



2020-21 AmeriCorps Application

Budget Instructions – Cost Reimbursement Grants

Cost Reimbursement
Attachment B

Fixed Amount
Professional, Stipend Fixed Amount, EAP
Attachment D



The budget consists of:

- Budget Form
- Budget Narrative
- Source of Funds



Cost Effectiveness & Budget Adequacy Based on the budget that's submitted

The budget is clear, reasonable, cost-effective, and in alignment with the program narrative.

- The requested funds do not exceed the cost per MSY (member service year).
- See Instructions for FT members minimum living allowance amount and suggested amounts for less than FT members
- Submitted without errors.
- Compliant with budget instructions and NOFO information on preparing the budget.



When completing the budget:

Round all figures to the nearest dollar. **Do Not Include Cents.**

Cost Reimbursement Applicants

- Do not inflate the budget; you will be required to meet the budgeted match amount.
- All costs in Sections I & II must be documented.

Tip: draft budget in Excel Spreadsheet then transfer to eGrants

Fixed Amount Applicants

- No match requirement
- Request can include FT and less than FT members serving in a FT capacity



How Much Can You Request?

- Based on the number of Member Service Years (MSY) requested and Cost per member (CPM).
- All Ohio applicants – Fixed Amount and Cost Reimbursement, must request no less than 5 member service years (MSY).
- Total request cannot exceed maximum Cost per MSY (CPM)
 - Cost Reimbursement - \$15,479* (*See Mandatory Supplemental Guidance for rural communities and opportunity youth)
 - Fixed Amount Stipend - \$15,479
 - Fixed Amount Professional Corps – up to \$1,000 (CNCS reserves the right to reduce)

(see Application Instructions for additional information)



How Much Can You Request?

Based on the number of MSYs and the cost per MSY (CPM). The CPM is a calculation CNCS uses to determine the overall cost of your program based on slot types converted to MSYs. If an applicant requested 10 members for every slot type, it would look like the following example:

Slot Type	Number requested	Conversion factor		Proposed number of MSY	
FT (Full-time)	10	*	1.00000000	=	10.00000000
TQT (Three-quarter-time)	10	*	0.70000000	=	7.00000000
HT (1-year half-time)	10	*	0.50000000	=	5.00000000
RHT (Reduced half-time)	10	*	0.38095240	=	3.80952400
QT (Quarter-time)	10	*	0.26455027	=	2.64550270
MT (Minimum-time)	10	*	0.21164022	=	2.11640220
Sum no rounding:		30.57142890			
Total MSYs awarded if approved:		30.57			



How Much Can You Request?

Using the **conversion** table above, calculate the total request using the following formula: Total MSYs * CPM

Fixed Amount Stipend or Cost Reimbursement applicants

Total amount: 30.57 MSYs * \$15,479 = \$473,193

Fixed Amount – Professional Corps

Total amount: 30.57 MSYs * \$1000 = \$30,570



TIP: The amount requested and Cost per MSY are competitive factors during the application review and selection process. Meaning all else being equal, an applicant proposing a lower cost per MSY may have a competitive advantage.



Summary of Statutory Budget Requirements: Grantee Match (does not include Fixed Amount recipients)

See National Knowledge Network http://www.nationalservice.gov/sites/default/files/olc/moodle/fm_key_concepts_of_cash_and_in_kind_match/view9468.html?id=3213&chapterid=2268

Overall Minimum Match Requirement

Grantees must meet an overall increasing match requirement, up to 50% of the **total project costs** by year ten, according to the following table:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
24%	24%	24%	26%	30%	34%	38%	42%	46%	50%

- The grantee match requirements are based on the 12-month budget period, and are further detailed in [45 CFR 2521.60\(a\)](#)
- Total Project Costs = CNCS Share + Match Share



Can other Federal funds be used as match? YES

AmeriCorps programs can use other Federal funding as sources for match. Discuss your intention of using other Federal funds to match an AmeriCorps grant with the other Federal agency prior to submitting your application, not after the grant has been approved. Document your conversations and, if possible, obtain and retain written permission from the other Federal agency whose Federal funds you intend to use as match with the CNCS grant. Your organization should also disclose your intent to use other Federal funds as match when submitting your budget application.

Can In-kind be used as match? YES

Your match can consist of cash and in-kind.



Equipment

- Equipment costs for Cost Reimbursement applicants may not exceed 10% of the total federal/CNCS share of costs. See Application Guidelines for definition of equipment vs. supplies.



