AmeriCorps grants provide financial assistance to programs to recruit, train, and supervise AmeriCorps members meeting critical community needs in the areas of education, disaster services, health, environmental stewardship, economic opportunity, and service to veterans and military families. Grant applicants design service activities for a team of members serving full- or part-time for up to one year.

One percent (1%) of total AmeriCorps grant funds are set aside annually to award grants to eligible Federally-recognized Indian tribes and tribal organizations to support the planning and operation of tribal AmeriCorps programs.

Tribal AmeriCorps programs are designed by tribes to address self-identified community needs. In most cases, the individuals serving in the programs are recruited from the community being served or other communities in Indian Country.

Current programs serve military veterans, their families, and elders within the community; educate and mentor pre-school and K-12 students; improve the environment; promote healthy futures by addressing substance abuse and mental health; and support communities during times of disaster.

AmeriCorps is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency with the mission to improve lives, strengthen communities and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering. Tribes and tribal organizations who become recipients of AmeriCorps grants join a network of local, regional, and national organizations who are committed to using national service to address critical community needs.

AmeriCorps awards grants annually through a competitive review process.
Types of Grants
Planning Grants: Awarded to tribes or tribal organizations interested in developing a new AmeriCorps program but who require additional time to plan activities and create the support structures for the program. Planning grants are for a one-year period of time.

Program Grants: Awarded to tribes or tribal organizations to support the service of AmeriCorps members. Program activities are developed by the applicant and once awarded a grant, the grant recipient is responsible for managing and supporting all aspects of the program. Program grants are a 3-year commitment, with each program year awarded annually.

Match Requirements
All AmeriCorps grants require a match contribution to support program operations. For the first three years, the minimum match is 24% of the total grant request.

Recent Investments
Over the last three years AmeriCorps has:

- Awarded more than $10.3 million in funding to tribal communities to support the planning and implementation of AmeriCorps programming
- Awarded 63 grants to Indian Tribes and/or tribal organizations
- Provided opportunities for 735 AmeriCorps members to serve in Indian Country

“For most it wasn’t a choice to leave high school so much as a necessity based on a hard life...Whatever the reason, there is no doubt in my mind that the severe economic issues here at Standing Rock somehow relate to the hundreds... of people not having a GED or having graduated high school. We are a small team at the SBC/AmeriCorps GED Program, but we are changing lives. We are a beacon of hope... GEDs are not handed to anyone. They are a result of serious time and effort on the part of [students]. I am proud of the work I do for the GED project and I am proud of all the students who come...”

– Mary Rousseau, AmeriCorps GED Program Sitting Bull Director