

At this time, UServeUtah is currently unable to finalize sub-grantee funding allocations for the upcoming 2026-2027 grant cycle. Final funding determinations are dependent on the outcome of the federal competitive grant process. The AmeriCorps agency expects to announce these competitive awards by mid or late June 2026.

Until those federal decisions are released, we have developed multiple scenario models based on the potential funding outcomes of our five pending competitive applications. Two of those programs are re-competing for competitive funding (The Student Success program and the Utah Conservation Corps), the other 3 are existing formula programs who would be new to competitive if selected for funding (Salt Lake County Most Vulnerable Populations program, Utah Makers Access and Knowledge Ecosystem, and Association for Utah Community Health). Continuation programs will receive their requested continuation amount unless otherwise indicated in the scenario.

Scenario A:

Both re-competing competitive programs are selected for competitive funding, all formula continuation requests are funded and we carry forward the \$122k. If additional formula programs are selected for competitive funding, we will carry forward additional funds to award to programs or planning grantees in the 2027-2028 grant process. Staff will conduct a needs assessment to determine if awarding additional funding to 2026-2027 programs would be beneficial. If the needs assessment identifies a funding need for the 2026-2027 program year, the AmeriCorps State Committee will make a recommendation to the full commission by the November meeting.

Scenario B:

If one re-compete competitive program is selected for competitive funding, compliance-based cuts will be enforced for programs scoring below -15 that are not first-year programs. A minimal formula grant consisting of available funds will be offered to the single applicant. If additional formula programs are selected for competitive funding, available funds will be offered to the single program without enforcing compliance cuts.

Scenario C:

If neither competitive re-compete program receives competitive funding, compliance-based cuts will be enforced for continuation programs scoring below -15 that are not first-year programs. A minimal formula grant consisting of available funds will be offered to the applicant with the highest total cumulative score. If one formula program is

selected for competitive funding, all available funds will be offered to the highest scoring single applicant without enforcing compliance cuts on continuation programs. The lower scoring applicant would be declined. Commission staff will request that AmeriCorps consider returning the 2025-2026 commission placeholder funding that was eliminated. If two or more formula programs are selected for competitive funding, the higher scoring applicant will be offered their full requested amount. The grant review committee will then reconvene to recommend to the commission how to award the additional available funds.