

Maine AmeriCorps Standard or Fixed Amount Continuation Review Grant Selection and Performance Task Force

Date: 12/14/2023		Applicant ID : 21ESFME0010003	
Grant Category:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cost reimbursement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fixed Amount <input type="checkbox"/> Education Award Only	Applicant Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit <input type="checkbox"/> Higher Ed <input type="checkbox"/> State/Local Government
Legal Applicant: GPCOG	Project Name: AmeriCorps Resilience Corps II		
Total CNCS Funds Requested: \$300,000.00	Proposed Grantee Share: N/A (Fixed amount)		
MSYs and Slots:	MSY: 12 slots: 12	Cost per Member:	\$25,000

Materials to review before making assessment include

- Grant proposal continuation narrative, performance measure targets, budget narrative

Executive Summary Rationale and Approach/Program Design

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

1. Budget Recommendation

- Authorize Proposal
 Modify: Increase
 Modify: Decrease
 Deny Request

1a. Comment on your recommendation (why, why not):

Budget is in alignment with the amount of MSY's requested.

2. Positions/slots Recommendation

- Authorize Proposal
 Modify: Increase
 Modify: Decrease
 Deny Request

2a. Comment on your recommendation (why, why not):

Position and slots are in line with their ability to recruit and maintain given past experience.

3. Performance Targets Recommendation

Authorize Proposal

Modify: Increase

Modify: Decrease

Deny Request

3a. Comment on your recommendation (why, why not):

The proposed performance measures are thorough and reflect significant program activities whose outputs and outcomes are consistent with the applicant's core theory of change.

4. Recommendation : Changes in operating plans

Authorize Proposal

Modify: Increase

Modify: Decrease

Deny Request

Not applicable/None proposed

4a. Comment on your recommendation (why, why not):

Changes are reasonable. For reference:

In this continuation application, there are 3 changes proposed. The first change is to the budget- which was updated to reflect the new Maximum Cost per MSY approved by the CNCS for 2025 of \$25,000 per MSY (a change from \$23,000 per MSY). This updates the total budget to \$300,000 (12 MSY x \$25,000 = \$300,000).

The second change is to our program dates. We seek to change the program start date to January 1, 2025 and program end date to December 31, 2025.

They anticipate several new host sites in 2024 including the Town of Chebeague Island, Town of Long Island, Town of Scarborough, Maine Foodscapes, Portland Trails, and Gateway Community Services

5. Other Recommendation:

N/A

5a. Reason for recommendation:

N/A

6. Conditions or requirements of continuation award:

None required

7. Recommendation on Supplemental or Expansion Request (if applicable):
N/A

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PART I - FACE SHEET

APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

Modified Standard Form 424 (Rev.02/07 to conform to the Corporation's eGrants System)

1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION:

Application Non-Construction

2a. DATE SUBMITTED TO CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (CNCS):

3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE:

31-OCT-23

STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER:

2b. APPLICATION ID:

24ES260837

4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY:

FEDERAL IDENTIFIER:

21ESFME0010003

5. APPLICATION INFORMATION

LEGAL NAME: Greater Portland Council of Governments

UEI NUMBER: ZTHDKA P8QF68

NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PROJECT DIRECTOR OR OTHER PERSON TO BE CONTACTED ON MATTERS INVOLVING THIS APPLICATION (give area codes):

NAME: Julia B. Breul

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (617) 612-5149

FAX NUMBER:

INTERNET E-MAIL ADDRESS: jbreul@gpcog.org

ADDRESS (give street address, city, state, zip code and county):

970 Baxter BLVD
Portland ME 04103 - 5337
County: Cumberland

6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN):

830879130

7. TYPE OF APPLICANT:

7a. Local Government - County

7b. Local Government, Municipal

8. TYPE OF APPLICATION (Check appropriate box).

NEW NEW/PREVIOUS GRANTEE
 CONTINUATION AMENDMENT

If Amendment, enter appropriate letter(s) in box(es):

A. AUGMENTATION B. BUDGET REVISION

C. NO COST EXTENSION D. OTHER (specify below):

9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY:

Corporation for National and Community Service

10a. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER: 94.006

10b. TITLE: AmeriCorps Fixed Amount Grant (State)

