



IMPACT REPORT: FY 25 GRANTMAKING EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AmeriCorps OIG plays a crucial role in protecting the integrity of national and community service. Pursuant to our oversight authority under the Inspector General Act of 1978, et. sec, and our dual reporting requirements to the Legislative and Executive branches, AmeriCorps OIG prepared this report to examine the impact of AmeriCorps' April 2025 staff and funding reductions on AmeriCorps' programs and operations. This report examines AmeriCorps' ability to make FY 2025 grant awards. This report is part of a series.

THE IMPACT



OPERATIONS: On April 29, 2025, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) did not approve AmeriCorps' use of approximately \$197 million of their total appropriated funds. This resulted in a funding gap and delays in processing some planned FY 2025 grants. OMB ultimately approved the use of funds and AmeriCorps awarded all grants by the end of the fiscal year.

In addition, in April 2025, AmeriCorps initiated a large-scale RIF that significantly reduced the number of staff to support the agency's grantmaking operations. As a result, AmeriCorps had to make changes to its grantmaking procedures and timelines to finalize FY 2025 grants. AmeriCorps' staffing changes have also impacted the process and timeline for FY 2026 grants.



COMMUNITIES: The approximately \$197 million of appropriated funds initially withheld by OMB were designated primarily for FY 2025 grants. Some ASN and FGP grantee organizations that did not receive awards when expected decided to relinquish their AmeriCorps grants. This resulted in the discontinuation of vital AmeriCorps programs, depriving communities across the country of the critical benefits that AmeriCorps programs provide. AmeriCorps' delays also forced some grantees to lay off their staff due to lack of funding.

Ultimately, the delays in AmeriCorps' grantmaking process, affected American communities nationwide due to the loss of AmeriCorps programming nationwide.

SCOPE AmeriCorps OIG initiated a series of special reviews to assess the impact of the April 2025 AmeriCorps staff and funding reductions across AmeriCorps programs and operations. This report examines the impact of staff and funding reductions on AmeriCorps' ability to award their FY 2025 grants.