**Guidance: Governor’s Office of Volunteer Services**

**Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)**

**Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 AmeriCorps State Grants**

**State Formula Process for New, Recompete and Continuation Applicants**

The Governor’s Office of Volunteer Services (GOVS) awards and administers federal grants from the AmeriCorps federal agency. AmeriCorps grants are awarded to eligible organizations proposing to engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions/practices to strengthen communities through an approved national service position. Members may receive a living allowance and other benefits while serving. Upon successful completion of their service, members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award from the National Service Trust that members can use to pay for higher education expenses or apply to qualified student loans.

**Timeline**

GOVS invites current subgrantees and new organizations to apply for AmeriCorps funding. New applicants, as well as all current AmeriCorps State Formula programs applying as a continuation or recompete, will apply through the State Formula application process and timeline outlined in the NOFO packet.

The FY 2025 Alabama AmeriCorps State NOFO document is available on GOVS website: <https://www.servealabama.gov/americorps-nofo-2025-26>. The NOFO is applicable to organizations that propose to place AmeriCorps members in service solely within Alabama. National and multi-state applicants: Please refer to the [AmeriCorps List of Funding Opportunities](https://americorps.gov/partner/funding-opportunities).

**FY 2025 Timeline for AmeriCorps State Grants: State Formula Applicants**

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| December 12, 2024  | Governor’s Office of Volunteer Services (GOVS) releases FY 2025 Notice of Funding opportunity (NOFO) |
| Jan. 9, 2025 by 11:59 p.m.  | Deadline to submit Notice of Intent to Apply (NOI) via [online survey](https://forms.office.com/g/uQD8pzK68v), [program and financial readiness assessments](https://www.servealabama.gov/americorps-nofo-2025-26), **and** submit AmeriCorps 101 course completion or AmeriCorps ASN Academy course completion certificate.  |
| Jan, 13, 2025  | GOVS opens State Formula Application process. Announcement will be placed on GOVS Grants Funding Opportunities webpage by Jan. 13, 2025  |
| January - February 2025  | Training and Technical Assistance sessions offered by GOVS for State Formula applicants (see page 2 for dates)  |
| February 20, 2025 by 11:59 p.m.  | State Formula applications due to GOVS via eGrants or other process. Location will be announced on the GOVS Grant Opportunities webpage by mid-January 2025  |
| February 20 – March 20, 2025 | Peer, Staff, Program Committee Review of applications |
| Late March 2025 | Program Committee Meeting |
| March 12 - 26, 2025  | GOVS hosts initial clarification period for State Formula applicants  |
| March 12, 2025  | Final applications for State Formula programs due to GOVS (submitted through eGrants)  |
| April 2, 2025  | Commission meeting to consider funding for State Formula applications  |
| April 3- 14, 2025 | Final Clarification Period |
| Mid-May 2025  | GOVS submits State Formula applications to AmeriCorps agency  |
| Late July/August 2025  | Notice of Grant Awards issued for State Formula applications |
| September 1 or October 1, 2025 | Program Year Begins |

**Notice of Intent to Apply (NOI)**

Once organizations complete the Notice of Intent to Apply (NOI), the Senior Program Officer will send

* Registration and/or recording links for GOVS Training and Technical Assistance Open Sessions, including the dates and times listed below
* and, instructions on accessing an AmeriCorps 101 online training module or AmeriCorps ASN Academy course – required to be completed by at least one representative of the organization

Applicants:

* New, Recompete and Continuation organizations must file a NOI by Thursday, January 9 at 11:59 p.m. **AND**
* Submit their required AmeriCorps 101 online training module or AmeriCorps ASN Academy course certificate by Thursday, Jan. 9 at 11:59 p.m.

**Training and Technical Assistance with Zoom Links**

GOVS encourages applicants to review AmeriCorps’ Technical Assistance Information and Webinars to:

* access ongoing assistance through the AmeriCorps Hotline (phone or e-mail)
* register for scheduled training, and
* review recorded trainings

These resources are published on the FY 2025 AmeriCorps State and National Grants webpage [https://americorps.gov/funding-opportunity/fy-2025-americorps-state-national-grants](https://americorps.gov/funding-opportunity/fy-2025-americorps-state-national-grants%20)

GOVS is committed to offering Training and Technical Assistance for all applicants and will host Technical Assistance Open Forums via Zoom.