11.a. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT:

AmeriCorps Resilience Corps II

12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT (List Cities, Counties, States, etc):

Cumberland and York Counties, Maine

11.b. CNCS PROGRAM INITIATIVE (IF ANY):

13. PROPOSED PROJECT: START DATE: 01/01/25 END DATE: 12/31/25

14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF: a.Applicant b.Program

15. ESTIMATED FUNDING: Year #:

a. FEDERAL	\$ 300,000.00
b. APPLICANT	\$ 0.00
c. STATE	\$ 0.00
d. LOCAL	\$ 0.00
e. OTHER	\$ 0.00
f. PROGRAM INCOME	\$ 0.00
g. TOTAL	\$ 300,000.00

16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?

YES. THIS PREAPPLICATION/APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS FOR REVIEW ON:

DATE:

NO. PROGRAM IS NOT COVERED BY E.O. 12372

17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT?

YES if "Yes," attach an explanation. NO

18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION/PREAAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS AWARDED.

a. TYPED NAME OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

Julia B. Breul

b. TITLE:

c. TELEPHONE NUMBER:

(617) 612-5149

d. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

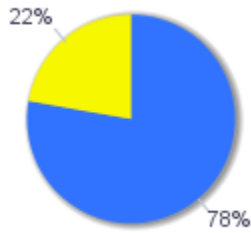
e. DATE SIGNED:

10/31/23

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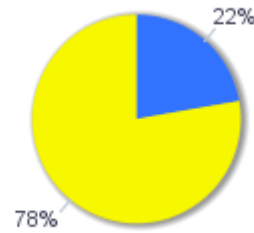
Performance Measures

MSYs by Focus Area



■ Capacity Building:8.4 ■ Environmental Stewardship:2.4

MSYs by Objective



■ Awareness & Stewardship:2.4 ■ Capacity Building & Leverage:8.4

Table1: MSYs by Focus Areas

Focus Area	% MSYs
Capacity Building	78%
Environmental Stewardship	22%

Table2: MSYs by Objectives

Objectives	%MSYs
Awareness & Stewardship	22%
Capacity Building & Leverage	78%

% of MSY NPM VS Applicant VS Not in ANY



■ Applicant:0 ■ National:10.8 ■ Not in ANY:0

Table3: %MSYs by NPM vs.Applicant vs. Not in ANY

% MSYs	NPM	Applicant	Not in ANY
	100%	0%	0%

Table4: No of MSY and Members by Objective

Objectives	No of MSYs	No of Members
Awareness & Stewardship	2.40	12
Capacity Building & Leverage	8.40	12
Total	10.80	24

Primary Focus Area: Capacity Building
 Primary Intervention: Systems Development
 Secondary Focus Area: Environmental Stewardship
 Secondary Intervention: Climate Change Intervention

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Performance Measure: Increase community resiliency

Focus Area:	Capacity Building	Objective:	Capacity Building & Leverage	No of MSY's:	8.40	No of Members:	12
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Problem Statement:

Organizations and municipalities lack sufficient capacity to effectively enhance regional and environmental resilience.

Selected Interventions:

Systems Development
Training

Describe Interventions:

Members will support ongoing capacity building activities for approximately 28 hours per week over the course of their 1700- hour service terms. These activities will center around resilience planning needs – climate action plan development and implementation, coastal resilience planning, and community resilience building. Their service will include data collection and analysis, mapping, research, report writing, community volunteer recruitment & coordination, supporting project implementation, community engagement, event planning, and project management – all of which will help build municipal capacity to complete resilience planning processes.

G3-3.4 Output:

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

Target:	8	Organizations
Measured By:	Tracking System	
Described Instrument:	Unduplicated count of number of project charters and Host Site Agreements detailing the member's service activities.	

G3-3.10A Outcome:

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

Target:	6	Organizations
Measured By:	Organizational Assessment tool	
Described Instrument:	Survey tool implemented at beginning, mid- point, and end of service to all organizations receiving support from AmeriCorps Resilience Corps members.	

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Performance Measure: Increase community awareness of climate issues and solutions

Focus Area:	Environmental Stewardship	Objective:	Awareness & Stewardship	No of MSY's:	2.40	No of Members:	12
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Problem Statement:

Building community awareness of climate vulnerabilities and necessary solutions requires education and outreach to local constituencies.

