

General FAQ

1. What is the Missouri Community Service Commission dba ServMO?

- The Missouri Community Service Commission (MCSC) was established in 1994 as a direct response to the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993. MCSC receives funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service, awarding grants to local organizations enabling the establishment of AmeriCorps programs.
- In 2023, the Commission finalized the 2023-2026 MCSC Strategic Plan, which included the goal of rebranding the Commission. In 2024, Commissioners voted to change the name to ServMO. Legally, the organization's name will continue to be the Missouri Community Service Commission, however, the organization will be "doing business as" ServMO.
- Learn more about the Missouri Community Service Commission's enabling statute and membership requirements [here](#).

2. What is AmeriCorps?

- AmeriCorps is the federal agency for volunteering, service, and civic engagement. The agency engages millions of Americans in citizen service through its AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors programs and leads the nation's volunteering and service efforts. For more information, visit www.americorps.gov.

3. What is the source of funding?

- The Commission receives funding from AmeriCorps, a federal agency, to operate as a state service commission. We have designated a specific amount of funds to support national days of service. Since the source comes from federal funding, then Commission must adhere to federal requirements and regulations.

4. Who is eligible to apply?

- Entities that are eligible to apply are public or private nonprofit organizations, including faith-based and other community organizations, school districts, institutions of higher education; government entities within states or territories (e.g., cities, counties), labor organizations, partnerships and consortia, and Native American tribes.
- Entities that have an active MOVERS vendor account with the State of Missouri.

5. What types of projects will be funded?

- Projects must take place between January 1, 2026, and January 31, 2026, and involve volunteers in meaningful service that reflects Dr. King's legacy. Examples include:
 - o Community cleanups
 - o Food or clothing drives
 - o Literacy or tutoring events
 - o Health and wellness outreach
 - o Service-learning or civic engagement projects

All projects must take place in the state of Missouri.

6. How much funding is available?

- Applicants may request up to \$1,000, with a minimum request of \$500. The number of grants awarded will depend on total available funding and application quality.

7. What can the funds be used for?

- Mini-grant funds may be used for:
 - o Supplies and materials
 - o Volunteer support (e.g., t-shirts, food, water)
 - o Outreach and promotional items
- Funds may not be used for staffing, equipment costs, gift cards, volunteer stipends, subawards, or indirect costs.
- Grant funds are intended to supplement, not supplant.
 - o Supplement means to add to; to enhance; to expand; to increase; to extend; to create something new. Supplant means to take the place of; to replace by something else.
- Grant funds under this program are federal funds from AmeriCorps, [CFDA No. 94.003](#), therefore the Commission will not fund projects that engage in:
 - o Political activity and advocacy.
 - o Religious activity.
 - o Benefiting for-profit entities.
 - o Voter registration.
 - o Abortion services.
- Grants under this program are subject to applicable Cost Principles under the [Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) Circulars](#) A-21 (2 CFR part 220), A-87 (CFR part 225), or A-122 (2 CFR part 230), and the Uniform Administrative Requirements for grants under A-102 (45 CFR part 2541) or A-110 (45 CFR 2543 or 2 CFR part 21).

8. UEI Number and SAM Registration

- To receive funding applications must include an active Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number and an Employer Identification Number (EIN). The UEI number does not replace an EIN. UEI numbers may be obtained at no cost by applying online: <https://www.sam.gov/SAM/>.
- After obtaining a UEI number, all applicants must be registered and active with the Systems for Award Management (SAM) at <https://www.sam.gov/SAM/>.
- The SAM collects, validates, stores, and disseminates data in support of Federal agency contracts, grant awards, cooperative agreements, and other forms of federal assistance. All grant recipients are required to maintain a valid SAM registration, which must be renewed annually. Applicants that are not already registered with SAM are urged to begin the registration process immediately to avoid any delays in submitting applications. Applicants must have a UEI number to register with SAM. To register online go to <https://www.sam.gov/SAM/>.

9. What is MOVERS and how do I register?

- MOVERS (Missouri Vendor Services) is the state's vendor registration system, all applicants must have a current, approved MOVERS account to receive funds.
- Visit [Supplier Registration | MissouriBUYS Statewide eProcurement System](#) to register or check your status.

10. When is the application due?

- The application must be submitted CST, via email to ServMO@ded.mo.gov, by October 14, 2025, at 5:00 PM. Late or incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

11. When will awards be announced?

- Award notifications will be sent by October 15, 2025. Funded projects should begin planning immediately to be ready for implementation around MLK Day.

12. Are reports required after the project?

- Yes, grantees must submit a Final Report and Reimbursement Form by February 28, 2025. The report will include:
 - o Number of Volunteers
 - o Total Service Hours
 - o Summary of Outcomes
 - o Budget Reconciliation
 - o Photos or Media (if available)

13. Who do I contact with questions?

- Please email ServMO at ServMO@ded.mo.gov for technical assistance or questions about eligibility, the application, or reporting.