



Commission Support Grant Alternative Match Schedule Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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1. Does this mean the agency is granting a blanket match waiver for Commission Support Grants (CSG)?

No, the agency is not granting a blanket match waiver for CSGs. The agency will continue to require State Commissions that are experiencing hardship to apply for an alternative match schedule for CSGs. Per regulation [45 C.F.R. §2550.110](#), this schedule is as follows:

Grant amount	AMS requirement
1) First \$100,000	No match requirement
2) Amounts above \$100,000 but less than \$250,000	\$1 of non-Federal funds for every \$2 provided by the Corporation in excess of \$100,000
3) Amounts greater than \$250,000	\$1 of non-Federal funds for every \$1 provided by the Corporation in excess of \$250,000

2. What about the FY 2022 CSGs that included American Rescue Plan Act funds?

What is unique about the FY 2022 CSG grant is the agency awarded both the regular appropriated dollars and American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) funds, the latter of which are multi-year funds. Thus, the alternative match schedule will be applied to the FY 2022 regular appropriation, any additional annual appropriations requested, AND each discrete year of the four years of funding that comprise the ARP funds. This multi-year multiplier for ARP is due to the specific nature of ARP funds being multi-year funds.

3. What is an example of an alternative match schedule that includes both annual and ARP funds?

Grant amount	Match requirement	\$500,000 AmeriCorps share (annual funds)	\$500,000 AmeriCorps Share (ARP funds)	AMS requirement
1) First \$100,000	No match requirement	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
2) Amounts above \$100,000 but less than \$250,000	\$1 of non-Federal funds for every \$2 provided by the Corporation in excess of \$100,000	\$150,000	\$25,000	\$75,000 (annual) \$12,500 (ARP)
3) Amounts greater than \$250,000	\$1 of non-Federal funds for every \$1 provided by the Corporation in excess of \$250,000	\$250,000	N/A	\$250,000
		\$500,000	\$125,000 (\$500,000/4 years)	\$337,500 (35.06%)

4. Does this process change anything about the match waiver process for AmeriCorps State and National program operating grants, planning grants, or any other agency grant program with regulatory match relief provisions?

No. Grantees that seek match relief for those grants should apply through the already established process for match waivers. Those processes can be accessed via the [AmeriCorps Manage your grant webpage](#).

5. Will my commission be able to apply for an alternative match schedule for the second year of the FY 2022 CSG grant that will be awarded in FY 2023?

Yes. If your commission did not need an alternative match schedule in FY 2022, nothing prevents it from applying in FY 2023 or in FY 2024. Your commission can also choose to apply for an alternative match schedule for the full grant term (i.e. all three years + the equivalent of four years of ARP funding).

6. If my commission currently has or is approved for an alternative match schedule in FY 2022, does it need to reapply in FY 2023 and FY 2024?

Yes. Your commission can apply now for either an alternative match schedule for FY 2023 and again in FY 2024 or it can apply now for an alternative match schedule for the remainder of the full grant term which will also include FY 2023 and FY 2024.

7. How will the alternative match schedule work in FY 2023 and FY 2024 for this grant?

As the funding for the FY 2023 and FY 2024 are anticipated to be solely annual appropriations, state commissions will, if approved for an alternative match schedule for those fiscal year appropriated funds, have a schedule of the first \$100,000 of a grant will be match-free and reduces the match in half on the next \$150,000 of a grant (See [45 C.F.R. §2550.110](#).) Any funds granted in FY 2022 will carry the same match requirements as they did in FY 2022 should they roll over into the second or third year of the CSG grant.

8. How should commissions respond to the following item on the Request Form, "Please provide a bulleted list of proposed activities/expenses on the Grantee Share of the budget that would not happen if the AMS is granted."?

Your response to this item should briefly identify what line items, or parts of line items, in your budget will be eliminated from the Grantee Share if you are approved for an AMS and no longer have the full match requirement. This enables AmeriCorps to understand what activities and/or expenses will no longer occur. You will receive guidance to update your CSG budget as part of the FY 2023 CSG process.