

Grant Proposal Report to Commission from Task Force

PROGRAM: AmeriCorps Expanding Hospice in Somerset County

SPONSOR: HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS OF SOMERSET COUNTY

GRANT FUNDING: Formula

GRANT TYPE: Fixed Amount

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County (HVOSC) proposes to have four part-time AmeriCorps members who will help build capacity by participating in community education, recruiting, training, and retaining Hospice Volunteers and supporting public events in Somerset County. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps program will have established two to three site-based Assistant Volunteer Coordinators in rural towns throughout Somerset County. In addition, AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 6-8 volunteers in each new community, who will be engaged in providing compassionate care for individuals with a life-limiting illness. The AmeriCorps investment of \$59,400.00 will leverage \$60,000.00, comprised of \$30,000 in public funding and \$30,000.00 in private funding. *(NOTE: This is the original Executive Summary from their year one grant proposal. For approved grant funding levels see below).*

GRANT FUNDING HISTORY FOR CURRENT AWARD:

- \$ 55,440 Year 1 CNCS Award
- \$ 25,200 Year 1 Cost per MSY (2.2 MSY)

CONTINUATION REQUEST:

- \$ 55,440 Year 2 CNCS Award
- \$ 25,200 Year 2 Cost per MSY (2.2 MSY)

Final Assessment of Application:

- Forward or fund with no corrections/modifications
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- Do Not Forward or fund

Referenced Conditions/Corrections

N/A

Task Force Review Notes and Appraisal Summary:

Reviewers noted that Hospice appears to be a conscientious and responsible funded partner providing an important service in rural communities. The program is viewed as off to a strong start and is requesting continuation at the same funding and service level, with no changes proposed to its current structure. Reviewers generally supported maintaining the existing configuration, noting that the

program has the capacity to utilize its assigned positions effectively and that its approach aligns with rural service priorities. While performance data is currently limited due to reporting delays, reviewers acknowledged that efforts are underway to address this gap and establish a clearer path forward for data collection. Overall, there were no significant concerns raised, and reviewers viewed the program's targets as realistic and appropriate given its early stage of implementation and steady progress.