

OREGONSERVES COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, May 16th, 2023

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12:00pm	Call to Order Land Acknowledgement	Nathan Rix, Chair
12:05pm	Introductions & Announcements Appointments, Reappointments, Staff Updates	Carie Bauer, Director
12:20pm	Agenda Review & Minutes Approval (Vote) October 2022 Minutes	Chair Rix
12:25pm	Public Comment	Chair Rix
12:30pm	Presentation (Vote) 2023 Formula Funding Recommendations	Madeline Seghers, Program Administrator
1:00pm	Presentation (Vote) Operational Plan Updates	Director Bauer
1:30pm	Standing Business Legislative Updates Commission Updates AmeriCorps Updates	Julia Steinberger, OWI Director, C. Bauer Director Bauer Mary Greusel, AmeriCorps Senior Portfolio Manager West Region
2:00pm	Adjourn	

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FY23 AmeriCorps State Funding

Madeline Seghers, Program Officer

Presented to OregonServes Commission
May 16th, 2023

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

- Overview of FY23 Competitive Grant Process Results
- Overview of FY23 Formula Grant Process
- Overview of FY23 Formula Grant Requests
- Overview of FY23 Planning Grant RFA
- Program Performance
- ARPA Projections
- Recommendations for VOTE / Approval

FY23-24 AMERICORPS COMPETITIVE

GRANT COMPETITION



College Possible Oregon

College Possible's mission is to close the degree divide and make college possible for students from low-income backgrounds through an intensive curriculum of coaching and support.

Grant Funding: \$782,667

Members: 36

FY23-24 AMERICORPS FORMULA GRANT COMPETITION

Oregon State Formula Allocation for FY23-34 = \$2,723,834

Grant Application & Review Process:

- Release of RFA w/Commission Priorities
- Team of Reviewers for Initial Round of Reviews – OSC Staff, OWI Staff, Board Members, AmeriCorps Alum
- All team-reviewed applications met the threshold for initial round of consideration
- Applications: 2 Recompetes, 5 Continuations

FY23-24 AMERICORPS FORMULA

GRANT COMPETITION – REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Program	# of MSY	Funding Request	AmeriCorps Focus Area	Commission Priority Area	Increase MSY
RARE	35	\$758,625	Economic Opportunity	Rural Communities	
Forest Grove PSA	16	\$368,000	Education		
Campus Compact of Oregon	30	\$681,446	Education	Racial Equity, School to Prison Pipeline	X
Confluence Environmental Center	18	\$414,000	Environmental Stewardship	Environmental Equity	
Ethos Rural Outreach	8.5	\$165,732	Education	Rural Communities	
Metropolitan Family Service	18.5	\$425,500	Multiple	COVID-19 Recovery, Resource Gaps	
UCAN	20	\$459,974	Multiple	Rural Communities	

FY23-34 AMERICORPS FORMULA GRANT COMPETITION

Formula Allocation:	\$ 2,723,834
Unexpended Funds Carryover:	\$ 196,716
Total Available Funds:	\$ 2,920,550
Total Request from Subgrantees:	\$ 3,273,277
Gap based on Formula Requests:	\$ (352,727)

FY23-34 AMERICORPS FORMULA GRANT COMPETITION

Program	4-Year Average Enrollment	Increase MSY	# of Increase
RARE	98%		
Forest Grove PSA	60%		
Campus Compact of Oregon	45%	X	10
Confluence Environmental Center	68%		
Ethos Rural Outreach	37%		
Metropolitan Family Service	81%		
UCAN	77%		

FY23-24 PLANNING GRANT GRANT COMPETITION

Grant Application & Review Process:

- Release of RFA w/Commission Priorities- One RFA in June, one in August
- Internal Staff Review
- Awards: 5 Total Awards will be granted up to \$75,000

ARPA STATUS & PROJECTIONS

Current ARPA Balance: \$ 2,758,050

FY23 Funding: 5 planning grants

(5) Planning Grants: \$375,000

Existing Program Expansion: \$352,727

Match Replacement: \$200,000

FY24 Funding: 5 new operating programs at 10 members with \$28,800 CPMSY

(5) New Programs: \$1,816,600

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

FY23 AmeriCorps State Grants

- Fund all FY23 AmeriCorps State Formula applications at requested levels besides Ethos.
- Ethos was asked to reduce their requested member positions to 10 at 8.5 MSY. They will receive conditional one year funding.
- Utilize additional ARPA funds to cover Campus Compact program expansion
- Work with programs on recruitment and retention
- Prepare larger-funded programs to move into Competitive next year

FY23 Planning Grants

- Fund 5 Planning Grant applications at requested levels
- Utilize ARPA Funding to fund planning grant proposals



AmeriCorps Agency Update

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Older Americans Month

Each May, during Older Americans Month, AmeriCorps honors our nation's older adults and the positive impacts they make possible, using their time and wisdom to make our communities stronger. AmeriCorps thanks those 140,000 [AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers](#) who share their time and life skills to help our children, fellow older adults, and community members.

