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AmeriCorps School Turnaround Grants: Applicants in Pennsylvania

Additional Information from PennSERVE: The Governor's Office of Citizen Service and State Commission for Pennsylvania Americorps Funding

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This supplemental document is provided to assist applicants who are applying for the AmeriCorps School Turnaround Grant. All applicants in Pennsylvania will be applying directly to the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). In addition to this guidance, please refer to the 2013 School Turnaround AmeriCorps Notice of Federal Funding Opportunity (NOFA), Application Instructions, and the AmeriCorps Regulations, 45 CFR §§ 2520-2550. This supplemental guidance outlines the special requirements needed to apply directly to CNCS that are not outlined in the NOFA or the application instructions.
http://www.nationalservice.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa_detail.asp?tbl_nofa_id=100

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Important Information

PennSERVE will NOT be serving as the applicant for funding. All interested applicants in Pennsylvania must apply directly to the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS, or "the Corporation") via the e-Grants system. If you do not already have an e-Grants account, PennSERVE strongly recommends that you begin that process immediately. The School Turnaround grant application will be available in e-Grants after March 8.

Notice of Intent to Apply

You must notify the Corporation of your intent to apply by April 2. Failure to submit a Notice of Intent to Apply will render an applicant ineligible to apply. Notifications should be sent by e-mail to americorpsgrants@cns.gov SUBJECT: School Turnaround AmeriCorps Notice of Intent. CNCS will not consider notifications received after the deadline. The Notice of Intent to Apply should include the name of the applicant organization, address, contact person, e-mail address, and phone number. Applicants should state the type of grant (reimbursement or EAP) for which they intend to apply.

Application Deadline and Submission

All applications are due by 5 p.m. on April 23. Applicants must submit their applications electronically via the CNCS web-based system, e-Grants. In e-Grants, before starting Section I, the applicant must select the applicable NOFO name. Select one of the following:

- School Turnaround AmeriCorps **State Competitive Direct** FY 2013
- School Turnaround AmeriCorps **State Competitive Direct EAP** FY 2013

CNCS will not consider applications received after the deadline except as noted in the NOFA. CNCS reserves the right to extend the submission deadline and any notice of such extended deadline will be posted in e-Grants.

Submitting Required Supporting Documents

In addition to the application submitted in e-Grants, applicants are required to provide supporting documents as described in the NOFA and application instructions. Documents must be emailed by the application deadline to americorpsgrants@cns.gov SUBJECT: School Turnaround AmeriCorps and reference the legal applicant's name and e-Grants Application ID. Include the name of the document and organization in the file name. Letter(s) of support should be submitted as a single document and not multiple files.

Collaboration with PennSERVE

PennSERVE will be asked to weigh in on all applications from Pennsylvania; therefore, it is in applicants' best interest to make PennSERVE aware of their grant application and to send at minimum the executive summary of proposed grant activities to pennserve@pa.gov. Please see the Required Collaboration section for more information.

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Grant Eligibility

There are three categories for eligibility under this grant:

Tier I and Tier II schools that are receiving SIG funds to implement one of the four SIG models: Schools in Pennsylvania receiving School Improvement Grant funding through any of the previously funded cohorts are eligible for this grant. The complete list can be found at the bottom of this document.

Tier I and Tier II schools that, at the time of the applicant's application submission, have been formally notified that they will receive SIG funds to implement a SIG model in the 2013-2014 school year: Per the PA Department of Education, this information will not be made available until June 2013, well after the School Turnaround grant application due date. Therefore, this category of eligibility does not apply to PA.

Priority schools that are implementing in the 2012-2013 schools year or will implement in the 2013-2014 school year interventions aligned with the ESEA flexibility turnaround principles: This applies only to states that have received an ESEA Flexibility Waiver, which Pennsylvania does not have. Therefore, this category of eligibility does not apply to PA.

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Grant Activities

As stated in the NOFA, applicants are required to select at least one CNCS National Performance Measure that will be met through the grant's activities. These measures can be found on page 28 of the NOFA. CNCS has also published performance measure information specific to the School Turnaround Grant opportunity, which can be found here.

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Grant Budget

Information on submitted an AmeriCorps Budget can be found in the Assistance in Applying link below, and on pages 27 – 42 of the Application Instructions.

Applicants should include funds in their budget for travel for staff and site staff to attend CNCS-sponsored technical assistance meetings. There are two to three such opportunities per year, including the Financial Management Institute and the Annual Grantee Meeting in Washington, DC in the fall.

Applicants that plan to request an alternative match schedule must submit a request by the application deadline. Submit requests to ACAlternateMatchScheduleRequests@cns.gov, SUBJECT: School Turnaround AmeriCorps.

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Required Collaboration

The School Turnaround grant initiative is a joint effort between the U.S. Department of Education and the Corporation for Community and National service; as such, the peer review process conducted by CNCS to award funding will involve individuals from both of these disciplines.

Applicants should show a strong collaboration between partners, including school districts, individual schools within that district, and any partners that may be administering the AmeriCorps funding. If a school district has more than one SIG-awarded school, a district-wide grant approach that includes all eligible schools will be accepted. An approach involving collaboration among several school districts will also be accepted.

