



Salt Lake County's Most Vulnerable Populations (MVP) AmeriCorps Program

Application Period: September 01, 2026 – September 30, 2026

Notice of Funding Opportunity: 2027 Salt Lake County Most Vulnerable Populations AmeriCorps Program

Program Overview: Salt Lake County's Most Vulnerable Populations AmeriCorps Program is a State and National Grant program focused on Capacity Building in areas of Economic Opportunity and Health Access. The program places AmeriCorps members in community organizations to support vulnerable populations, including, but not limited to, individuals and families at risk of, formally or currently experiencing homelessness, those that have fled or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, refugees, youth, and those involved in the criminal justice system.

AmeriCorps members provide essential services such as housing and job placement, system navigation, healthcare assistance, volunteer recruitment, and more, directly impacting the individuals and families they serve.

Benefits of Becoming a Host Site:

Increased Capacity: By becoming a host agency, your organization gains additional hands-on support from AmeriCorps members, allowing you to expand services and enhance your ability to serve the community more effectively.

Support Network: As a host agency, you will receive comprehensive support from the Salt Lake County AmeriCorps Director, including assistance with recruitment and guidance on member management, ensuring a successful and impactful partnership.

Why Host an AmeriCorps Member?

- **Enhance your organization's capacity** to better serve the community.
- **Reduce barriers and bridge service gaps** for vulnerable populations.
- **Gain fresh perspectives and energy** from innovative students and individuals.
- **Build a pipeline for future talent**, strengthening your workforce.
- **Inspire and mentor** the next generation of young professionals dedicated to making a difference.

The MVP AmeriCorps Program also meets internship requirements, making it an excellent opportunity for students seeking hands-on experience in these fields.

Ideal for Students in Fields Such As: * Social Work/Services * Social Justice * Sociology * Psychology * Humanities * Public Health * Public relations * Non-profit Management * Anyone interested in Community and Social Impact

Salt Lake County AmeriCorps Host Agency Solicitation For Salt Lake County's Office of Homelessness and Criminal Justice Reform (OHCJR)

Salt Lake County (SLCo), on behalf of its Office of Homelessness and Criminal Justice Reform (OHCJR), is inviting qualified organizations (hereafter referred to as "host agencies") to apply for the placement of AmeriCorps members under the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) Program. This solicitation seeks additional host agencies for the program year beginning in January 2027.

SLCo MVP has available slots for 12-month AmeriCorps terms of service.

Half-Time (900 Hours over 12 months, 18-20 hours/week)

Host Site Cost per Member Slot: \$8,800

AmeriCorps Program Overview:

AmeriCorps is a federal agency that mobilizes individuals to address the nation's most pressing challenges through service and volunteering. AmeriCorps members are placed in organizations dedicated to community improvement, helping make service a foundational value in our national culture.

AmeriCorps Members:

- **AmeriCorps Members Role:** Members are individuals enrolled for a specific term of service within an AmeriCorps program and engaged in National Service, distinct from volunteers or employees. They play a key role in addressing unmet community needs through direct service or capacity-building activities. These positions are direct service positions.
- **Living Allowance & Benefits:** Members receive a bi-weekly living allowance paid through Salt Lake County. Members receive access to Member Assistance Program and may be eligible for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program during their term of service.
- **Education Award:** Upon successfully completing their term of service, members are eligible for the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award, which can be used toward educational expenses or student loans. While serving members may also be eligible for forbearance on qualified student loans. When the member earns an Education award AmeriCorps will also pay interest on the qualified student loan.

Salt Lake County MVP AmeriCorps Program will be hosting a **2027 Program Information Session** on **Wednesday, September 9th** from **10:00 am- 11:00 am**.

Join Program Information meeting here:

<https://slco.webex.com/slco/j.php?MTID=m60e22a905c33e2b2940bfe9e3265b968>

2027 MVP Application Process & Submission

If your organization is currently participating in the 2026 MVP AmeriCorps program and either plans to keep the same number of members or increase the number of members assigned to already approved positions, you may not be required to complete the full application. However, in both cases, you will need to complete the application checklist.

Organizations that are new to the program, or current organizations that intend to modify existing position descriptions or propose new positions, are required to complete both the full application and the checklist.

Please review the guidance below to determine which application process applies to your organization.

Application Questionnaire for First-Time Applicants

OR

Organizations **modifying existing positions** or **proposing new ones**

The application consists of **two (2) required components**:

1. Fillable PDF Document

Covers:

- Program qualifications
- Supervisor Experience
- Relevant AmeriCorps/volunteer experience
- Proposed service approach
- Expected outcomes
- Budget outcomes

2. Program Summary

Completed via Submission Form

Includes basic program information such as:

- Contact details
- Number of AmeriCorps members being requested
- Upload section for the completed **Application Questionnaire**

How to Submit:

Complete the Application Questionnaire and Checklist and submit the following:

✓ 2027 Application Questionnaire and Checklist here: [2027 Most Vulnerable Populations Checklist and Application](#)

✓ 2027 Program Year Submission Form here: [2027 Program Year Application Submission Form](#)

Organizations **currently hosting 2026 MVP members** may be eligible for a simplified reapplication process.

If your organization **does not plan to:**

- Modify any **existing position descriptions**, or
- Propose any **new positions**, or
- is requesting to **increase the number of members** assigned to already approved positions

→ You **are not required to complete the full application process.**

Instead, you must complete and submit the following:

✓ **Returning Applicant Checklist** here: [2027 Program year Returning Applicant Checklist](#)

✓ The completed **Returning Applicant Checklist** should be uploaded as an attachment to the **2026 Program Year Submission Form** here: [2027 Program Year Application Submission Form](#)

If you are interested in becoming a host agency and providing impactful placement opportunities for AmeriCorps members, please submit your application within the specified timeline.

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For further information, a **Program Overview** is available here: [SLCo Most Vulnerable Populations AmeriCorps program](#)

Deadline & Projected Schedule

Application Deadline:

- The application must be submitted via Submission form by **Wednesday, September 30, 2026**
- If a documented issue from SLCo staff affects the ability of applicants to access the electronic submission system (SmartSheet), the Committee reserves the right to adjust the deadline as necessary.
- It is the agency's responsibility to confirm that the proposal is received by **September 30, 2026**. A confirmation email will be sent upon receipt of the proposal. If your agency does not receive confirmation within 24 hours of submission, please contact Nicole Bernard at **nbernard@saltlakecounty.gov**.

Projected Schedule:

- **Application Due Date:** September 30, 2026
- **Anticipated Notice of Award:** October 9, 2026
- **Mandatory Host Agency Training:** November 03, 2026
- **Host Recruits and Interviews:** December- Ongoing
- **Member Service Begins:** January 2027

If you have any questions regarding the MVP AmeriCorps program or the application process, please feel free to contact me directly. I'm happy to provide guidance and answer any questions you may have.

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