Healthy Futures
• Veterans and Military Families
Focus & Priority Areas

Applicants may receive extra points for addressing MCSC specific funding priorities in the application.
MCSC Priority Areas

- Education, Priority School, Focus School
- Energy Initiatives
- Faith-Based Organizations with 501(c)3 Status
- Rural Area
- Veterans’ and/or Military Family Organizations
- Safer Communities
Education

- **Education**: An applicant that clearly demonstrates priority or focus school service site locations.
  - **Priority School** – A Title I school among the 5 percent lowest performing schools in the state; has a graduation rate below 60 percent for the past three years; and/or is a Tier I and Tier II school receiving funding and support as a component of the 1003(g) School Improvement Grant (SIG).
  - **Focus School** – A Title I school among the 15 percent lowest performing schools in the state; has a low achieving Student Gap Group or super subgroup; and has a graduation rate below 60 percent over a period of three years for one or more subgroups.
Energy Initiatives

- **Energy Initiatives**: An applicant that clearly demonstrates a focus on energy initiatives including (but not limited to) increased energy efficiency, increased renewable energy use, or decreased energy consumption for economically disadvantaged households or communities.
Faith-based Organizations

• An applicant that clearly demonstrates an affiliation with a particular religious group or organization. Proposed activities may not be inherently religious activities (e.g. religious worship, religious instruction, or religious proselytization).
Rural Areas

• An applicant that clearly demonstrates being located in a rural area or serving rural communities in some or all service locations as defined by a rural-urban commuting area (RUCA) code of 4 – 10. For more information on RUCA codes, visit the USDA website at http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/rural-urban-commuting-area-codes.aspx.
Veteran of Military Family Organizations

• An applicant that clearly demonstrates interventions targeting veterans and/or military families or engages veterans and/or military families in national service.
Safer Communities

• For FY 2016, MCSC will adopt CNCS’s funding priority of safer communities.
CNCS Priority Areas

- Disaster Services
- Economic Opportunity
- Education
- Environment
- Veterans and military families
- Governor and Mayor Initiatives
- Programming that supports My Brother’s Keeper
- Multi-focus intermediaries that demonstrate measurable impact and primarily serve communities with limited resources and organizational infrastructure
- Safer Communities
CNCS Priorities Cont.

• Elder Justice AmeriCorps
• Next Gen AmeriCorps
• Encore Programs
Disaster Services

- Mitigation & Preparedness
- Response
- Recovery
Economic Opportunity

• Improved economic well-being and security of economically disadvantaged people

• Improved access to services aimed at contributing to their enhanced financial literacy, transition into or remain in safe, healthy, affordable housing;

• Improved employability
Education

• Provide support and/or facilitate access to services and resources that contribute to improved educational outcomes or economically disadvantaged individuals, especially children.
  – Youth engagement
  – Service-learning
  – School readiness
  – Educational and behavioral outcomes
  – Success in post-secondary educational institutions
Environmental Stewardship

- Increase energy and water efficiency
- Renewable energy use
- Improve at-risk ecosystems
- Increase individual behavioral change leading to increased efficiency
- Decrease energy and water consumption
- Increase green training opportunities
Healthy Futures

• Access to primary and preventive health care
• Aging in place
• Reduce childhood obesity
• Increase physical activity
• Improve nutrition among youth
Veterans and Military Families

• Impact the quality of life of veterans
• Improve military family strength
• Increase the number of veterans and military families served by CNCS supported programs
• Increase the number of veterans and military family members engaged in service through CNCS funded programs
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Other Program Models

• **Encore**
  - Programs that engage participants age 55 and older

• **Professional Corps**
  - Programs that recruit and place qualified members in positions as teachers, health care providers, police officers, engineers, or other professionals in communities with an inadequate number of such professionals
Questions

Open Phone Lines
Governors and Mayors Initiative

• One Application per State
• Must address a pressing challenge the Governor wishes to solve in his state
• Governor must apply with one mayor and a minimum of two non-profits
• Letters of commitment from all parties
Governors and Mayors Initiative (continued)

- How the partnership will be organized
- How AmeriCorps resources will be allocated
- Explain the proposed theory of change
- Describe the program model
- Explain how the non-profits will be utilized to achieve the outcomes identified in the theory of change