

**2019-2020 AmeriCorps State Funding**

**Concept Paper**

***\*\*Final concept paper must not exceed specified word counts and page limits\*\****

Email completed concept paper and logic model to grants@serveminnesota.org.

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| **Fiscal Host Name:**  | **Program Name:**  |
| **Address:**  |
| **City:**  | **State:**  | **Zip Code:**  |

**Contact Person**

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| **Name:**  | **Title:**  |
| **Phone:**  | **Email:**  |

**Target population of service recipients**  **Geographic area of program**

**Type of AmeriCorps Program Number of MSYs (member service years/full-time equivalent)**

 MSYs:

**Number of members (please indicate FT, HT, etc.)**

1. Describe the community problem you are seeking to solve, demonstrating the severity of its impact and defining the affected populations. [200 words]

1. Why is your organization uniquely qualified, capable or positioned to solve this problem? [200 words]

1. Explain the role of AmeriCorps members in providing the solution. What will the organization accomplish that it would not otherwise accomplish through existing staff and/or volunteers? [200 words]

1. Describe how the activities of the AmeriCorps members engaged in your solution are evidence-based (e.g. based on research or backed by statistically significant evaluation findings) or evidence-informed (e.g. based on internal performance data, theory of change based on research). [200 words]

1. Describe how you will recruit AmeriCorps members from the geographic or demographic communities in which the program would operate. [200 words]

1. Describe how your organization will (a) ensure compliance with program rules, requirements and prohibited activities; (b) prevent, detect and correct compliance issues; (c) staff to ensure effective program and member management (please include supervisor: member ratios); and (d) leverage staff qualifications and experience to implement the program. [350 words]

1. Please complete the attached logic model, detailing how your program inputs and activities are related to your overall goals, and how these result in outputs (countable items, e.g. persons served) and changes in outcomes (impacts measured over the short-, intermediate- and long-term). [See Logic Model Template]