Collaboration with PennSERVE

CNCS expects applicants to consult and coordination with their state commission. Applicants must:

- Contact PennSERVE with information about their grant application. At a minimum, applicants must inform PennSERVE of the entity that will be applying, all partners, and must provide the executive summary as outlined on pg. 10 of the Application Instructions
- Contact PennSERVE in a timely manner before application submission to CNCS, and describe this consultation in their application
- Provide PennSERVE, in a timely manner, with contact information after grants are awarded, and update this on an annual basis
- Participate in PennSERVE's annual needs assessment, training plan development, state service plan development, as well as other appropriate trainings and events
- Include PennSERVE on mailing lists and invite staff to appropriate trainings and other events

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Information for Current AmeriCorps Grantees

If we have submitted a 2013-2014 funding application, may we apply for School Turnaround grant funding?

Yes, all currently funded AmeriCorps programs and those applying for 2013-2014 funding may partner with an eligible school to provide a grant application.

Can my application for the school turnaround grant include the same activities that I am proposing in other funding applications?

As with other AmeriCorps grants, you may not submit an application to fund a project that is considered to be the same as another project. Per the Corporation's Application Instructions, two projects will be considered the same if they:

- Address the same issue areas.
- Address the same priorities.
- Address the same objectives.
- Serve the same target communities and population.
- Utilize the same sites.
- Use the same program staff and members.

If we are in the 2013-2014 competitive process for AmeriCorps funding, will we be competing against ourselves?

No; the School Turnaround competition and the '13-'14 funding competition are being conducted entirely independent of one another.

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Technical Assistance

PennSERVE strongly encourages all organizations interested in this grant opportunity to register for and attend the Technical Assistance calls hosted by CNCS on March 12 and March 26. These calls typically review basic information and then open the phone lines for questions. As different questions may be received on each call, applicants are encouraged to listen to both calls. Registration is limited. Playback of the sessions will be available.

http://www.nationalservice.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa_detail.asp?tbl_nofa_id=100#TTA

Additional Questions

For more information on AmeriCorps Performance Measures, preparing an AmeriCorps budget, and general program start-up, please visit this page:

http://www.nationalservice.gov/pdf/resources_ac_grant_apps.pdf

Questions regarding this grant opportunity should be addressed directly to the Corporation, as PennSERVE is not accepting applications for the School Turnaround grant. See page 27 of the grant NOFA for contact information; grantees will use the same contact information that is provided for questions regarding multi-state applications.

All correspondence to PennSERVE regarding this grant, including general questions about AmeriCorps programs, specific questions regarding this grant opportunity, and grantees' efforts to make PennSERVE aware of their application should be sent to pennserve@pa.gov.

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List of Eligible Schools

Cohort	LEA Name	School Name	Tier	SIG Model
3	Albert Gallatin Area SD	Albert Gallatin AHS	2	Transformation
1	Allentown City School District	Central Elementary School	1	Transformation
1	Allentown City School District	Harrison-Morton Middle School	2	Transformation
1	Allentown City School District	Francis D Raub Middle School	2	Transformation
1	Allentown City School District	William Allen High School	2	Transformation
1	Allentown City School District	Louis E Dieruff High School	2	Transformation
1	Allentown City School District	Trexler Middle School	2	Transformation
2	ALLENTOWN CITY SD	SOUTH MOUNTAIN MS	2	Transformation
2	BIG BEAVER FALLS AREA SD	BEAVER FALLS AREA SHS	2	Transformation
1	Central Dauphin School District	Central Dauphin East Senior High School	2	Transformation
3	Corry Area SD	Corry Area HS	2	Transformation
1	Duquesne City School District	Duquesne Consolidated School	1	Transformation
2	ERIE CITY SD	EAST SHS	2	Transformation
2	ERIE CITY SD	STRONG VINCENT HS	2	Transformation
3	Greater Johnstown SD	Greater Johnstown MS	2	Transformation
2	HARDY WILLIAMS ACADEMY CS	HARDY WILLIAMS ACADEMY CS	2	Restart
1	Harrisburg City School District	Career Technology Academy	1	Closure
2	HARRISBURG CITY SD	CAMP CURTIN SCH	1	Transformation
2	HARRISBURG CITY SD	FOOSE SCH	1	Transformation
2	HARRISBURG CITY SD	ROWLAND SCH	1	Transformation
2	HARRISBURG CITY SD	SCOTT SCH EARLY CHILDHOOD CTR	1	Transformation
2	HARRISBURG CITY SD	HARRISBURG HS	2	Transformation
2	HIGHLANDS SD	HIGHLANDS SHS	2	Transformation
2	LA ACADEMIA-THE PARTNERSHIP CHARTER SCHOOL	LA ACADEMIA-THE PARTNERSHIP CHARTER SCHOOL	2	Transformation
1	Lancaster School District	Hand Middle School	2	Turnaround

