

Grant Proposal Report to Commission from Task Force

Recommendation: Authorize proposal

Legal Applicant: Greater Portland Council of Governments

Program Name: AmeriCorps Resiliency Corps

Category: AC Formula -- Standard
 AC Formula – Rural State
 AC Competitive
 Other Competition

Type: Planning
 Operating
 Fixed Amount
 Ed Award Only

Federal Focus Area:

Local Share Required: Yes No

Applicant type: New (no prior AC experience)
 Re-compete (yrs: 2)

Proposed Dates: 1/1/2026 to 12/31/2026
 Submitted request is for Yr 3

Requested Resources: Funds and Slots (*indicates sections with calculation errors)

	CNCS		Local Share
Operating	300,000		N/A
Member Support	N/A		
Indirect (Admin)	N/A		
CNCS Award amount	\$ 300,000	Total Local Share (cash + in-kind)	
% sharing proposed	N/A		
% share required	24%		
Cost-per-member proposed	\$25,000		
max allowed	\$27,000		

Total AmeriCorps Member Service Years:

	Slot Types Requested						
	1700	1200	900	675	450	300	Total
Slots With living allowance	12						12

Program Description (executive summary):

The Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG) will have 12 AmeriCorps members who will enable increased capacity and impact of municipalities and agencies throughout Cumberland and York Counties, Maine via systems development, project implementation, data collection, planning, outreach and community engagement. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps Members will be responsible for increased municipal and regional capacity for community and environmental resilience, with specific focus on climate change adaptation and mitigation. AmeriCorps Members will also support environmental stewardship by providing education, outreach, and training to residents in Cumberland and York Counties on climate impacts and vulnerabilities, solutions, and environmentally conscious practices and increasing volunteer recruitment and retention within municipalities and agencies where applicable. The AmeriCorps investment of \$300,000 will be matched with \$220,142, \$193,592 in public funding and \$17,950 in private funding.

Service locations:

City of Portland, City of South Portland, Town of Chebeague Island, Town of Long Island, Town of Yarmouth, Window Dressers, Gulf of Maine Research Institute, Southern Maine Planning and Development

Commission, Mid-coast Council of Governments,
Gateway Community Services and the Town of Gray

Will the applicant place AmeriCorps members with other agencies? Yes No

Applicant proposes to deliver services:

- Within a single municipality Within a single County but not covering the entire County
 County-wide in a single County Multiple Counties but not Statewide Statewide

Performance measures

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

OUTPUT: Number of individuals receiving education or training in environmental stewardship
Proposed target: 350

OUTCOME: Number of individuals with increased knowledge of environmental stewardship
Proposed target: 200

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

OUTPUT: Number of AmeriCorps program training and other formal development activities that result in increased AmeriCorps member skills, knowledge, and abilities related to the service assignment (community, tasks, and sector).
Proposed Target: 12

OUTCOME: Number of AmeriCorps members demonstrating increased competency in skills or application of knowledge.
Proposed Target: 10

CAPACITY BUILDING

OUTPUT: Number of organizations that received capacity building services
Proposed target: 8

OUTCOME: Number of Organizations
Proposed target: 6

Scoring Detail:

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

n/a

Task Force Review Notes and Appraisal Summary:

Program Model.

- Good news that they added Sagadahoc & Knox counties to their target areas. These types of programs are so needed - especially in Knox County, and the other counties dense urban areas.
- The target on increasing efficiency/effectiveness/reach was exceeded by a significant margin and should be increased. No numbers were available on community members impacted since a report on this is apparently not yet do. As a result, it is possible these targets may require an adjustment.
- The expansion to the mid-coast council of government seems appropriate in light of the similarity of environmental challenges faced within coastal communities. The living allowance increase is also a good move given housing costs in the program's service area.

Assessment of Past Performance

- The number and type of slots have been appropriately adjusted to match past performance.

Assessment of Financial Plan

- There was no detailed information in the continuation about the budget other than the \$300,000 federal funds requested. The staff report included match with \$220,142. The staff report did not identify any budget issues.

Fiscal Systems

- None other to remind them to file timely financial reports.

Do you think that this applicant would be effective in this category of grant? YES