

# Grant Proposal Report to Commission from Task Force

**Recommendation:** Authorize proposal

**Legal Applicant:** Main Street Skowhegan

**Project Name:** Skowhegan Outdoor  
AmeriCorps Program

**Category:** ☒ AC Formula -- Standard  
☐ AC Formula -- Rural State  
☐ AC Competitive  
☐ Other Competition

**Type:** ☐ Planning  
☐ Operating  
☒ Fixed Amount  
☐ Cost Reimbursement  
☐ Ed Award Only

**Applicant type:** ☐ New (no prior AC experience)  
☒ Re-compete (# of yrs: 7)

**Proposed Dates:** 01/01/2026 to 12/31/2026  
Submitted request is for Yr [ ]

**Federal Focus Area:**

**Commission priorities:**

**Local Share Required in Budget:** ☐ Yes ☒ No

**Source of Funds detail required:** ☒ Yes ☐ No

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

	CNCS		Local Share
Operating			
Member Support			
Indirect (Admin)			
CNCS Award amount	\$ 216,000	<b>Total Local Share</b> (cash + in-kind)	
% sharing proposed			
% share required			
Cost-per-member proposed	\$27,000		
max allowed	\$27,000		

**Total AmeriCorps Member Service Years:** 8

	Slot Types Requested						
	1700	1200	900	675	450	300	Total
Slots With living allowance	8						
Living allowance proposed	27,000						
Slots with only ed award							

## Program Description (executive summary):

Main Street Skowhegan proposes to have 8 AmeriCorps members who will coordinate and execute nocost 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.

## Service locations:

Main Street Skowhegan

**Other than the legal applicant, please list the agencies or organizations that appear to be the major collaborators or partners in this grant.**

Outdoor Sport Institute (OSI), Lake George Regional Park, Somerset Woods Trustees, Somerset Public Health, Move More Kid ,REACH After School Program and Teens to Trails.

**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** (targets proposed for Year 1; targets for years 2 and 3 set in continuations):

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

OUTPUT: H4A: Number of individuals served

Proposed target: 1500

OUTCOME: H18: Number of individuals reporting a change in behavior or intent to change behavior

Proposed target: 600

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

OUTPUT: Number of training/development activities that result in increased member skills, knowledge, etc

Proposed target: 8 members

OUTCOME: Number of members demonstrating increased competency in skills or application of knowledge

Proposed target: 8

CAPACITY BUILDING

OUTPUT: G3-3.4: Number of organizations that received capacity building services

Proposed target: 5

OUTCOME: Number of additional outdoor recreation activities hosted by volunteers recruited by Member

Proposed target: 17

OUTCOME: G3-3.10A Number of organizations that increase their efficiency, effectiveness, and/or program reach

Proposed target: 5

**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

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

### Performance Targets

Capacity, Healthy Future, Other Community Priorities - all on target. FOCUS was 75% Healthy Futures - OBJECTIVE was 75% Obesity & Food, these are great for Somerset County - where they are 15 out of 16 counties in health outcomes & last in quality of life. Health & Wellness is improving with this program in the Skowhegan area!

### Budget

They have a good handle on what things cost, and what they want - year two - good realistic goals, and costs.

### Positions/slots Recommendation

Realistic positions/slots planned for next year - based on the data that they have done where they tracked the prog. registrations, and goals for impact study, and surveys - this will give them a good guideline for what they need for the amount of positions/slots.

### Other comments

Continue to work on recruitment and survey to document throughout the grant period.  
Operating plans look good in the 2nd year continuation - they are a well-oiled program with good leaders, and a good future plan for operations.