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| Monday, Feb. 3  | 2 – 3 p.m.  | [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85382445251?pwd=2Y8fnFHmB3V9kJ1ATxAoIu76TdaLoj.1](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fus02web.zoom.us%2Fj%2F85382445251%3Fpwd%3D2Y8fnFHmB3V9kJ1ATxAoIu76TdaLoj.1&data=05%7C02%7Cmelinda.stallworth%40servealabama.gov%7C60b87188dff14cf1155608dd1af0c6c9%7Cbedd5d6fbcfc46d4918d7fb210e57897%7C0%7C0%7C638696343605423136%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=dm6nX%2FauFmezsaGSXk6j9UabLt%2BBI%2FQo3AFeviZjgn8%3D&reserved=0) |
| Tuesday, Feb. 4  | 2 – 3 p.m.  | [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82455909333?pwd=MUAQqP2wAcQ5abKLTX1o8M0keiKo6u.1](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fus02web.zoom.us%2Fj%2F82455909333%3Fpwd%3DMUAQqP2wAcQ5abKLTX1o8M0keiKo6u.1&data=05%7C02%7Cmelinda.stallworth%40servealabama.gov%7Ca9bfc0dd83674de35b8c08dd1af10bd3%7Cbedd5d6fbcfc46d4918d7fb210e57897%7C0%7C0%7C638696344765310315%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=TcfC4QcSooPPeCbgas4v7tMtvUF1U9CDUSaWvb2iZGA%3D&reserved=0) |
| Wednesday, Feb. 5  | 9 – 10 a.m.  | [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8892572419?pwd=blA1V1Z6UnQ0dmtxcnVFZlhvTUtTUT09&omn=87256765203](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fus02web.zoom.us%2Fj%2F8892572419%3Fpwd%3DblA1V1Z6UnQ0dmtxcnVFZlhvTUtTUT09%26omn%3D87256765203&data=05%7C02%7Cmelinda.stallworth%40servealabama.gov%7C5d9c3c83ec24479acd5808dd1af13d42%7Cbedd5d6fbcfc46d4918d7fb210e57897%7C0%7C0%7C638696345601022171%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=DxtP9gCBeub%2FZgklgkvTCukkSsXoZ0LIz6BlbKCew98%3D&reserved=0) |
| Thursday, Feb. 6  | 9 – 10 a.m.  | [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8892572419?pwd=blA1V1Z6UnQ0dmtxcnVFZlhvTUtTUT09&omn=85049880113](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fus02web.zoom.us%2Fj%2F8892572419%3Fpwd%3DblA1V1Z6UnQ0dmtxcnVFZlhvTUtTUT09%26omn%3D85049880113&data=05%7C02%7Cmelinda.stallworth%40servealabama.gov%7C69328fc1f3b14f15586b08dd1af1657c%7Cbedd5d6fbcfc46d4918d7fb210e57897%7C0%7C0%7C638696346267052796%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Gk8rDss%2BeyaP%2Ft7FGru76r4XLDeD7lLXvGGDzFchCjM%3D&reserved=0) |
| Friday, Feb. 7 | 9 – 10 a.m.  | [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8892572419?pwd=blA1V1Z6UnQ0dmtxcnVFZlhvTUtTUT09&omn=86828972391](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fus02web.zoom.us%2Fj%2F8892572419%3Fpwd%3DblA1V1Z6UnQ0dmtxcnVFZlhvTUtTUT09%26omn%3D86828972391&data=05%7C02%7Cmelinda.stallworth%40servealabama.gov%7C96487083970a4f62dc1a08dd1af18e38%7Cbedd5d6fbcfc46d4918d7fb210e57897%7C0%7C0%7C638696346956175063%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=O2mdNeNTccZAuxWWNRX4Q19k%2BraU6SoyEN69y%2F9%2F%2B0s%3D&reserved=0) |

**Required and Optional Online Courses related to AmeriCorps and Grant Expectations**

GOVS asks that a representative who is responsible for filing a State Formula grant application complete the AmeriCorps 101 for Staff by January 9, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.

**Required Online Course**

**AmeriCorps 101 for Staff** [**https://on3learn.digitalchalk.com/learn/americorps-101-for-staff-2**](https://on3learn.digitalchalk.com/learn/americorps-101-for-staff-2%20)

**60 mins., On3Learn website**

* You’ll need to add the training to your “cart” and use the Coupon Code “**ALSUB23**” to zero out the cost. This course is provided at **no cost** through GOVS. If you have trouble with the system accepting this code, please contact me via e-mail or phone. **Do not pay for this training at all.**
* When the video mentions “AmeriCorps State” grants and programs, those are guided by GOVS/Alabama State Service Commission office in Montgomery.

Once you complete the course, download the certificate, and e-mail to info.americorps@servealabama.gov

**Optional Online Courses**

**ASN Academy Learning Path** [**https://americorpsonlinecourses.litmos.com/?LP=241807**](https://americorpsonlinecourses.litmos.com/?LP=241807%20)

**Time varies per e-course, AmeriCorps’ Litmos website**

This series of e-courses gives an overview of AmeriCorps State and National, from grants and programs to State Commissions and AmeriCorps members. The following four e-courses are helpful to understand AmeriCorps and the Alabama State Formula RFP process:

* ASN 101: Introduction to AmeriCorps State and National
* ASN 201: AmeriCorps State and National Grants
* ASN 301: Restrictions, Requirements, and Regulations
* ASN 401: AmeriCorps Members

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**Various courses, On3Learn website** [**https://on3learn.digitalchalk.com/delivery/catalog?tab=courses**](https://on3learn.digitalchalk.com/delivery/catalog?tab=courses%20)

On3Learn offers many supplemental courses to help applicants and organizations with grant awards navigate AmeriCorps’ expectations and explore best practices. Follow the instructions in the Required Online Course section above to access these recommended e-courses and other e-courses:

* Developing and Integrating Logic Models
* Selecting and Developing Performance Measurements
* The AmeriCorps Evidence Series
* Understanding the AmeriCorps Budget - Part 1: Compliance & Technical Components
* Understanding the AmeriCorps Budget - Part 2: Budget Types & Financial Reporting