

Grant Continuation Report from Task Force

Recommendation: Approved with the condition that the budget be decreased, and executive summary updated to align with the corrected budget

Legal Applicant: **Alfond Youth & Community Center**

Program Name: **AYCC-AmeriCorps Mentoring Program (Rural)**

Category: AC Formula
 AC Competitive
 Other Competition

Type: Planning
 Operating
 Fixed Price
 Ed Award Only

Year in Grant Cycle: Year 1 Year 2 Yr 3

Continuation Dates: Start: 9/1/21 End: 8/31/22

New Resources for Continuation: Funds and Slots

	CNCS	Local Share	% change from prior year				
Operating	\$32,600 (\$33,406 requested)	\$24,606	42% current from 45% in the 1 st year; 3% decrease				
Member Support	\$26,722	\$15,825					
Indirect (Admin)	\$1,549	\$3,456					
% sharing proposed	58%	42%					
% share required	-	30%					
Cost-per-member proposed (max allowed)	\$16,300						
Total AmeriCorps Member Service Years: 2							
	Slot Types Requested						
	FT	HT	RHT	QT	MT		Total
Slots With living allowance	2						2
Slots with only ed award							

Program Description (executive summary from grant application):

The Alfond Youth Center proposes to have 2 AmeriCorps members who will build capacity in a new community volunteer mentor program in the Greater Waterville Area (served by Alfond Youth & Community Center). At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for designing and launching a volunteer driven community mentor program for at-risk youth. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 50 volunteers who will be engaged in mentoring youth participating in our licensed after school program (ages 6-12). This program will concentrate on the CNCS "Education Focus Area". The CNCS investment of \$31,857 will be matched with \$21,150 in public and private funding.

Service locations (new sites are italicized):

Alfond Youth Center (Waterville); *Camp Tracy; Augusta Teen Center*

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

Improving Youth Participant Engagement

- Output: Number of individuals served

Target: 50

Actual: 22

•Outcome: Number of students with improved academic engagement or social-emotional skills

Target: 50

Outcome: 0 (The mentorship program is behind schedule, due to COVID. Their AC members have just completed recruitment and training of all mentors, mentees, and parent/guardians. The first matches will begin 5/1.)

AYCC Mentoring Program System

•Output: Number of organizations that received capacity building services

Target: 4

Actual: 1 (Right now, the mentorship program is only operating at the Alford Youth and Community Center (126 North St. Waterville, ME). It will expand to Camp Tracy this summer, and Augusta Teen Center in the fall of 2021. They are behind schedule because of difficulties with recruitment and relocation due to COVID.)

•Outcome: Number of organizations that increase their efficiency, effectiveness, and/or program reach

Target: 4

Actual: 1

Member Development

•Output: Number of trainings

Target: 7

Actual: 7

•Outcome: Number of members with improved skills

Target: 2

Actual: 2

There are no changes to the targets for next year.

Operating performance summary:

This program got off to a slow start with a need for a lot of assistance and one on one meetings about the grant management system and with the financial reporting. One of the reasons why is due to the original Program Manager leaving. They now have another Program Manager who has been working with VM staff to get up to speed with accurate and timely reporting. There are no corrective actions currently.

Enrollment/retention:

Enrollment and retention are 100% and Both members are on track to successfully complete their year of service

Compliance:

There are no issues of compliance regarding members thus far, though it should be noted that a review of member files has not occurred yet, as much of monitoring must be virtual due to Covid-19 and

member files contain PII. The 2 members were an integral part to the Member Conference Planning Committee which made the Conference a great, albeit virtual, success. Members are recording their activities in their timesheets, though there is some concern about accurate documentation which will be addressed in May with the Program Manager and the Grants Officer. There was a lot of time spent in meetings between the VM staff and AYCC to get the finances all squared away. Once the expectations were clear about what financial reports need to be in the online grant management system, there has been no issue. Their match is on target to meet the match rate in the budget and remains financially stable with no challenges to meet match

Sponsor and program:

The AmeriCorps Mentorship Program is creating more opportunities for the youth within the After-School Program to receive (supervised) 1:1 attention, thus increasing their capacity for meaningful, direct impact. Mentors and mentees' parent/guardians are receiving extensive ACE, social-emotional resiliency, and trauma-informed trainings from the AC members and local experts. These trainings have been facilitated, planned, and executed by the AmeriCorps members.
Financial.

Task Force Review Summary:

Chair Barrett asked if there were any questions or comments about the application and review. There is a need to decrease their budget to the allowable amount. The request is for funding set at \$ 33,406 Federal Share supporting 2-member service years (MSY's) distributed over 2 slots with the proposed cost per member service year at \$16,703. A motion made by Barrett to forward the recommendation to the commission with the condition that they modify their budget to the allowable amount \$32,600 Federal Share with the cost per MSY set at \$16,300 in year 2 for a vote. Second by L'Italien. Vote: In favor – Haines, Barczyk, Meinders, Tilton-Flood, L'Italien, Barrett. None opposed.