

## Grant Proposal Report to Commission from Task Force

**PROGRAM:** Skowhegan Outdoors AmeriCorps Program

**SPONSOR:** Main Street Skowhegan

**GRANT FUNDING:** Formula

**GRANT TYPE:** Fixed Amount

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** Main Street Skowhegan proposes to have 8 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 17.4 percent (1,500 individuals). In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 30 volunteers who will be engaged in and lead community outdoor recreation programming. The AmeriCorps investment of \$216,000 will leverage \$99,500 comprised of \$0 in public funding and \$99,500 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:

- \$ 216,000 Year 1 CNCS Award
- \$ 27,000 Year 1 Cost per MSY (8 MSY)
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- \$ 201,600 Year 2 CNCS Award
- \$ 25,200 Year 2 Cost per MSY (8 MSY)
- \$ 260,316 Year 2 CNCS Award **amended**
- \$ 25,200 Year 2 Cost per MSY **amended** (10.33 MSY)

### CONTINUATION REQUEST:

- \$204,624 Year 3 CNCS Award Amended
- \$ 25,200 Year 3 Cost per MSY Amended (8.12 MSY)

### Final Assessment of Application:

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

### Referenced Conditions/Corrections

8.0 MSY and \$201,600

## **Task Force Review Notes and Appraisal Summary:**

Reviewers described Main Street Skowhegan as a consistent and reliable partner with a strong track record of results and clear ability to plan responsibly for the population served. The program was viewed as well-aligned with its funding request with adjustments to member configuration seen as reasonable and reflective of experience gained over the past year, including efforts to better match service design to the natural rhythm of programming. Reviewers supported the proposed continuation funding and noted that the program is making steady progress toward its targets, with transparent and well-articulated performance measures. Additional strengths highlighted included strong planning capacity, innovative host site pilot approaches to strengthen service delivery and rural engagement, and interest in exploring geographic expansion. Overall, reviewers expressed confidence in the program's ability to continue delivering high-quality service and contributing meaningfully to community health, engagement, and capacity building outcomes.