



IMPACT REPORT: MONITORING 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 reductions on AmeriCorps' programs and operations. This report examines AmeriCorps' ability to monitor their grants. This report is part of a series.

THE IMPACT



OPERATIONS: The April 2025 staffing reduction strained the agency's capacity to complete its necessary grant monitoring activities, which raises concerns about the accountability and effectiveness of its substantial investment exceeding \$1 billion in federal grants per year. The staffing reduction left AmeriCorps unable to complete the planned FY 2025 monitoring of 81 grantees receiving approximately \$78.1 million grant dollars. In addition, \$846 million in grants that the agency did not plan to monitor remained at risk due to the agency's inability to determine the effectiveness of the grant programs or whether the money was spent correctly.

AmeriCorps will continue to face significant challenges in monitoring grantees due to its significantly decreased staff size. In a significant organizational shift soon after the staff reduction, the agency merged its Offices of Monitoring, Chief Risk Officer, and Audit and Debt Resolution, with only four employees dedicated to monitoring--a reduction from 20 employees. With a reduced monitoring staff footprint, AmeriCorps officials conveyed that the FY 2026 monitoring plan will be more flexible and allow for changes in how the agency plans to monitor going forward. For the first half of FY 2026, AmeriCorps plans to monitor 25 grantees, with awards totaling \$111 million, and approximately 25 additional grants later in 2026.

SCOPE AmeriCorps OIG initiated a series of special reviews to assess the impact of the April 2025 AmeriCorps staff reductions across AmeriCorps programs and operations. This report examines the impact of staff and funding reductions on AmeriCorps' ability to monitor their over \$1 billion grant portfolio.