Selected Interventions:

Climate Change Intervention

Describe Interventions:

Members will first receive training and education in climate and resilience topics, as well as in public speaking and facilitation. Then, they will support host sites in organizing and facilitating educational events and programming that involves and engages community members in support of municipalities and nonprofits working to increase resiliency, educating and training municipal staff and constituents regarding climate impacts, risks, adaptation strategies, and sustainable actions. They will produce tangible, written resources such as fact sheets, checklists, journey maps, flow charts, social media posts, articles, and reports that will foster continued education and engagement. Activities vary, but they will support and host events, meetings, and webinars, create outreach materials, support public outreach and engagement activities, and recruit volunteers (minimum 75 total) to support communities and nonprofits long-term, thereby increasing citizen engagement and knowledge around climate and resiliency challenges. Members will not engage in advocacy for any legislation or political cause. Members will support these ongoing environmental stewardship activities for approximately 8 hours per week over the course of their 1700-hour service terms.

EN3 Output:

EN3: Number of individuals receiving education or training in environmental stewardship

Target:	350	Individuals
Measured By:	Tracking System	
Described Instrument:	Unduplicated count of participants (using email addresses) in educational and training events.	

EN3.1 Outcome:

EN3.1: Number of individuals with increased knowledge of environmental stewardship

Target:	200	Individuals
Measured By:	Survey	
Described Instrument:	Retrospective survey sent to participants of educative programs or outreach events via email who respond and report increased knowledge of environmental stewardship.	

Budget Narrative: AmeriCorps Resilience Corps II for Greater Portland Council of Governments

Section II. AmeriCorps Member Positions

A. Member Positions

Item -# Mbrs w/ Allow -Allowance Rate -# Mbrs w/o Allow	CNCS Share	Grantee Share	Total Amount
Full Time (1700 hrs): 0 Member(s) at a rate of 26000 each Members W/O allowance 12	0	0	0
Three Quarter Time (1200 hours): Member(s) at a rate of each Members W/O allowance	0	0	0
1-Year Half Time (900 hours): Member(s) at a rate of each Members W/O allowance	0	0	0
2-Year Half Time (1st Year): Member(s) at a rate of each Members W/O allowance	0	0	0
2-Year Half Time (2nd Year): Member(s) at a rate of each Members W/O allowance	0	0	0
Reduced Half Time (675 hrs): Member(s) at a rate of each Members W/O allowance	0	0	0
Quarter Time (450 hrs): Member(s) at a rate of each Members W/O allowance	0	0	0
Minimum Time (300 hrs): Member(s) at a rate of each Members W/O allowance	0	0	0
Abbreviated Time (100 hrs): Member(s) at a rate of each Members W/O allowance	0	0	0
Category Totals	0	0	0

B. Fixed Award

Purpose -Calculation	CNCS Share	Grantee Share	Total Amount
Program grant request: 12 MSY x \$25,000 per MSY = \$300,000	300,000	0	300,000
Category Totals	300,000	0	300,000
Section Totals	300,000	0	300,000
PERCENTAGE	100.00%	0.00%	

Budget Totals	300,000	0	300,000
PERCENTAGE	100.00%	0.00%	
Required Match		0.00%	
Total MSYs	12.00		
Cost/MSY	25,000.00		

Source of Funds

Section	Description
Section II. AmeriCorps Member Positions	The Greater Portland Council of Government's (GPCOG) contribution of \$220,142 is a match which will provide member enhancement including an increase to member stipends, public transportation passes, taxes, FICA, health insurance with vision and dental coverage, certifications and trainings, office space, technology needed for service, as well as funding for a full-time Resilience Program Manager who oversees the AmeriCorps Resilience Corps program. The match is comprised of: \$44,500 in anticipated host site fees for service (\$17,950 from public sources/municipal hosts and \$26,550 from private sources/nonprofit organizations) based on historic partnership levels; \$159,245 secured cash match for Resilience Program Manager's position (salary + leave + fringe + indirect) from GPCOG (public); \$16,397 secured cash match from GPCOG (public) towards IT Software Management, IT Support, and Microsoft Credentials for 12 Members for 1 year.