



# Ohio AmeriCorps Check-In

April 6, 2020

Noon-1pm

Webinar



# Welcome!

- Please post your name in the chat box and share one fun thing you did over the weekend.
- Mary attempted to make soft pretzels and went on a late-night bike ride.



*ServeOhio strengthens communities through AmeriCorps and volunteer engagement.*



# Purpose

- Share updates from ServeOhio and CNCS
- Provide an opportunity to check-in and...
  - Ask questions
  - Share resources
  - Discuss challenges
- Other

# ServeOhio Updates

Staff teleworking until May 1

[Program Director Resources](#)

LeaderCorps

Welcome pictures/blogs/stories of members serving in response to COVID-19.

- [COVID-19 Information and Resources](#)
- Virtual Justice Talking Facilitation Tips
- Tips for Video Testimonials

- AmeriCorps Week follow-up coming soon
- LeaderCorps member webinar – April 15 at 2:30pm
- May date tbd

# CNCS and Federal Updates

- CARES Act
  - Members can earn full value\* of education award with CPC
  - Extends service for one year
  - Fixed Cost grant language regarding keeping “pro rata” amount of funds based on enrollment
- CNCS FAQ’s re CARES Act #20-#23.
  - <https://www.nationalservice.gov/coronavirus>
- Getting “some traction” on match waiver request



## FAQ #20

- Members served less than 15% of total hours - not eligible for a Partial Education Award with CPC
- Members served at least 15% but less than or equal to 50% of hours - will get a pro-rated Partial Education Award with a CPC.
  - Enter Actual Hours served and select they are eligible for a Partial Education Award.



## FAQ #20 and #21

- An AmeriCorps State and National member who has completed more than 50 percent [at least 51%] of the minimum number of hours required to successfully complete their Term of Service will be eligible to receive the full education award amount with a compelling personal circumstance exit related to COVID-19. Compelling personal circumstances are the determination of the AmeriCorps program. 45 CFR § 2522.230(a)(2).
- In eGrants, enter the REQUIRED MINIMUM NUMBER of hours for that member's slot type.
- Mark they are eligible for Partial Education Award



# COVID-19 CPC Exit Full Award Documentation

Programs will submit a report to ServeOhio:

1. Each member who was exited for a partial award for a compelling personal circumstance due to COVID-19
2. Their **NSPID** and actual hours served by the member,
3. Confirm that those hours were more than 50 percent of the minimum required hours for the Term of Service, and
4. The hours that were not served due to COVID-19 to equal the full hours reported on the member exit form.

Programs can export actual hours served from OnCorps to submit at the end of the program year and place in all member files



## FAQ #23

- Fixed grants whose program operations have been impacted by COVID-19 can draw down based on enrollment, just like an EAP (education award only program).
- Whatever the program would have drawn down in the event a member completed its term of service, can now be drawn down based on enrollment.
- There is no timing restriction from CNCS on this. You can draw down based on enrollment just like an EAP - the timing of the enrollment or exit does not matter.



# QUESTIONS?

- When is the Q2 GPR due?
  - There will be no Q2 GPR; the Q3 GPR will be due no later than July 15 and will include activities from January – June 2020.



# Resources/Challenges

- Anything to share -
  - What's working well?
  - What do you need now? Soon?
- Weekly calls to continue
- And don't forget to DOCUMENT, DOCUMENT, DOCUMENT and keep your Program Officers informed
  - [Ohio's Major Disaster Declaration](#)