



## 25-27 Oregon Youth Corps Application - Open Questions & Answers - **Updated 11/13/24**

Link to grant application:

[https://oregonhecc.smapply.us/prog/25-27\\_oregon\\_youth\\_corps\\_-\\_request\\_for\\_applications](https://oregonhecc.smapply.us/prog/25-27_oregon_youth_corps_-_request_for_applications)

### **Question:**

*To confirm, the initial \$15,000 might increase to \$52,000 for the 2-year period?*

### **Answer:**

Each grant application has two budget requests, one is for up to \$15,000 and the other is for up to \$37,500, which combined makes \$52,500 per grant application.

The funds for \$37,500 are state general fund dollars and are not secured yet, as those funds need legislative approval and there for are not guaranteed under this RFA.

### **Question:**

*How much of funds can be used for crew wages, PPE and other supplies for project, and administration of the grant?*

### **Answer:**

At this time in the RFA Application process we are not asking for a detailed budget breakdown, we are only asking for budget requests for each program application. If awarded, HECC staff will follow-up and request for you to provide a budget detail for awarded funds.

If awarded, these funds are flexible and there aren't restrictions on direct programming costs (i.e.: crew wages, PPE, supplies, etc.).

Additionally, the current rate for administrative costs is 10% of direct program costs. As an agency, this discussion is occurring on whether to raise the administrative cost rate when the source of funds are from the state. Until that decision has been made, this RFA will use the 10% administrative rate for any state funding, including general funds and other funds.

**Question:**

*SMApply and other guidance say the application period will be open until Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, however the RFA reflects a close date of Dec 17<sup>th</sup>?*

**Answer:**

December 20<sup>th</sup> is the close date for all applications under this RFA.

**Question:**

*When the application says, "If your business is registered with the Oregon Secretary of State, please provide" what is meant by this and should be provided? The next question asks for City, State, and Zip Code, and it is confusing on what the ask is.*

**Answer:**

The application launched with the language described in the question above. This has now been adjusted and revised to better match the intent of these questions as seen in the image below:

**If your business is registered with the Oregon Secretary of State, please provide your business registry number:**

**Mailing Address, City, State, ZIP:**

**Question:**

*To confirm understanding, the maximum award per individual program application is \$52,500 for the 07/2025 - 06/2027 duration and no other opportunities for this program will be available until 07/2027?*

**Answer:**

Each maximum award per individual application is for \$52,500 over the duration 07/2025 - 06/2027. The only other opportunity that will be made available under this program is to launch an RFA sometime in 2025 for new organizations to Oregon Youth Corps to apply for a planning grant to prepare for future funding opportunities. We don't anticipate releasing any additional RFA's for the Community Stewardship Corps grant program over the next year.

**Question:**

*What if we will need to submit two applications, by County, in two separate counties? Since these are two separate applications, are we eligible for \$52,500 per county application?*

**Answer:**

Yes, you can apply for the two programs as separate grant requests.

Each request applied for is eligible for funds up to \$52,500 per application.

**Question:**

*The FAQ reads as if we can only apply for one individual service-learning grant and one on-the job training grant. Can you provide clarification if this is correct, or can we submit, for example, 1 service-learning application and 2 on-the job training applications?*

**Answer:**

You are welcome to apply for multiple individual service-learning programs or on-the-job training requests, provided they operate separate and distinctly different from each other. Applicants will be required to justify how their programming is separate and distinctly different if they are submitting more than one application in a grant type.

It is worth noting that if the total number of applications within a county or in the overall number of applications received exceeds the amount of grants/funds available, it will create a competitive process and any applications within that county (specific to the grant applied for) will compete against each other for award.

**Question:**

*Regarding indirect rates, the federal de minimis indirect rate is listed as 10% but it was increased to 15%, effective 10/1/24. Is that an error or is this the cap HECC allows?*

**Answer:**

The current rate for administrative costs is 10% of direct program costs. As an agency, this discussion is occurring on whether to raise the administrative cost rate when the source of funds are from the state. Until that decision has been made, this RFA will use the 10% administrative rate for any state funding, including general funds and other funds.

Additional questions regarding the RFA?

*Please feel welcome to reach out to us at:*

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