



## Project Approval Criteria

AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) has outlined below the minimum requirements necessary for an organization's application to be approved by the NCCC leadership team. Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee the applicant will receive an NCCC team, but does allow the application to be recommended for service.

### Community Need

*Application demonstrates a compelling community need that the team's proposed project would address and the project scope is within the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) programs areas of Economic Opportunity, Education, Environment, Disaster Services, Healthy Futures, and Veteran's & Military Families.*

### Project Outcomes

*Application features clearly defined, quantitatively measurable outcomes, or results, outlining the impact of the team's service.*

### Work Plan

*Application has a detailed work plan for the proposed project including a weekly or monthly work schedule, or sample work schedule, of proposed work.*

### Orientation and Training Plan

*Application identifies skills needed for the project and includes a detailed orientation and training plan for the members to be successful during the project.*

### Site Supervision

*Application identifies a site supervisor that is committed to providing guidance, weekly planning, and supervision. The site supervisor will be accessible throughout the team's scheduled service and will supervise the team in-person at least 20 hours per week (more may be required, depending on the type of project).*

### Housing

*Application identifies housing that meets NCCC's standards (i.e. safe/secure/sanitary location, shower/bathroom facilities, kitchen for meal preparation, and parking for at least one 15-passenger van).*

### Member Development and Service Learning Opportunities

*Application outlines a thorough plan of the sponsor-provided opportunities for members to enhance their overall knowledge, acquire life skills, and gain an understanding of the value and role of their service.*

### Sustainability Plan

*Application has a strong sustainability plan for the continuation and/or maintenance of work performed after the team completes their assignment and after NCCC engagement.*

### Safety and Security

*Application shows evidence that the sponsor will support the safety and security of members at the project and housing sites, and will provide a security orientation to the team upon arrival.*

## Competitive Project Criteria

AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) has outlined below additional project criteria that extends beyond the minimum project requirements. This additional criterion is weighted and considered in the application review process. While meeting additional criteria will make your application more competitive, this does not guarantee the applicant will receive an NCCC team.

### **Additional Resources Provided**

*The applying organization can provide additional materials to offset costs to NCCC such as tools, meals, and laundry.*

### **Notable Community Integration or Exposure**

*The proposed project will allow for the team to integrate and interact directly with a large part of the community being served.*

### **Referral from a Key Stakeholder**

*The proposed project was developed in concert with political offices, CNCS State Offices or State Service Commissions, current or previous sponsoring organizations, NCCC alumni, current NCCC members or members of the Corps Network.*

### **Volunteer Leverage or Engagement**

*The proposed project allows members to support volunteer management efforts by engaging and leveraging additional volunteers on the project.*

### **Notable Diversity**

*The proposed project exposes NCCC members to diverse learning opportunities around topics such as culture, equity, gender, and race, as a direct result of their interactions with the community and the sponsoring organization.*

### **New Sponsoring Organization**

*The applicant is a new sponsoring organization that has never sponsored an NCCC team or has not sponsored a team in the last 3 years.*

### **Notable Publicity or Media Opportunities**

*The applicant demonstrates a capacity or willingness to highlight their potential partnership with NCCC through local media outlets, newspapers, or any outward-facing platform.*

### **Regional Geographic Priority**

*The geographic area of the proposed project is a target priority for the NCCC Region to serve. Geographic priorities are identified in collaboration with service partners in the state and change based on the evolving needs of the state.*

### **Regional Project Content Priority**

*The project's content addresses a need identified as a high priority by a state in that NCCC Region.*