**2023 AmeriCorps State Funding Opportunity FAQ** – Updated 10/10/22

1. Will an application be considered more competitive if it has budgeted a higher than minimum match amount?
   1. All applications that meet the minimum match requirement are considered compliant. However, we encourage applicants to consider the true costs of running an AmeriCorps program; many programs budget approximately 50% match.
2. What is the average number of AmeriCorps members assigned to an organization or project?
   1. Applicants must allot at least 20 MSY to their project. The number of AmeriCorps members per grantee varies greatly depending on geographic reach (statewide, regional, local), community need, and applicant capacity.
3. Does the 424 Face Sheet count in the total page limit?
   1. No, the 424 Face Sheet is not included in the page limit. The narrative page limit begins with Executive Summary and ends with Budget Adequacy; Budget Adequacy should be at the top of page 11.
4. Do we follow GSA guidelines on allowable lodging rates?
   1. Applicants may leverage their organization's lodging rate requirements and documented policy. These rates should be within the federal limits and be reasonable.
5. This is my first year doing this process and I want to understand the cost of MSY $23,000 allocated but minimum living allowance is $25,500 so would the $2500 over for each member plus the cost of benefits and FICA and all that be covered by In-kind?
   1. Applicants must cover any additional program costs beyond the $23,000 with match funding, which can be either cash or in-kind.
6. I was told if you offer an enhanced benefit (higher stipend, misc.) that there is a possibility to get a higher MSY (up to $28,500). Would we put this in the budget?
   1. All applicants for this funding opportunity are limited to $23,000 cost per MSY.
7. Is there a maximum of how much funding we can ask for from federal and state?
   1. This funding opportunity is only for federal funding. The maximum request is $23,000 cost per MSY.