All Cost Reimbursement application budgets must include the following meetings/trainings*

- Ohio Conference on Volunteering and Service - registration (\$150), mileage, non-conference per diem, lodging (for staff & at least 1 member)
- National Service Regional Training Event (2-3 days, staff only) – registration (\$300), transportation, per diem, hotel
- 3 Director's Meetings or Staff Development Trainings (mileage, per diem, overnight accommodations, where applicable)
- Justice Talking Leader Training (one day) – per diem, transportation, for one member (and staff not previously attending)
- CNCS required meeting (\$1,000), staff
- LeaderCorps Initiative \$500/member

*Note: Fixed Amount grant applicants are required to participate in all meetings/trainings



All Cost Reimbursement applicants must budget these Other Operating costs:

- OnCorps Reports (\$18 per slot, not MSY)
- National Service Criminal History Background Checks (BCI and FBI)



Requirement to Record Your Indirect Cost Rate in eGrants

- ALL applicants are required to record whether or not they are using an Indirect Cost Rate in eGrants, under My Account, Edit Organization Info, Add& View Indirect Cost Rate.

Managing My Account

Click on the links below to access common account functions.

- My Account** →
- Commission Input on National Applicants** →
- Commission Competitive Subapplication Ranking** →

Edit My Organization Info...

You can change the following information by clicking on the links below:

- **Update Organization's Contact Information**
- **Update Organization's Attributes**
- **Add and View Indirect Cost Rate**
- **Edit User Role/Permissions**
- **View All**
- **Change My Primary User Role**



Requirement to Record Your Indirect Cost Rate in eGrants

(Cost Reimbursement applicants)

- For step by step instructions on how to enter the indirect cost rate information in your eGrants account, see:
[http://www.nationalservice.gov/sites/default/files/resource/eGrants Indirect Cost Rate Instructions Final.pdf](http://www.nationalservice.gov/sites/default/files/resource/eGrants%20Indirect%20Cost%20Rate%20Instructions%20Final.pdf)

NOTE: Recompeting and Continuing programs do not need to reenter this information, unless it has changed.



Administrative/Indirect Costs

(Cost Reimbursement Applicants)

- **Section III. A. CNCS Fixed Percentage Method.** Applicants completing this section may charge 5% to the grant and 10% total administration, in lieu of any documentation.

OR

- **Section III. B. Federally Approved Indirect Cost Rate.** Applicants completing this section charge up to 5% to the CNCS share and use their federally approved Indirect Cost Rate and charge more than 10% to total administration. If so, they complete this section and submit a copy of their IDC rate plan.

OR

- **Section III.C. De Minimis Rate of 10% of Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC).** Non-Federal Applicants may complete this section if they have never had a federally negotiated ICR and receive less than \$35 million in direct federal funding. For information on what is included in MTDC and use of this option see 2 CFR 200.414(f) and 200.68. If chosen, this option must be used consistently across all federal awards. (Note: up to 5% may be charged to the CNCS share.)



Administration

All applicants – Cost Reimbursement and Fixed Amount – will be assessed 2% for OCSV's administration



Administrative/Indirect Costs
Commission Administration
Cost Reimbursement CNCS Share Only

- Of the 5% allowable, **all budgets must include 2% for OCSV use**, leaving 3% for applicants to use, if they wish.
- ServeOhio, Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism, uses these funds for expenses related to grants administration.
- Include the 2% within the CNCS Share of Administrative Costs only on the Commission Fixed Amount line.

TIP: use the formula in the Instructions to calculate admin



Administrative/Indirect Costs

Commission Administration – **Fixed Amount Applicants**

2% Commission Fixed Amount Option

- If awarded a Fixed Amount Grant (FT, EAP or Professional Corps), ServeOhio, Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism, will retain 2% of the total amount expended by your organization, to use for expenses related to OCSV's grants administration.
- Unlike Cost Reimbursement grant recipients, the 2% will be calculated when you request payment reimbursement; no calculation is required at this time.

Note: OCSV will provide guidance on the 2% calculation during T/TA orientation for funded applications.



