Grant Continuation Report from Task Force

Recommendation: Recommend authorization with the condition that they improve their data collection, the timeliness and accuracy of their progress reports

Legal Applicant: Maine Youth Alliance dba the Game Loft

Program Name: I KNOW ME/AmeriCorps Mentor Program

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: 01/01/23   End: 12/31/23

New Resources for Continuation: Funds and Slots

	CNCS	Local Share	
Total	$104,000	N/A	
Cost-per-member proposed (max allowed)	$26,000		

Total AmeriCorps Member Service Years: 4		**Slot Types Requested**						
		FT	HT	RHT	QT	MT		Total
Slots With living allowance		4						4
Slots with only ed award								

Program Description (executive summary from grant application):

The Maine Youth Alliance dba The Game Loft/I Know ME proposes to have 4 AmeriCorps members who will serve as mentors for youth in grades 7-12 in Waldo County, ME. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps program will have improved educational outcomes for economically disadvantaged youth and will improve educational and behavioral outcomes of students in low achieving middle and high schools. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional ten volunteers who will be engaged in youth mentoring. The I Know ME Program will concentrate on the Education Focus Area. The AmeriCorps investment of $104,000.00 will be matched with $135,250.00 in private funding.

Service locations (new sites are italicized):

IKME: Mount View School Complex

Performance measures (targets and achievement for current year; targets proposed for new year):

Performance Measure: I KNOW ME/AmeriCorps Mentoring Program
Outcome: Number of students with improved academic engagement or social-emotional skills
Target = 54
Actual = 0 (Students did not assess this quarter)
New target = 54

Output: Number of individuals served
Target = 60
Actual = 46 (Recruitment of 6th Cohort does not begin until September when they enter the 7th grade)
New target = 60

Performance Measure: Enhanced Volunteer Management
Output: Number of organizations that received capacity building services
Target = 2
Actual = 2 (target met, but needs to be updated for continuation)
New target = 1

Outcome: Number of units of service completed by leveraged volunteers
Target = 10
Actual = 2
New target = 10

Outcome: Number of organizations that increase their efficiency, effectiveness, and/or program reach
Target = 1
Actual = 0
New target = 1

Performance Measure: Member Development
Output: Program trainings/Development activities that result in increased member outcomes
Target = 12
Actual = 3 (on track to meet target)
New target = 12

Outcome: Number of AmeriCorps members demonstrating increased competency in skills or application of knowledge
Target = 3
Actual = 4 (target met)
New target = 3

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Actual = 4 (target met)
New target = 3

Operating performance summary:

Maine Youth Alliance continues to work with the University of Southern Maine DIPS system as well as the PEAR Program to assess the impact of the IKME program. Using the data that they have received

from these sources MYA is making continuous improvements to service delivery to individual youth as well as overall program delivery.

Each expedition has a designated supervisor. The IKME program understands that while in the midst of program delivery it's difficult to assess oneself accurately or focus on the bigger picture over what is happening in the moment. The role of the supervisor is to monitor the evolving situation, remove barriers to effective programming and to ensure that the programming being delivered is consistent with our expectations and align to our outcomes and objectives listed in our logic model. Technical assistance was given for the main on-line programs we use including Dropbox, zoom, discord, and Trello. After the initial orientation additional mentorship training was given twice a month. Other data has been reviewed and collected by attendance recording and program planning via Trello

Enrollment/retention

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			
675			
450			
300			
Overall	*4*	*4*	*100%*

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				
675				
450				
300				
Overall	*4*	*0*	*Still in service*	*100%*

Compliance:

Progress reports are incomplete and often late, also they are not reported correctly in the grant management system. The new Program Director needs more training

Task Force Review Summary:

Need to improve data collection of the program effectiveness to be more current or at least on a periodic basis. Suggest improvement plan for better reporting. The grantee has demonstrated success in grant management with the notable exception of submitting reports on time.