### Strategic Grant Characteristics

Legal Applicant Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

AmeriCorps Program Name: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***I’ve reviewed our AmeriCorps grant application and confirm that our proposal meets the grant characteristics selected below.***

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Signature of Authorized Applicant Representative Date

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Print Name Title of Person Signing

**State Grant Characteristics:** Check all state grant characteristics that apply to your program and include supporting information as requested below.

This application addresses:

[ ]  Unmet needs in the disaster services focus area, specifically activities relating to drought relief efforts such as services to improve water efficiency, mitigate drought-related economic hardships**,** and educate Californians on water conservation and the drought.

[ ]  Unmet needs for veterans and military families.

[ ]  Unmet needs in the economic opportunity focus area.

[ ]  Unmet needs in the bottom five California neighborhood clusters with the lowest American Human Development Index for California (insert name, address, and number of members dedicated to service sites in one of the following neighborhood clusters:

1. Tulare County: Visalia, Tulare, Porterville
2. Kern County: Bakersfield
3. Los Angeles County: Huntington Park, Florence-Graham and Walnut Park
4. Los Angeles County: Southeast/East Vermont (Los Angeles City)
5. Los Angeles County: South Central/Watts

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| **County** | **Neighborhood Cluster** | **Name & Address of Service Site**(Insert rows as needed to add additional sites) | **# Members Dedicated** |
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[ ]  Unmet needs in one or more of the following counties that currently have no AmeriCorps state members serving (insert the name, address, and number of members dedicated to each site in the following counties): Merced, Stanislaus, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, San Joaquin, Sutter, and Ventura.

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| **County** | **Name & Address of Service Site**(Insert rows as needed to add additional sites) | **# Members Dedicated** |
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[ ]  Other unmet community needs (not listed above).

### Strategic Grant Characteristics Cont’d

**Federal Grant Characteristics:** Check all grant characteristics that apply to the proposed program.Only select characteristics that represent a significant part of the program focus, high quality program design, and outcomes.

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| **√** | **Grant Characteristics** | **Definition** |
| [ ]  | Disaster Services | Improving community resiliency through disaster preparation, response, recovery, and mitigation |
| [ ]  | Economic Opportunity | Increasing economic opportunities for communities by engaging opportunity youth, either as the population served and/or as AmeriCorps members |
| [ ]  | Education | Improving student academic performance in Science, Technology, Engineering, and/or Mathematics (STEM) |
| [ ]  | Environment | Registered organization dedicated to completing high quality, cost effective projects on public and tribal lands and waters across the nation. |
| [ ]  | Healthy Futures | Reducing and/or Preventing Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse |
| [ ]  | Veterans and Military Families | Positively impacting the quality of life of veterans and improving military family strength |
| [ ]  | My Brother’s Keeper | Programming that supports My Brother’s Keeper initiative launched by President Obama to address persistent opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color and ensure that all young people can reach their full potential. |
| [ ]  | Multi-focus Intermediaries | Multi-focus intermediaries that demonstrate measureable impact and primarily serve communities with limited resources and organizational infrastructure. i.e. rural and other underserved communities.  |
| [ ]  | Safer Communities | Activities that focus on public safety, preventing and mitigating civil unrest, and/or partnerships between police and community. |
| [ ]  | Encore Programs | Service programs that engage a significant number of participants age 55 or older |
| [ ]  | AmeriCorps Member Population - Communities of Color | American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, or Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander |
| [ ]  | AmeriCorps Member Population - Low-income Individuals | People who receive or meet the income eligibility requirements to receive TANF, Food Stamps (SNAP), Medicaid, SCHIP or Section 8 housing assistance |
| [ ]  | AmeriCorps Member Population - Native Americans | People having origins in any of the indigenous peoples of the United States and who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment. In this context, "Native American" is synonymous with "American Indian," "Alaska Native," and includes all members of federally-recognized tribes. |
| [ ]  | AmeriCorps Member Population - New Americans | People who acquired U.S. citizenship or became lawful permanent residents within the past three years |
| [ ]  | AmeriCorps Member Population - Older Americans | People ages 65 or older |
| [ ]  | AmeriCorps Member Population - People with Disabilities | People with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities; has a record of such an impairment; or is regarded as having such an impairment |
| [ ]  | AmeriCorps Member Population - Rural Residents | People from non-urban and non-suburban towns and communities (often defined by Beale codes 6, 7, 8 or 9) |
| [ ]  | AmeriCorps Member Population - Veterans, Active Military, or their Families | People who previously served in the active military, naval, or air service and were discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable. National Guard members and reservists, and wounded warriors are considered in this category |
| [ ]  | AmeriCorps Member Population - economically disadvantaged young adults/opportunity youth | Young people ages 16-24 who are receiving or meet the income eligibility requirements to receive: TANF, Food Stamps (SNAP), Medicaid, SCHIP, Section 8 housing assistance. |
| [ ]  | Geographic Focus - Rural | Non-urban and non-suburban towns and communities (often defined by Beale codes 6, 7, 8 or 9) |
| [ ]  | Geographic Focus - Urban | Densely populated areas or neighborhoods within large cities |
| [ ]  | Community Based Organizations | Any non-profit with fewer than 5 FTE and a budget for the community-service program of $300,000 or less. |
| [ ]  | Faith Based Organizations | An organization, program, or project sponsored/hosted by a religious congregation, organization, or non-profit with a religious mission. |
| [ ]  | SIG/Priority Schools | Schools that have received awards from the US Dept. of Education under the School Improvement Grants (SIG) program and are implementing one of the SIG school intervention models. Priority school: A school identified by a state educational agency as among the lowest-performing schools in the State and that has received approval from the US Dept. of Education of its request for Elementary and Secondary Education Act flexibility. |