

## AmeriCorpsCommunityEngagementSurvey - Partners

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) is a federal agency that provides funding for national service programs including AmeriCorps. We are conducting a survey of AmeriCorps grantees, subgrantees and community partners to assess how our AmeriCorps grantees are working in communities.

**As indicated in the email invitation, you were identified by an AmeriCorps Service Site in your community to participate in this survey.**

We are interested in learning how AmeriCorps grants have contributed to the development of "community partnerships" and benefited communities beyond the direct services they provide individuals.

For the purposes of this survey, "**community**" is defined as the local geographic area targeted by AmeriCorps programs and activities. "**Partnerships**" may include, among other things, shared administrative tasks or functions, joint ventures, support activities on behalf of beneficiaries, and primary services for mutual clients.

**Your individual responses will not be shared with CNCS program office or management\***. They will be used by AFYA, Inc., and the CNCS Office of Research & Evaluation, and all results will be shared only in the aggregate such that you or your organization will not be identifiable, and your responses will have no impact on the future funding of the AmeriCorps program you partner with or your organization.

**Use the NEXT button at the end of each page to advance to the next page of the survey. Use PREV to go back to the previous page of questions.**

\*PRIVACY ACT NOTICE: The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C § 552a) requires that the following notice be provided to you: The information requested in the AmeriCorps Community Engagement Survey Form is collected pursuant to 42 U.S.C 12592 and 12615 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 as amended, and 42 U.S.C. 4953 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 as amended, and 42 U.S.C. 12639. Purposes and Uses - The information requested is collected for the purposes of assessing the degree to which grantees engage the communities they serve, as part of a longer term research agenda to evaluate AmeriCorps' impact on the communities it serves. CNCS also will collect information from grantee partners, which are integral in engaging and serving client communities. Routine Uses - Routine uses may include disclosure of the information to federal, state, or local agencies pursuant to lawfully authorized requests. The information may also be provided to appropriate federal agencies and Department contractors that have a need to know the information for the purpose of assisting the Department's efforts to respond to a suspected or confirmed breach of the security or confidentiality or information maintained in this system of records, and the information disclosed is relevant and unnecessary for the assistance. The information will not otherwise be disclosed to entities outside of the Corporation for National and Community Service without prior written permission. Effects of Nondisclosure - The information requested is not mandatory.

## InteractionswithPartnerOrganization

The "referringorganization" mentioned in questions below is the organization identified in the email invitation you received for this survey. Please keep this organization in mind as you answer the questions in this survey.

### 1. Does your organization currently collaborate with the referringorganization as a partner organization in your community?

Yes to a great extent

Yes to a limited extent

No

## InteractionswithPartnerOrganization

**2. Has staff from your organization served on any community advisory boards, steering committees, advocacy groups, task forces, or other ad hoc committees with the referring organization?**

Yes

No

Don't know

**3. Are you aware that the referring organization has AmeriCorps members serving with them?**

Yes

No

## InteractionsWithAmeriCorpsMembers

**4. Has the referring organization described the goals for their AmeriCorps member to you?**

Yes

No

**5. Is your collaboration with the referring organization a result, in whole or part, of the AmeriCorps member they have?**

Yes

No

Don't know

## InteractionswithPartnerOrganization

### 6. In what ways do staff from the referring organization interact with your organization? (Select all that apply)

- We collaborate to assess community needs
- They participate in our short and long range planning
- We coordinate our programs' services
- We provide existing services together
- They help us develop and implement new services
- We serve together in professional associations, ad hoc committees or work groups
- We work together in fundraising, program promotion, or public relations campaigns
- We share technical skills or resources and perform essential tasks
- We organize community projects (e.g. community gardens, block watches etc.)
- Members provide services to our beneficiaries
- We provide resources to help the AmeriCorps program deliver services
- Other (please specify)

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## 7.Thecommunityyouworkinmayfacevariouschallengesinitcapacitytoaddresscommunitywideproblems(e.g. health,educational,safety,economic).

### Howmuchisthereferringorganizationaddressingthefollowingchallenges:

	Don'tknow	Notatall	A little	A moderate amount	Alot
Limitedfinancialresources	nm1kj	nm1kj	nm1kj	nm1kj	
Limitedcapacityfordirect services	m1j		m1j	m1j	
Limitednumberoforganizationstoaddresstheproblems	m1j	m1j	m1j	m1j	
Limitedcommunityawareness	nm1kj		m1j	m1j	
Limitedcommunityinputintodecision-making	m1j	m1j	m1j		
Limitedtrust amongcommunitymembers	nm1kj	nm1kj	nm1kj	nm1kj	
Limitedopportunitiesforcommunitymemberstotake action	m1j	m1j	m1j	m1j	
Limitedcollaboration amongorganizations	m1j			m1j	
Limitedtechnologicalcapacity	m1j	m1j	m1j	m1j	
Limitedtrainingofcommunityleaders	m1j	m1j	m1j	m1j	
Other(pleasespecify)					5
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## 8. In your view, how much are staff from the referring organization doing the following?

