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American Humanics AmeriCorps*ProCorps

An initiative designed to enhance nonprofit volunteer management and programs serving at-risk youth



Host Site Selection

It is the policy of the American Humanics AmeriCorps*ProCorps Program (AH ProCorps) that Host Sites meet the following criteria, as required by AmeriCorps Regulations 45 CFR § 2522.450 and 475.

- Host Sites maintain formal programs that utilize volunteers or serve at-risk youth, or both.
- Host Sites must engage in programming of the type outlined in CFR § 2522.450.
- Host Sites are at least one of the following: (1.) an AH National Nonprofit Partner or a local affiliate of a Partner, (2.) a nonprofit organization associated with an AH-affiliated college or university, such as those that serve on an AH Community Council, (3.) a nonprofit organization that can otherwise illustrate that it meets the criteria outlined in CFR § 2522.450, or (4.) a college or university that is an academic partner of AH.
- They must have the capability and capacity to meet any financial obligations pertaining to AH ProCorps Member pay and benefits that is not paid with government (federal, state or local) funds, provide AH AmeriCorps*ProCorps members with any necessary job training and orientation, have site supervisor(s) with the time and ability to manage the AH AmeriCorps*ProCorps member at their site, and conduct Criminal History Background Checks in accordance with AH and AmeriCorps policies, regulations and provisions.

At present, potential Host Sites are identified by American Humanics through two primary means:

- Identification of a Host Site by a student and/or Campus Director of an AH program on an affiliated college or university.
 - In this case, information on becoming a Host Site is shared by AH with the potential Host Site orally and in writing by way of the Host Site Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). The MOA includes the requirements outlined above along with other AH-specific requirements. Once the Host Site understands the MOA, it is signed by the Host Site staff member who is responsible for signing such agreements (usually the chief executive) and by AH. Once reviewed and approved by AH, the Host Site is eligible to host an AmeriCorps*ProCorps member.
- Identification of Host Sites by the AH national office.
 - In this case, AH identifies other national and local networks whose mission and goals align with that of the AH AmeriCorps*ProCorps program. Examples of this include the network of volunteer centers that comprise Points of Light/Hands On Network and summer camps of the C5 Youth Foundation (formerly Camp Coca Cola). Potential Host Sites are contacted by AH and informed, both orally and in writing, of the responsibilities of becoming a Host Site. Again, any Host Site MOA must be signed by the Host Site staff member who is responsible for signing such agreements and by AH. Once reviewed and approved by AH, the Host Site is eligible to host an AmeriCorps*ProCorps member.

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Refs: AmeriCorps Regulations 45 CFR § 2522.450: “What types of programs or program models may receive special consideration in the selection process?”

AmeriCorps Regulations 45 CFR § 2522.475: “To what extent must I use the Corporation's selection criteria and priorities when selecting formula programs or operating sites?”

§ 2522.450

What types of programs or program models may receive special consideration in the selection process?

Following the scoring of proposals under §2522.440 of this part, the Corporation will seek to ensure that its portfolio of approved programs includes a meaningful representation of proposals that address one or more of the following priorities:

- (a) *Program models*: (1) Programs operated by community organizations, including faith-based organizations, or programs that support the efforts of community organizations, including faith-based organizations, to solve local problems;
- (2) Lower-cost professional corps programs, as defined in paragraph (a)(3) of §2522.110 of this chapter.
- (b) *Program activities*: (1) Programs that serve or involve children and youth, including mentoring of disadvantaged youth and children of prisoners;
- (2) Programs that address educational needs, including those that carry out literacy and tutoring activities generally, and those that focus on reading for children in the third grade or younger;
- (3) Programs that focus on homeland security activities that support and promote public safety, public health, and preparedness for any emergency, natural or man-made (this includes programs that help to plan, equip, train, and practice the response capabilities of many different response units ready to mobilize without warning for any emergency);
- (4) Programs that address issues relating to the environment;
- (5) Programs that support independent living for seniors or individuals with disabilities;
- (6) Programs that increase service and service-learning on higher education campuses in partnership with their surrounding communities;
- (7) Programs that foster opportunities for Americans born in the post-World War II baby boom to serve and volunteer in their communities; and
- (8) Programs that involve community-development by finding and using local resources, and the capacities, skills, and assets of lower-income people and their community, to rejuvenate their local economy, strengthen public and private investments in the community, and help rebuild civil society.
- (c) *Programs supporting distressed communities*: Programs or projects that will be conducted in:
 - (1) A community designated as an empowerment zone or redevelopment area, targeted for special economic incentives, or otherwise identifiable as having high concentrations of low-income people;

- (2) An area that is environmentally distressed, as demonstrated by Federal and State data;
 - (3) An area adversely affected by Federal actions related to managing Federal lands that result in significant regional job losses and economic dislocation;
 - (4) An area adversely affected by reductions in defense spending or the closure or realignment of military installation;
 - (5) An area that has an unemployment rate greater than the national average unemployment for the most recent 12 months for which State or Federal data are available;
 - (6) A rural community, as demonstrated by Federal and State data; or
 - (7) A severely economically distressed community, as demonstrated by Federal and State data.
- (d) *Other programs*: Programs that meet any additional priorities as the Corporation determines and disseminates in advance of the selection process.

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45 CFR § 2522.475

To what extent must I use the Corporation's selection criteria and priorities when selecting formula programs or operating sites?

You must ensure that the selection criteria you use include the following criteria:

- (a) The quality of the national service program proposed to be carried out directly by the applicant or supported by a grant from the applicant.
- (b) The innovative aspects of the national service program, and the feasibility of replicating the program.
- (c) The sustainability of the national service program.
- (d) The quality of the leadership of the national service program, the past performance of the program, and the extent to which the program builds on existing programs.
- (e) The extent to which participants of the national service program are recruited from among residents of the communities in which projects are to be conducted, and the extent to which participants and community residents are involved in the design, leadership, and operation of the program.
- (f) The extent to which projects would be conducted in one of the areas listed in §2522.450(c)(1) through (5) of this subpart.

(g) In the case of applicants other than States, the extent to which the application is consistent with the application of the State in which the projects would be conducted.

(h) Such other criteria as the Corporation considers to be appropriate, following appropriate notice.

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