



Fiscal Year 2027 Talking Points

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- Voices for National Service recommends \$1.291 billion for the AmeriCorps agency in FY27 – a modest 2.99% increase to meet growing community needs, strengthen workforce outcomes, and rebuild service capacity in communities across the country.
- This includes targeted increases (up to 5%) for high-demand programs – including AmeriCorps State and National, AmeriCorps VISTA, AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP, State Commission Support Grants, and Days of Service – while maintaining level funding for other accounts.
- This approach would help restore the number of AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serving communities, strengthening the capacity of local organizations to address critical needs.
- The FY27 appropriations process is off to a strong start. In June 2026, the House Appropriations Committee completed the first major step by approving its FY27 Labor-HHS-Education funding bill, which includes \$1.22 billion for the AmeriCorps agency – a substantially stronger funding proposal than the House has advanced in recent years.
- While the House bill is only the first step in the appropriations process, it sends a strong bipartisan signal that Congress continues to recognize AmeriCorps as a high-impact, cost-effective investment that strengthens communities, develops workforce skills, and leverages local resources.
- Voices for National Service is encouraged by this strong opening position and believes Congress should build on this foundation as the House and Senate negotiate a final FY27 funding agreement.
- Bipartisan lawmakers have already called for protecting AmeriCorps and increasing funding in FY27 - an endorsement of the impact AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers deliver in local communities.
- This modest FY27 investment will ensure AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers can continue addressing critical locally-identified needs, supporting nonprofit organizations, and delivering measurable results in rural, suburban, and urban communities across the country.