

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (AMERICORPS)

Fall 2024 Statement of Regulatory Priorities

OVERVIEW

The Corporation for National and Community Service, operating as AmeriCorps, is the Federal agency for national service and volunteerism. AmeriCorps provides opportunities for individuals to address some the nation’s most pressing challenges, improve lives and communities, and strengthen civic engagement. AmeriCorps offers individuals and organizations flexible ways to make a local and lasting impact through its programs, such as AmeriCorps State and National, AmeriCorps VISTA, AmeriCorps NCCC, the Volunteer Generation Fund, and AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP, Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and Senior Demonstration programs. AmeriCorps also supports volunteerism through the national 9/11 Day of Service and Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service. AmeriCorps’ authorizing statutes and regulations provide the necessary legal framework for its programs. AmeriCorps’ regulatory priorities are guided by its Strategic Plan (available at americorps.gov/about/agency-overview/strategic-plan) and Administration priorities.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AMERICORPS’ REGULATORY PLAN

This Regulatory Plan provides highlights of AmeriCorps’ upcoming regulatory actions. Please refer to AmeriCorps’ Semiannual Regulatory Agenda for the full spectrum of AmeriCorps’ upcoming regulatory actions.

Among other objectives, AmeriCorps’ Strategic Plan establishes a goal of partnering with communities to alleviate poverty, advance racial equity, and eliminate barriers to serve communities in need. This past year, AmeriCorps finalized updates two regulatory actions in further support of partnering with communities to alleviate poverty, advance racial equity, and eliminate barriers to serve communities in need. First, AmeriCorps State and National Updates (3045-AA84) provides additional programmatic and grantmaking flexibilities, including waivers and exceptions for individuals who may benefit from additional education and training, such as those reentering society after a period of incarceration, to participate in national service while acquiring skills and knowledge to ease their transition into the workplace. Second, AmeriCorps finalized updates to its AmeriCorps Seniors regulations (3045-AA81) to remove barriers to service for individuals, particularly for low-income individuals, and increasing flexibility for sponsors to determine the best mix of resources to accomplish project goals.

This coming year, AmeriCorps will build upon this work to seek comment on the need for maintaining existing restrictions on the operation of AmeriCorps Seniors programs (3045-AA91). AmeriCorps will also focus on modernizing its regulations to remove unnecessary, outdated regulations (3045-AA88) and consolidate its regulations into one chapter, chapter XXV, of title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations (3045-AA85).

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