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## SERVE WISCONSIN

TO: WNCs Board Members  
From: Jeanne Duffy  
Date: September 8, 2020  
Re: **Seeking Approval to convert Program Grantees to Planning Grantees**

At the May 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting the Board approved two new programs, Marian University and Partners for Community Development.

Marian University proposed to have AmeriCorps members engage undergraduate student volunteers in service which addresses health, psychosocial, and economic needs of vulnerable populations in Fond du Lac and surrounding areas.

Partners for Community Development sought to boost enrollment of minority students in Wisconsin technical colleges by having AmeriCorps members provide mentorship, workshops, job shadowing opportunities, and additional support to high school students and their families.

Due to college students attending classes remotely and a reduction in income due to COVID-19 both programs are not able to successfully launch new programs this year.

***To support Marian University and Partners for Community Development formation and implementation of quality AmeriCorps program, Serve Wisconsin is requesting permission to convert their program funding to planning grant funding.***

	<b>Program Request</b>	<b>Planning Grant CNCS Request</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Marian University	50,861	60,840	(9,979)
Partners for Community Development	107,148	56,306	50,842
Excess Funding			40,863



With the excess funding we have two options:

1. If needed, award it to WisCorps for their COVID-19 response work
2. Hold it in reserve for future program development and/or if an existing program needs additional funding.

We will be discussing and voting on this issue at the Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM via Zoom. All Board members are invited to attend the Executive Committee meeting. Zoom info is

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87238222001>

Meeting ID: 872 3822 2001

Call-in options:

1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID 87238222001

1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID 87238222001

CNCS

I have discussed this proposal with Ben Olsen, Senior Portfolio Manager with CNCS. He has confirmed that it is acceptable to convert formula funded program grants to planning grants and reallocate the unused funding to a current grantee or future grantee.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please reach to me.

