

Appendix B – Formula Funding Process – 2015-2016

Definitions: New programs are defined as programs that have not received AmeriCorps funding through Serve Wisconsin in the past three years. All other programs are considered Existing. New programs will not have performance data for consideration.

Minimum performance score of 80% of total points possible is required. Reaching the 80% minimum shall be inclusive of rounding to two places after the decimal point; therefore, a performance scoring percentage of 79.50% or above shall be considered to have met the 80% or above requirement. An application for a program that has a performance score of less than 80% of total points possible shall not be eligible for Formula funding. An exception to the 80% minimum shall apply to applicants proposing a new and not previously funded AmeriCorps project, and shall apply for the first three years the new-not previously funded project is funded. The exception for such new projects shall not preclude use of other criteria to determine appropriateness of funding such new projects.

Applicants submitting a request for a grant amount totaling 20 multiplied by the Wisconsin State Maximum Cost per MSY, or greater, will have their award amount considered at the level of 20 multiplied by the Wisconsin State Maximum Cost per MSY. The Board shall have discretion to increase or decrease the total amount awarded to an applicant based on availability of allocable funds and other considerations.

Formula funding will be determined by considering the following criteria:

Existing Programs

- Performance criteria*
 - Enrollment Rate
 - Retention Rate
 - 30-day enrollment compliance
 - 30-day exit compliance
 - Performance Measures Met/Unmet
 - Timely reporting
- Fit in Wisconsin's Formula Portfolio, including but not limited to:
 - Program Location
 - Program Focus
 - Cost Efficiency
 - Staff Capacity
 - Public or Private non-profit registered in Wisconsin
- Average Application Scores will be presented; however, a ranking by Average Application Scores alone will not be presented for Existing programs

Applications requesting a funding level greater than the cap amount and with performance scoring percentage of 98% or greater may be considered for funding above the cap up to the lower of their requested amount for 2015-2016 or their awarded amount for 2014-2015; expansions are excluded.

New Programs

- Average Application Score
- Fit in Wisconsin's Formula Portfolio, including but not limited to:
 - Program Location
 - Program Focus
 - Cost Efficiency
 - Staff Capacity

Additionally for Existing and New Programs

- The ranking of organizations that are approximately equal will be affected by:
 1. Youth Corps priority: The Board's interpretation is that, if two applicants are approximately equal in performance, the youth corps program would be given priority.
 2. Compliance issues: Depending on the severity and status of the compliance issue(s), this may cause an organization to be ranked lower than another. When considering compliance, the Board may take into consideration program/member attendance at statewide member events.
- Consideration may be given to the application's stated number of volunteers recruited, managed, supported per MSY.
- Formula funding criteria will generally be used to make supplemental Formula funding decisions.

* Up to 3 years of data may be considered, if available.