

# Are you interested in applying for AmeriCorps funding in Arkansas?



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## How to start:

Is your organization a national or local nonprofit organization with 501(c)3 status; a state, county, or local government entity; an Indian Tribe or Tribal organization; an association or consortia of educational and/or community organization?

YES

NO

Do you have an intervention, program, or service that is strengthening your community that you want to expand or develop to meet the needs of your community?

Sorry, it doesn't look like AmeriCorps is right for your organization. See RESOURCES below for more information on how to recruit volunteers for your project or event.

YES

NO

Could your AmeriCorps program engage a minimum of 8 full-time members (each serving 1,700 hours during the program year), 16 half-time members (serving 900 hours), or other equivalent configuration?

Consider a Planning Grant. These grants allow time and financial resources for organizations to determine and explore the feasibility of applying for an operational AmeriCorps grant.

YES

NO

Would you be ready to start your AmeriCorps Program this fall?

YES

NO

Consider applying for an Operational Grant

To receive notification of future opportunities, email [Engage.AR@adhe.edu](mailto:Engage.AR@adhe.edu) to get on our email distribution list.

Sorry, it doesn't look like an AmeriCorps program is right for your organization at this time. Consider an AmeriCorps Vista or contact a currently funded program to ask about hosting an AmeriCorps member. If you'd like to recruit volunteers, please see the RESOURCES listed below.



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For additional information, please contact [Engage.AR@adhe.edu](mailto:Engage.AR@adhe.edu).

## CONCEPT PAPER

Submitting a **Concept Paper** is a mandatory first step in the EngageAR grant application process. After successfully submitting and reviewing the Concept Paper, organizations will be invited to apply for AmeriCorps funding. The Concept Paper phase of the application process is designed as a “qualifying” round. Applicants with a clear method of addressing a need and the potential to develop a strong AmeriCorps program will be formally invited to apply. Final AmeriCorps applications with detailed narrative and budget will be due each **spring**.

### ANNUAL ENGAGE ARKANSAS AMERICORPS FUNDING TIMELINE

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| <b>ROLLING BASIS</b> | Concept papers accepted and reviewed  |
| <b>FALL</b>          | Annual Notice of Funding Opportunity released   |
| <b>SPRING</b>        | Annual EngageAR AmeriCorps grant applications due.<br>Funded programs begin no earlier than August 1. |
| <b>SPRING</b>        | Application clarification period  |
| <b>EARLY JUNE</b>    | Funding decisions made  |
| <b>MID JULY</b>      | New program orientation and training  |
| <b>AUGUST 1</b>      | Earliest program year start   |

## PLANNING GRANTS

Planning grants allow time and financial resources for organizations to determine and explore the feasibility of applying for an operational AmeriCorps grant. Approval of a planning grant does not guarantee an organization will be approved for an operational grant. Planning grants do not support AmeriCorps members.

## OPERATIONAL GRANTS

Organizations awarded funding for an operational grant will engage AmeriCorps members to expand and/or enhance an organization's activities. EngageAR's general practice is to award no fewer than four (8) MSY with no more than 50 member slots for new grantees.

## RESOURCES

### CURRENTLY FUNDED STATE AMERICORPS PROGRAMS

Find information about currently-funded AmeriCorps Programs in Arkansas at [EngageArkansas.org/join-ameri-corps](https://EngageArkansas.org/join-ameri-corps)

### VISTA AND SENIORCORPS

Contact the Arkansas AmeriCorps Regional Office at: [ar@cns.gov](mailto:ar@cns.gov)

### NATIONAL CIVILIAN COMMUNITY CORPS (NCCC)

Contact the Arkansas NCCC Southwest Regional Office at: [NCCCSouthwest@cns.gov](mailto:NCCCSouthwest@cns.gov)

### QUESTIONS?

Contact [Engage.AR@adhe.edu](mailto:Engage.AR@adhe.edu)

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS

Those looking to volunteer can find statewide opportunities on [Give Pulse](#). For organizations seeking volunteers, please [list your event](#) with Give Pulse and [affiliate](#) with [Engage Arkansas](#). This will allow your volunteer opportunities to populate on our statewide portal. For questions, please reach out to [Engage.AR@adhe.edu](mailto:Engage.AR@adhe.edu).