	Don't know	Not at all	A little	A moderate amount	A lot
Providing direct services	n	n	n	n	n
Recruiting, managing, or training volunteers	m	m	m	m	m
Developing or strengthening partnerships with other organizations in the community	n	n	n	n	n
Organizing community-wide activities or events (e.g. health or cultural fairs, community forums)	m	m	m	m	m
Increasing involvement of community residents in the programs the AmeriCorps members run	n	n	n	n	n
Identifying and raising awareness of community issues or concerns	m	m	m	m	m
Identifying strengths in the community	n	n	n	n	n
Working with community members and other organizations in the community to identify resources—e.g. financial, human capital, in-kind, legal	m	m	m	m	m
Connecting community members to resources provided by other organizations	n	n	n	n	n
Raising the profile or importance of community needs	m	m	m	m	m

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## 9. In what ways do AmeriCorps members from the referring organization interact with your organization? (Select all that apply)

- fec We collaborate to assess community needs
  - fec They participate in our short and long range planning
  - fec We coordinate our programs' services
  - fec We provide existing services together
  - fec They help us develop and implement new services
  - fec We serve together in professional associations, ad hoc committees or work groups
  - fec We work together in fundraising, program promotion, or public relations campaigns
  - fec We share technical skills or resources and perform essential tasks
  - fec We organize community projects (e.g. community gardens, block watches etc.)
  - fec Members provide services to our beneficiaries
  - fec We provide resources to help the AmeriCorps program deliver services
  - Other (please specify)
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**10. The community you work in may face various challenges in its capacity to address community wide problems (e.g. health, educational, safety, economic).**

**How much are AmeriCorps members from the referring organization addressing the following challenges:**

	Don't know	Not at all	A little	A moderate amount	Alot
Limited financial resources	nm1kj	nm1kj	nm1kj	nm1kj	
Limited capacity for direct services	m1j		m1j	m1j	
Limited number of organizations to address the problems	m1j	m1j	m1j		
Limited community awareness	nm1kj		m1j	m1j	
Limited community input into decision-making	m1j	m1j	m1j		
Limited trust among community members	nm1kj	nm1kj	nm1kj	nm1kj	
Limited opportunities for community members to take action	m1j	m1j	m1j	m1j	
Limited collaboration among organizations	m1j			m1j	
Limited technological capacity	m1j	m1j	m1j	m1j	
Limited training of community leaders	m1j	m1j	m1j	m1j	m1j
Other (please specify)					



**11. Please provide an example of how you see AmeriCorps members addressing community challenges to identify and solve community problems.**

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## 12. In your view, how much are the AmeriCorps members from the referring organization doing the following?

	Don't know	Not at all	A little	A moderate amount	A lot
Providing direct services	n	n	n	n	n
Recruiting, managing, or training volunteers	m	m	m	m	m
Developing or strengthening partnerships with other organizations in the community	n	n	n	n	n
Organizing communitywide activities or events (e.g. health or cultural fairs, community forums)	m	m	m	m	m
Increasing involvement of community residents in the programs the AmeriCorps members run	n	n	n	n	n
Identifying and raising awareness of community issues or concerns	m	m	m	m	m
Identifying strengths in the community	n	n	n	n	n
Working with community members and other organizations in the community to identify resources—e.g. financial, human capital, in kind, legal	m	m	m	m	m
Connecting community member to resources provided by other organizations	n	n	n	n	n
Raising the profile or importance of community needs	m	m	m	m	m

## AboutYourOrganization

### 13. Whattypeoforganizationareyou?

- Private Business
- PrivateNonProfit Organization
- Faithbased Organization
- PublicAgency/Government Office
- Public orCharterSchool
- CollegeorUniversity
- LocalorRegionalCoalition

Other(pleasespecify)

## AboutYourOrganization

### 14.Whattypesofservicesdoyouprovide?(Selectallthatapply)

**fec** Education(e.g. tutoring,mentoring,GED,adult education)

**fec** Health(e.g. nutrition,accesstocare, accesstoinsurance,awareness)

**fec** Servicestoveteransand/orilitaryfamilies

**fec** Environment(e.g. education onenvironmentalissues,landconservation,energyconservation,ecosystem development/maintenance)

**fec** Disaster services(e.g. disastereducation,preparation,mitigation,response)

**fec** Economicopportunity(e.g.housingservices,employment counseling, jobtraining)

Other(pleasespecify)

## AboutYourOrganization

### 15. Considering your organization's interaction/collaboration with the referring organization, how much change has your organization made to the following?

	Don't know	Major decrease	Minor decrease	No change	Minor increase	Major increase
Number of community members served	n	n	n	n	n	n
Types of services or activities offered	m	m	m	m	m	m
Organizational capacity (e.g. staff skills, financial and other resources, organizational structure)	n	n	n	n	n	n
Number or strength of partnerships with other organizations in our community	m	m	m	m	m	m
Other program or operation (specify below)	n	n	n	n	n	n

Other (please specify)

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## AboutYourOrganization

### 16.Inwhatyearwasyourorganizationfounded?

Year

### 17.Howmanyfulltimeequivalentemployeesdoyouhave?

mLj 15

mLj 610

mLj 1115

mLj 1620

mLj 20+