1	Lancaster School District	Reynolds Middle School	2	Transformation
1	Lancaster School District	Mccaskey Campus	2	Transformation
2	LANCASTER SD	PRICE EL SCH	1	Transformation
2	LANCASTER SD	WHEATLAND MS	2	Transformation
3	Lebanon SD	Lebanon HS	2	Transformation
1	Mckeesport Area School District	Mckeesport Area Senior High School	2	Transformation
1	Mount Union Area School District	Mount Union Area Senior High School	2	Transformation
2	NEW HOPE ACADEMY CS	NEW HOPE ACADEMY CS	2	Transformation
2	NORRISTOWN AREA SD	NORRISTOWN AREA HS	2	Transformation
1	Penn Hills School District	Penn Hills Senior High School	2	Transformation
2	PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE CS	PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE CS	2	Transformation
1	Perseus House Charter School Of Excellence	Perseus House Charter School Of Excellence	1	Transformation
1	Philadelphia City School District	William F Harrity School	1	Restart
1	Philadelphia City School District	Alcorn James School	1	Transformation
1	Philadelphia City School District	William B Mann School	1	Restart
1	Philadelphia City School District	Feltonville Intermediate School	1	Transformation
1	Philadelphia City School District	Franklin Smedley School	1	Restart
1	Philadelphia City School District	Stephen A Douglas School	2	Restart
1	Philadelphia City School District	Bluford Guion Elementary School	1	Restart
1	Philadelphia City School District	Samuel Fels High School	1	Transformation
1	Philadelphia City School District	William L Sayre Middle School	1	Transformation
1	Philadelphia City School District	John B Stetson Middle School	2	Restart
1	Philadelphia City School District	Vaux Roberts High School	1	Turnaround
1	Philadelphia City School District	Roxborough High School	1	Transformation
1	Philadelphia City School District	Abraham Lincoln High School	1	Transformation
1	Philadelphia City School District	Edison High School - Fareira Skills	1	Transformation
1	Philadelphia City School District	Frankford High School	1	Transformation
1	Philadelphia City School	Germantown High School	1	Transformation

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1	Philadelphia City School District	Simon Gratz High School	1	Transformation
1	Philadelphia City School District	South Philadelphia High School	1	Transformation
1	Philadelphia City School District	West Philadelphia High School	1	Transformation
1	Philadelphia City School District	Alain Locke School	1	Transformation
1	Philadelphia City School District	Clymer George School	1	Transformation
1	Philadelphia City School District	Allen Dr. Ethel School	1	Turnaround
1	Philadelphia City School District	University City High School	1	Turnaround
1	Philadelphia City School District	Martin Luther King School	1	Transformation
1	Philadelphia City School District	Daroff Samuel School	1	Restart
1	Philadelphia City School District	Clemente Roberto Middle School	2	Turnaround
3	Philadelphia City SD	Grover Cleveland School	1	Restart
2	PHILADELPHIA CITY SD	BARRY COMM JOHN SCH	1	Turnaround
2	PHILADELPHIA CITY SD	KELLEY WILLIAM D SCH	1	Transformation
2	PHILADELPHIA CITY SD	OLNEY CHARTER HS	1	Restart
2	PHILADELPHIA CITY SD	FURNESS HORACE HS	2	Transformation
2	PHILADELPHIA CITY SD	PENN TREATY MS	2	Transformation
1	Philadelphia Montessori Charter School	Philadelphia Montessori Charter School	1	Transformation
1	Pittsburgh School District	Langley High School	2	Transformation
1	Pittsburgh School District	Perry Traditional Academy	2	Transformation
1	Pittsburgh School District	Westinghouse High School	2	Transformation
1	Pittsburgh School District	Oliver High School	2	Transformation
1	Pittsburgh School District	Arthur J Rooney Middle School	2	Closure
1	Pittsburgh School District	M L King Elementary School	1	Transformation
1	Pittsburgh School District	Brashear High School	2	Transformation
2	PITTSBURGH SD	FAISON HELEN S ARTS ACADEMY	2	Turnaround
1	Southeast Delco School District	Academy Park High School	2	Transformation
1	Steelton-Highspire School District	Steelton-Highspire High School	2	Turnaround
1	Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District	Turkeyfoot Valley Area Junior/Senior High School	2	Transformation
2	UPPER DARBY SD	CHARLES KELLY EL SCH	1	Transformation
2	UPPER DARBY SD	UPPER DARBY SHS	2	Transformation
1	West Philadelphia	West Philadelphia Achievement	1	Transformation

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1	William Penn School District	Penn Wood Middle School	2	Transformation
1	William Penn School District	Penn Woods High School--Green Avenue Campus	2	Transformation
1	William Penn School District	Park Lane Elementary School	1	Transformation
3	William Penn SD	Alden ES	1	Transformation
2	WILLIAMSPORT AREA SD	WILLIAMSPORT AREA SHS	2	Transformation
3	York City SD	Edgar Fahs MS	2	Closure
3	York City SD	Hannah Penn MS	2	Closure
3	York City SD	McKinley ES	1	Transformation
3	York City SD	William Penn HS	2	Transformation