

# Grant Continuation Report from Task Force

**Recommendation:** Fund request

**Legal Applicant:** Maine Street Skowhegan

**Program Name:** Maine Street Skowhegan

**Category:**  AC Formula  
 AC Competitive  
 Other Competition

**Type:**  Planning  
 Operating  
 Fixed Price  
 Ed Award Only

**Year in Grant Cycle:**  Year 1  Year 2  Year 3

**Continuation Dates:** Start: 1/1/2023  
 End: 12/31/23

**New Resources for Continuation: Funds and Slots**

	CNCS	Local Share	% change from prior year			
<b>Operating</b>	\$130,000	N/A	37% due to inc in stipend			
<b>Member Support</b>		N/A				
<b>Indirect (Admin)</b>		N/A				
<b>% sharing proposed</b>		N/A				
<b>% share required</b>		0%				
<b>Cost-per-member proposed (max allowed)</b>	\$26,000 (\$26,000)					
<b>Total AmeriCorps Member Service Years: 5MSY</b>						
<b>Slot Types Requested</b>						
	FT	HT	RHT	QT	MT	Total
<b>Slots With living allowance</b>	5					5
<b>Slots with only ed award</b>						

**Program Description (executive summary from grant application):**

CONDITION OF RENEWAL- update text related to funding.

Main Street Skowhegan proposes to have five AmeriCorps members who will coordinate and execute no-cost outdoor recreation programming designed to increase physical activity and engagement with nature for local community members in Skowhegan, Maine. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps program will have increased participation rates in outdoor recreation programming by 8.8 percent (725 individuals). In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 30 volunteers who will be engaged in and lead community outdoor recreation programming. This program will concentrate on the Healthy Futures Focus Area. The AmeriCorps investment of \$81,500 will be matched with \$34,000; \$0 in public funding and \$34,000 in private funding.

**Service locations (new sites are italicized):**

Main Street Skowhegan

**Performance measures (targets and achievement for prior years; targets proposed for new year):**

Performance Measure: Needs and Service Activities

Output: Number of individuals served

Target = 725

Actual = 182 (Ontrack to meet their target)

New target = 725

Outcome: Number of individuals reporting a change in behavior or intent to change behavior

Target = 363

Actual = 24 (They have updated our data collection instrument and method to capture this performance indicator more accurately)

New target = 363

Performance Measure: Strengthening Communities

Output: Number of Volunteers Recruited

Target = 1

Actual = 3 (this measure needs to be updated; it does not match what is in their application)

New target = 1

Outcome: Programs Executed by Volunteers

Target = 12

Actual = 1 (They are expecting more volunteer participation as the summer ramps up and will reach their target)

New target = 12

Performance Measure: Member Development

Output: Number of AmeriCorps member training/dev activities

Target = 5

Actual = 5 (target met)

New target = 5

Outcome: Number of AmeriCorps members with increased knowledge/skill

Target = 5

Actual = 5 (target met)

New target = 5

### **Operating performance summary:**

» Enrollment/retention.

They will soon fill their other 900-hour slot. Main Street Skowhegan is saving it to ensure they have five members over the course of the entire year, with one 900-hour slot serving Jan-June and the other June-December. This will enable them to run consistent programming throughout the year.

RECRUITMENT/ENROLLMENT – use of positions awarded to program for the program year

Service Term	Awarded slots	Used Slots	% of enrollment
1700	4	4	100%
1200			
900	2	1	50%
675			
450			
300			
<i>Overall</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>83.3%</i>

RETENTION – keeping members engaged once they are enrolled.

Service Term	Filled slots	Left early	Successfully completed	% retained
1700	4	0	Still in service	100%
1200				
900	1	0	Still in service	100%
675				
450				
300				
<i>Overall</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Still in service</i>	<i>100%</i>

**Compliance:**

» Program operation

AmeriCorps Members play a critical role in improving the physical and mental health and wellness of residents of Skowhegan and Somerset County-- by the implementation of the Skowhegan Outdoors AmeriCorps Program, a physical activity and outdoor recreation program designed to get community members outside, active, and engaged with nature. The program has only one site, the main program site where all AmeriCorps members as well as the Program Director are stationed. Site activities this quarter included several team-building activities and adventures to form lasting bonds among the new team. From a program perspective, members meet regularly with team leaders Ben and Chelsea as well as with program director Kristina Cannon. The members coordinated and led 51 outdoor programs free for community members. To improve their youth programming, staff has been asking participants what outdoor activities they are most interested in participating in. One very popular response was interest in fishing programs. This led to the program acquiring some fishing rods at no cost from a community member, and their members getting educated about the process to get a group fishing permit for educators from Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

There have been no corrective actions to date.

» Member management

All five members are engaged and excited to be doing this work. They've started participating in trainings and have regular team lunches and team-building outings and adventures, and the team hangs out after hours. Specific trainings this quarter include: Risk Management with OSI, REACH Training, Protective Factors Training, XC Skiing training, Activity Planning Training, Program Planning Training. Member interviews occurred in April and the member experience

» Program Finances and Agency Fiscal Issues

The program and the organization are both fiscally sustainable. Main Street Skowhegan is working to develop two earned income opportunities for this summer (events with sponsorship).

» Sustainability: New and Existing Partnerships: Skowhegan Outdoors AmeriCorps Program have deepened partnerships with other organizations in the community, including Somerset Public Health (SPC). They are working on two new programs with SPH and will receive funding from them to better train their AmeriCorps members. Their members interface regularly with these groups and their community is stronger because of it.

» Sustainability: Increased resources (human, financial, etc.) Somerset Public Health partnership meeting, Members met with Somerset Public Health to plan and discuss our new Freshman Experience program with Madison Area High School, and our Summer Rec Camp with Madison/Anson Parks and Rec.

Task Force Review Summary: Authorize funding and positions