

# AmeriCorpsCommunityEngagementSurvey

## AmeriCorpsGranteeSurvey

CNCS is conducting a study to better understand how AmeriCorps grantees and subgrantees are engaged in their communities.

You are receiving this survey as either a National grantee or a State subgrantee who receives funds to operate an AmeriCorps program. Your individual responses will not be shared with AmeriCorps program officers or management. They will be used exclusively by AFYA, Inc. (our consultant for this project), and the CNCS Office of Research & Evaluation. 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 your future funding from CNCS\*.

Key definitions for this survey:

**1 Community:** The local geographic area targeted by your AmeriCorps programs and activities.

**1 Partner:** An organization in the community where your members serve, that collaborates in some way with your service location or members. In this survey, partners are not the actual service locations or members; rather they are an outside organization that collaborates to some extent with the AmeriCorps program or AmeriCorps members. This collaboration could be coordinating activities or services or any other support. Partner organizations could be non profit, religious, public, or a private business.

As part of this study, we are contacting grantees like yourself, as well as a statistically representative sample of grantee service locations. The sites were chosen at random. At the end of this survey, we will ask you for contact information for one or more of your sites where members are serving. We will send a different version of this survey to each site. We will send the sites an introductory letter to this study, and you will also be invited to inform your sites that they have been invited to participate.

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\*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.

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## 1. When you first applied for your AmeriCorps grant, how important were each of the following goals?

	Not important	Somewhat important	Important	Very Important	Extremely important
Increase organizational capacity (planning, research, fundraising)	n	n	n	n	n
Increase capacity to provide direct service	m	m	m	m	m
Increase involvement of community residents in your program	n	n	n	n	n
Enhance volunteer recruitment, management and training	m	m	m	m	m
Develop or strengthen partnerships with other organizations in the community	n	n	n	n	n
Identify and raise awareness of community issues or concerns	m	m	m	m	m
Other (please explain)	l j	l j	l j	l j	l j

## 2. How many service locations do you have where AmeriCorps members are serving? Service location refers to individual site, not a geographic area.

1servicelocation

Morethan1servicelocation

### **3.As the different service locations where your members are placed implement your AmeriCorps program model, how uniform are they in the ways they engagecommunitymembers?**

mLj Each siteengagescommunity membersinitsownway

mLj Sitesmoreorlessfollow thesamegeneralapproach, butusetheirownspecificapproaches

mLj Allsitesengagecommunitymembersinthesameway

mLj Don'tknow

### **4.As the different service locations where your members are placed implement your AmeriCorps program model, how uniform are they in the ways they engageotherorganizationsaspartners?**

mLj Each siteengagespartners initsownway

mLj Sitesmoreorlessfollow thesamegeneralapproach, butusetheirownspecificapproaches

mLj Allsitesengagepartnersinthesameway

mLj Don'tknow

**5. Do you communicate directives, procedures, or preferred practices to your sites for engaging community members, either as volunteers or interested stakeholders?**

Yes

No

If yes, briefly describe these approaches

**6. Do you communicate directives, procedures, or preferred practices to your sites for engaging other organizations as partners?**

Yes

No

If yes, briefly describe these approaches

## 7. Thinking about your AmeriCorps program operations and services, how important are the following to your success?

	Not important	Somewhat important	Important	Very important	Extremely important
Involvement of community members as volunteers	nm 1k	n	n	n	n
Involvement of community members as interested stakeholders	m 1j	m	m	m	m
Collaboration with community partner organizations	nm 1k	n	n	n	n

YourOrganization

**8. Please select your organization from the following list. This is the organization to which your AmeriCorps grant is funded.**

[Organization NAME from question 8 included here]

**9. The following service location was randomly selected to participate in this survey. Please provide contact details for the following operating sites:**

**Note: If you are the primary contact, please enter your own contact information to participate in the service locations survey at a later date.**

**Operating Site Name**  
**Address**

**Name:**

**Email Address:**

**Phone Number**