Every day, AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers' commitment makes a positive impact on their community, transforming the lives of those they serve:

- For more than 50 years, AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers in the [RSVP program](#) get things done across the nation from managing volunteers, helping serve at food banks, and providing disaster awareness.
- Volunteers serving in the [Senior Companion program](#) befriend older adults and assist with daily living tasks such as transportation to appointments, cooking meals, and more to allow them to better maintain independence and age with dignity.
- Through the [Foster Grandparents program](#), one of AmeriCorps Seniors' oldest programs, volunteers connect with children, students, and younger adults, taking on pivotal roles to help shape future generations.

In a [longitudinal study](#) published in 2019, AmeriCorps Seniors found:

- 84 percent of AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers reported improved or stable health during a time in life when one might expect to see a decline;
- 88 percent of AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers reported a decrease in feelings of isolation; and
- 78 percent felt less depressed





AmeriCorps VISTA

Founded in 1965, AmeriCorps VISTA is a federal anti-poverty national service program designed to provide resources to nonprofit organizations and public agencies to address poverty and poverty-related problems in the United States. AmeriCorps VISTA members support activities such as fundraising, grant writing, research and volunteer recruitment.

In May 2023, a new AmeriCorps VISTA project with Philomath School District was awarded. Philomath School District is dedicated to nurturing, respecting, and challenging all individuals as they grow into responsible, life-long learners. The AmeriCorps VISTA project will build the capacity of the volunteer tutoring program to improve literacy and math proficiency.

AmeriCorps VISTA Request for Concept Papers

AmeriCorps seeks concept papers for organizations and agencies working to alleviate poverty and address poverty-related problems in communities. [The AmeriCorps VISTA Request for Concept Papers Notice and Timeline](#) have been posted to the AmeriCorps website. AmeriCorps VISTA Concept Papers for Cycle 3 are due on June 7, 2023. Interested applicants may contact OR@cns.gov with any questions.

OREGONSERVES COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Date: May 16th, 2023



Commission Members in Attendance: Sierra Barnes, June Bass, Greg Carpinello, Daniel Altamirano Hernandez, Shenika Cumberbatch-Corpas, Jayesh Palshikar, Heidi Edwards, Chair Nathan Rix, Mary Greusel

Commission Staff in Attendance: Carie Bauer, Brittany Phelps, Alma Plasencia, Madeline Seghers

Guests in Attendance: Erik Wood, Carey Rausch, Jeri Lerwick

Item: Opening Business

Chair Rix called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM.
The land acknowledgement was read by Chair Rix.
Brittany Phelps confirmed quorum was present.

Item: Opening Business Updates

The Governor's Office of Appointments reappointed Shenika Cumberbatch-Corpas and Sierra Barnes for their second three-year terms with OregonServes.
June Bass was appointed to the Commission to serve in the Volunteer and 55+ position.
Myronda Schiding joined the Office of Workforce Investments as a new program manager overseeing staff operations for OregonServes and Oregon Youth Works.

Item: Agenda Review & Minutes Approval

Chair Rix reviewed the agenda for the meeting and called for a motion to approve the October meeting minutes as presented. Sierra Barnes made the motion to approve the minutes and Heidi Edwards seconded. All voted in favor, none abstained.

Item: Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Item: Presentation

OregonServes AmeriCorps Report, given by AmeriCorps Program Administrator, Madeline Seghers.

Madeline Seghers provided a detailed overview of the 2023 Formula Funding Recommendations. Chair Rix called for a vote to adopt the funding recommendations as presented. Jayesh Palshikar made the motion to approve. Heidi Edwards seconded the motion, and all members voted in favor. No members abstained. The 2023 Formula Funding Recommendations were accepted.

Item: Presentation

Operational Plan Updates

Director Bauer presented on the findings from the Commission's retreat in 2022. The highlights focused on increasing members' capacity and using their time well, needing to look back and see if the meetings and processes coincide with

due dates, making the meetings more accessible for the public as well as to receive more community input, and to further explore the data collection process that feeds into the strategic planning. The recommendations out of this discussion are: to revise the meeting schedule, revise the process flow (such as incorporating data collection into scheduling so that information is collected beforehand and considering any Legislative timelines), changing the standing committees, revising the agendas and meeting materials and minutes for accessibility, and creating a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion checklist for approvals.

Director Bauer also shared the operational calendar which was created to keep all projects and meetings in line with due dates for legislative processes, data collection, the appointments process, and so forth.

Chair Rix called for a vote to support revisions that will be presented in full in consecutive meetings. Jayesh Palshikar made the motion. Sierra Barnes seconded the motion, and all voted in favor, none abstained.

Item: Adjourning of the Meeting

Chair Rix adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm.