

## **BASIS FOR CONSIDERING COSTS PER MSY ABOVE THE CORPORATION ESTABLISHED YEARLY AVERAGE FOR STATES**

**Policy:** It is the policy of Nevada Volunteers to consider applications from individual Nevada AmeriCorps programs that exceed the Corporation's yearly average established for all AmeriCorps programs awarded by Nevada Volunteers.

**Procedures:** In order to consider cost per MSYs above the average, Nevada Volunteers must first assess its full portfolio of existing programs and the individual cost per MSYs including any programs under the average. This will assist in determining the latitude of Nevada Volunteers to consider programs and number of positions above the average and the degree of costs per MSY above the average. This policy is reviewed annually as Nevada Volunteers prepares its Notice of Funding Opportunity.

After determining its latitude, Nevada Volunteers can then consider applications above the average or exceeding prior cost per MSY based on the following criteria:

*For New Applicants: Consideration of any or all of:*

- The resources and size of the applicant and if placing members at other sites, the resources of the sites;
- The need to provide adequate funding to assure sustainable development of a new program;
- The resources of the community in which the program proposes to serve;
- The program's location in a rural county per Beale codes or in an economically distressed county considering unemployment rates, per capita income and/or poverty rates;
- Location of applicant in an underserved area of the state as represented by AmeriCorps member serving; or
- Applicant proposing a service priority area for Nevada Volunteers

*For Continuing or Renewal Applicants increasing cost per MSY; Consideration of any or all of:*

- Significant changes (decrease) in funding of the applicant from fund-raising contributions, foundation support, grants and other sources impacting the applicant's funding of its AmeriCorps share of costs;

- The resources of the community in which it serves and sites where it places members and the impact on sites or applicant's capacity to continue to share in member or program costs at prior levels;
- consideration of increasing unemployment rates and deteriorating economic indicators impacting the state, county or location of program;
- Lack of adequate resources to expand a successful program and its impact to other sites and communities; or
- Grant performance during the last year or years

### **ALTERNATIVE MATCH**

In addition, Nevada Volunteers will consider for programs challenged in meeting increasing match levels starting in their 4<sup>th</sup> operating year, applying to the Corporation for match waiver and an alternative match schedule requiring a lower level of required match in accordance with the following criteria:

- The program demonstrates that it is either headquartered in a rural county or in a severely economically distressed community as defined in 45 CFR 2521.35-90.
- Also describe the efforts you have taken to raise the resources needed to meet the normal matching requirements