

The New York State Commission on National & Community Service Seeks Application Reviewers

The New York State Commission on National and Community Service has released its Request for Proposals (RFP #1188), NYS AmeriCorps State and National 2025-26 Competitive Pool. The Commission expects to receive applications in response to this RFP by December 17, 2024. The Commission seeks reviewers who are available for a review period between December 18-20, 2024. Reviewers will work as members of a team to perform the review. Reviewers will be trained, and the review will be facilitated by Commission staff.

All reviews will occur remotely, and training, individual and team review will be facilitated via Webex. The Commission will provide a \$150 fee per each proposal reviewed and scored. Reimbursement for travel will be provided.

The Commission seeks grant reviewers with relevant professional experience, including, but not limited to, one or more of the following fields:

- Non-profit management
- AmeriCorps program management
- Education and/or experience in social work, non-profit management, or related fields
- Government/philanthropic grants management

Reviewers with knowledge of New York State's diverse communities (including geography and ethnicity) and AmeriCorps alumni who completed service before December 31, 2021, are welcomed to apply.

The Commission **cannot** engage the following persons as reviewers at this time:

- Anyone working directly with, or serving on a board of, an agency that is currently operating a New York State AmeriCorps program.
- Anyone working directly with, or serving on a board of, an agency that plans to apply for New York State AmeriCorps funding.
- Anyone who has, or would have, a personal interest in the upcoming New York State Commission on National and Community Services funding decisions, whether programmatic or financial.

Reviewers can expect to learn about AmeriCorps and grantmaking through participation in this process.

Those interested should send a resume to the New York State Commission on National and Community Service via email only to NewYorkers.Volunteer@ocfs.ny.gov **no later than December 11, 2024.**

Please put "Call for Reviewers" in the subject line. Approximately 4 - 6 individuals will be selected dependent upon the number of proposals received. Selections will be made based upon relevant experience and knowledge of the subject matter of the RFP. Commission staff will contact those selected as reviewers prior to December 13, 2024*.

**All grant reviewers selected must agree that, in the event of a protest to the bid and/or any litigation resulting therefrom, the grant reviewers will, upon request, cooperate with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) in the response to the bid protest or defense of any ensuing litigation, should OCFS need the assistance of the bid reviewers for those purposes.*