

Frequently Asked Questions

*How much money is available for AmeriCorps*State projects in North Dakota?*

The state receives \$600,000 in formula funds each year.

Who decides which projects will be funded?

The North Dakota State Commission on National and Community Service, a 17 member board appointed by the Governor, based on an application scoring chart and a pre-award risk assessment of applicant agencies conducted by State Commission staff.

What is a living allowance and how does a project disburse the living allowance?

The living allowance is disbursed to member's to meet the necessary and reasonable costs of living incurred by a member who is serving in an AmeriCorps project.

The living allowance is disbursed to a member on equal installments over the life of the AmeriCorps project. An organization applying for AmeriCorps funding must indicate in their application the time span their project will cover. It is not disbursed based on an hourly basis nor the hours served in any particular month.

For example: in the application it is indicated that the AmeriCorps project will cover a time period from October 1, 200x to September 30, 200y. The project indicates that they plan to disburse a \$4,800 living allowance to their part-time members. The project indicates they will disburse this allowance once a month. Based on these facts, all part-time member's will receive \$400 a month. If the member starts on November 1, 200x they will receive \$400 per month, receiving a total of \$4,400 (11 months times \$400) in living allowance if they serve from November 1, 200x to September 30, 200y.

Note: if the member should complete their service early they will not be eligible for the living allowance for the months they are not serving.

Can a project submit an application for AmeriCorps funding that has different segments that span different time periods?

Yes. The application must clearly state the facts that would indicate the project has separate segments that have different time spans.

For example: the project proposes providing tutoring and structured after-school activities. In the application it is indicated that the tutoring will be performed from November 1, 200x and will end May 31, 200y while the after-school structured activities will be offered starting October 1, 200x and will end July 31, 200y. The living allowance for the member's who serve as tutors will be disbursed over 6 months (November 1 to May 31) while the member's who serve as after-school member's will be disbursed the allowance over 10 months.