

VOLUNTEER GRANT REVIEWERS



Massachusetts Service Alliance (MSA) seeks individuals to serve as community grant reviewers. Community grant reviewers are critical to the integrity of MSA's grant-making process by ensuring that public funds are invested in high quality programs through an equitable and transparent process. Grant reviewers receive a rare opportunity to participate in a decision making process that will improve the lives of individuals across the Commonwealth. Additionally, community grant reviewers gain valuable insight into the grant application and review process and network with civic leaders and fellow community members.

Grant reviewers are individuals who represent the public and private sectors and reflect the diversity of Massachusetts' communities. No prior grant review experience is necessary.^T

COMMITMENT OF A COMMUNITY REVIEWER

- ◆ Participate in a training session* (approx 60-90 minutes)
- ◆ Read 7 - 8 proposals of approximately 10 pages in length (est. 45 min/proposal)
- ◆ Score each proposal prior to the review day on the worksheet provided
- ◆ Discuss the proposals with other reviewers during a half-day review session

Annually, MSA holds three community grant reviews for the following funding opportunities:

Commonwealth Corps - Early Spring

Commonwealth Corps programs engage Massachusetts residents of all ages and backgrounds in direct service to rebuild communities, address unmet community needs, and increase volunteerism. Corps members will provide direct service, build capacity of local organizations, and recruit, organize and mobilize additional volunteers. Commonwealth Corps will work with nonprofit organizations, academic institutions, and public entities to reinvigorate civic involvement to help address the Commonwealth's most urgent needs and elevate the ethic of service and civic engagement throughout the Commonwealth.

Mentoring Initiative - Late Spring

These grants provide for quality mentoring relationships between caring adult volunteers and young people throughout the Commonwealth. This funding will support agencies with mentoring programs for the recruitment and training of mentors and for other supporting services including, but not limited to, academic support services. This funding supports two types of programs - community and site based programs.

AmeriCorps - Fall

AmeriCorps grants are generally awarded to eligible organizations to recruit, train and manage AmeriCorps Members who address unmet community needs. Members are individuals who engage in community service. Members will help hundreds of community nonprofit organizations, faith-based groups, schools and local agencies meet local needs in education, the environment, public safety, disaster preparedness, and other critical areas.

Others funding opportunities may arise throughout the year.

TO REGISTER, PLEASE COMPLETE THE COMMUNITY GRANT REVIEWER REGISTRATION FORM BELOW.

^T Individuals affiliated with applicant organizations are not eligible to participate in the review, and all reviewers will be asked to sign a conflict of interest certification form.

*Training is required for first-time reviewers.

**MASSACHUSETTS SERVICE ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY GRANT REVIEWER REGISTRATION**

Please submit completed form and a résumé to:
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Name:	Email:
Job Title:	
Organization:	
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Please select all that apply:	
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to review proposals for the Mentoring grant. Please send me more information.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to review proposals for the Commonwealth Corps grant. Please send me more information.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to review proposals for the AmeriCorps grant. Please send me more information.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to be added the database of potential reviewers and contacted as opportunities are available.	

If you have any questions, please contact:

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