- 2020 Budget Narrative Sample

Fixed Amount Grants

Professional Corps

Stipend Fixed Amount



Budget Narrative: Ohio Fixed Award Grants – Professional Corps

Application ID: 18-----	Program Name		
	Applicant Name		
		Budget Dates:	
A. Member Positions	Total Amt	CNCS Share	Grantee Share
Full Time (1700 hrs)	0	0	0
Members W/O allowance 77	0	0	0
Three Quarter Time (1200 hours)	0	0	0
Members W/O allowance	0	0	0
1-Year Half Time (900 hours)	0	0	0
Reduced Half Time (675 hrs)	0	0	0
Quarter Time (450 hrs)	0	0	0
Minimum Time (300 hrs)	0	0	0
2-Year Half Time (2nd Year)			
2-Year Half Time (1st Year)			
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0
B. Fixed Award			
Program grant request: # MSYs x CPM = _____ (77*1000)=\$77,000	77,000	77,000	
Section II. Subtotal	\$77,000	\$77,000	0
Section II. Percentages		100%	0%
Budget Totals	\$77,000	\$77,000	\$0
Required Match		n/a	
# of years Receiving CNCS Funds		n/a	
Total MSYs		77.00	
Cost/MSY		\$1,000	

Source of Funds

Match Description (State if Secured or Proposed)	Amount	Match Classification (Cash or In-Kind)	Match Source (Federal State/Local, Private)



Budget Narrative: Ohio Fixed Award Grants – Stipend Fixed; see Instructions for MSY Position Chart/Calculations

Application ID:	Program Name		
	Applicant Name		
A. Member Positions	Total Amt	CNCS Share	Grantee Share
Full Time (1700 hrs)	0	0	0
Members W/O allowance 77	0	0	0
Three Quarter Time (1200 hours)	0	0	0
1-Year Half Time (900 hours)	0	0	0
Reduced Half Time (675 hrs)	0	0	0
Quarter Time (450 hrs)	0	0	0
Minimum Time (300 hrs)	0	0	0
2-Year Half Time (2nd Year)	0	0	0
2-Year Half Time (1st Year)	0	0	0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0
B. Fixed Award			
Program grant request : # MSYs x CPM = _____ (77*15,479=\$1,191,883)	1,191,883	1,191,883	
Section II. Subtotal	1,191,883	\$1,191,883	0
Section II. Percentages		100%	0%
Budget Totals	1,191,883	\$1,191,883	\$0
Required Match		n/a	
# of years Receiving CNCS Funds		n/a	
Total MSYs		77.00	
Cost/MSY		\$15,479	

Source of Funds

Match Description (State if Secured or Proposed)	Amount	Match Classification (Cash or In-Kind)	Match Source (Federal State/Local, Private)



- **2020 Budget Narrative Sample**
Cost Reimbursement Operational Grant

Application Instructions:

Attachment C: Budget Worksheet

(also see Attachment B: Detailed Budget Instructions)



ATTACHMENT F - BUDGET WORKSHEET - Cost Reimbursement – SAMPLE
Section I. Program Operating Costs

A. Personnel Expenses

Position/Title/Description	Total	CNCS	Grantee
Project Coordinator (Include a 5-6 word description of responsibilities) 1 person @ \$35,000 x 100% usage	35,000	17,765	17,235
A. Category Totals	35,000	17,765	17,235

ServeOhio recommends at least a .5 FTE for one designated project coordinator.

B. Personnel Fringe Benefits

Purpose/Calculation - Total	Total	CNCS	Grantee
Medical insurance, FICA, Workers Comp, Unemployment x 26% of salary	9,100	0	9,100
B. Category Totals	9,100	0	9,100



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Section I. Program Operating Costs

C.1. Staff Travel

Purpose/Calculation	Total	CNCS	Grantee
CNCS-affiliated TA meeting (1 staff) – registration \$300, hotel 1 night \$400, per diem 1 day \$25, ground transportation \$50, airfare 750	1,525		1,525
ServeOhio Conference – 1 staff (mileage-180 mi. @0.30/ mi.; per diem-\$25 x 1 day; hotel-1 night x \$106)	185	0	185
Regional Training Conference – 1 staff (mileage-410 mi. @ .30/ mi., per diem-1 staff x \$25/day x 2 days, hotel-1 night x \$107)	280	0	280
Project Director Meetings/Trainings – 3 x 180 mi. x .30 = \$162 + per diem: 3 x\$25 = \$75; (Include hotel detail, 1-2 nights, if needed)	237	0	237
C.1. Category Totals	\$2,227	0	\$2,227



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Section I. Program Operating Costs

C.2. Member Travel

Purpose/Calculation	Total	CNCS	Grantee
Justice Talking Leader Training 1 member - 180 miles @ .30/mi.	54	0	54
ServeOhio Conf. - 1 member; 180 mi.*.30/mi.; per diem – \$25/ day x 1 day	79	0	79
Member travel to service sites (130.5/mo*10 mo.*.30/mi.)	392	0	392
LeaderCorps Initiative-1 mbr @ \$500	500		500
C.2. Category Totals	\$1,025	0	\$1,025



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Section I. Program Operating Costs

D. Equipment

Item/Purpose/Quantity/Unit Cost	Total	CNCS	Grantee
D. Category Totals			



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Section I. Program Operating Costs

E. Supplies

Item/Calculation	Total	CNCS	Grantee
Copy member handbooks – 50 copies x \$14	700	0	700
Member Service Gear w/logo – 20 members x \$35 (\$10-T-shirt, \$20-hoodie, \$5-lapel pin), plus \$30 shipping	730		730
Postage – \$50/month x 12 months	600	0	600
Print program brochures - \$1/copy x 1000	1,000	0	1,000
Program Supplies for Tutoring - \$25/mo. x 9 mo.	225	0	225
Office Supplies - \$20/mo. x 12 months	240	0	240
E. Category Totals	\$3,495	0	\$3,495

F. Contractual and Consultant Services

Purpose/Calculation/Daily Rate	Total	CNCS	Grantee
F. Category Totals			



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G.1. Staff Training

Purpose/Calculation/Daily Rate	Total	CNCS	Grantee
ServeOhio Conference Registration – 1 staff @ \$150	150		150
Regional Training Event Registration – 1 staff @ \$300	300		300
G.1. Category Totals	\$450		\$450

G.2. Member Training

Purpose/Calc./Daily Rate	Total	CNCS	Grantee
CPR training-20 members x \$50 ea	1,000		1,000
ServeOhio Conference Registration – 1 member @ \$150	150		150
Monthly member meeting training material copies - 200 sheets*0.05/sheet x 9 meetings	90		90
G.2. Category Totals	\$1,240		\$1,240



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Section I. Program Operating Costs

H. Evaluation

Purpose/Calc./Daily Rate	Total	CNCS	Grantee
H. Category Totals			

I. Other Program Operating Costs

Purpose/Calculation/Daily Rate	Total	CNCS	Grantee
Background Checks (BCI & FBI): members-20 x \$50; staff -1 x \$50	1,050	1,050	0
Member Payroll Service: \$25/mo. x 12 months	300	0	300
OnCorps Reports: 20 slots x \$18/slot	360	0	360
Member Recognition \$30/member*20 members	600	0	600
I. Category Totals	\$2,310	1,050	\$1,260
Subtotal Section I	\$54,847	\$18,815	\$36,032



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Section II. A. Member Living Allowance

Item/# Mbrs. w/wo Allowance	Total	CNCS	Grantee
Full Time (1700 hrs.): 20 members at a rate of \$14,279 each; Members w/o Allowance 0	285,580	275,285	10,295
Three Quarter Time (1200 hrs.)	0	0	0
1 YR HT (900 hrs.)	0	0	0
Reduced HT (675 hrs.)	0	0	0
QT Time (450 hrs.)	0	0	0
Min Time (300 hrs.)	0	0	0
II. A. Category Totals	\$285,580	\$275,285	\$10,295

Section II. B. Member Support Costs

Purpose/Calculation	Total	CNCS	Grantee
FICA: 7.65% x \$285,580	21,847	0	21,847
Workers Comp: 0.0054 x \$285,580	1,542	0	1,542
Health Care: \$1,500/yr. x 20 FT members	\$30,000	0	\$30,000
Subtotal Section II.B.	\$53,389	\$0	\$53,389
Subtotal Member Sections II.A + II.B	\$338,969	\$275,285	\$63,684



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Total Project Costs - Sections I, II, III

	Total Project	CNCS Share	Match Share
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	\$409,786	\$309,570	\$100,216
Overall Match %			24%
Cost Per Member		\$15,479	

Source of Match

In the Source of Funds Box, enter the Amount, Type (cash or in-kind), Source (Federal, State and/or Local, or Private), and the Intended Purpose of the Match

Total match here should equal the amount in the Budget

Match Description (State if Secured or Proposed)	Amount	Match Classification (Cash or In-Kind)	Match Source (Federal State/Local, Private)



For More Information on Federal Requirements:

OMB Uniform Guidance

Award recipients must comply with all applicable federal laws, regulations and the requirements of the “OmniCircular” (see the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards). Uniform Guidance, now consolidated in 2CFR Parts [200](#) and [2205](#) apply to Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) AmeriCorps grants awarded since FY2015 (see page 10 of Application Instructions).

AmeriCorps Regulations [45 CFR §§ 2520-2550](#)