

Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF) Cohort Opportunity Q&A

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Engaging NH communities
to solve local challenges
through volunteerism.

Our team works to...



Connect volunteers with service opportunities (Get Connected)



Celebrate outstanding volunteer contributions (Spirit of NH Awards)



*Provide resources to volunteers & volunteer managers working to address community needs (**Volunteer Generation Fund** & Governor's Conference on Volunteerism)*



*Steward AmeriCorps resources to tackle our nation's most pressing challenges right here in NH (AmeriCorps State & **Volunteer Generation Fund**)*

VGF Overview

Purpose of Funding

VGF grants will be used to *increase the capacity* of community-based entities to *recruit, manage, and support volunteers* serving New Hampshire communities.

VNH seeks to fund effective approaches that:

- Expand volunteering

- Strengthen the capacity of volunteer programs to recruit and retain skill-based volunteers

- Develop strategies to use volunteers effectively to solve problems

Funding Source

Awarded by AmeriCorps, a federal agency, to State Service Commissions such as Volunteer NH. We subgrant a portion of our award to local organizations.

VGF Cohort

Requirements

All VGF recipients must:

Be a local community organization (*nonprofit/state agency/institution of higher education*)

Have a Unique Entity Identification (UEI) number an active and SAM.gov registration

Budget a minimum of 1:1 match (*cash and/or in-kind*)

Complete a multi-part National Service Criminal History Check for any staff included in the budget

Structure

Award Range: \$7,500 - \$15,000 (*cost reimbursement*)

Grant period: January 1 – September 30, 2023 (*9 months*)

Support: Quarterly training & collaboration opportunities; access to VNH staff as needed

Example Projects

Virtual Training Tools

Goal: Volunteers expertly provide timely crisis intervention and support to survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

Activities: Translate in-person training content into hybrid format; recruit and train volunteer advocates.

Program Formalization

Goal: Expand program capacity to meet the growing need for grief support throughout NH.

Activities: Formalize policies & procedures around volunteering; evaluate existing training models; engage in strategic recruitment.

Community Event

Goal: Increase cooperative work toward food security and environmental stewardship.

Activities: Outreach to orgs with similar missions; outreach to local experts; host a county-wide, conservation-focused volunteer fair and training event.

Important Dates

Intent to Apply (*mandatory*): Wednesday, September 28, 5:00 PM

Grant Training (*mandatory*): Thursday, September 29, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Application Deadline: Wednesday, October 12, 5:00 PM

Clarifications Period (*as applicable*): Friday, October 28 – Sunday, November 6

Funding Decisions Announced: Mid-November

Grant Start Date: Sunday, January 1, 2023

Grant End Date: Saturday, September 30, 2023 (*9 months*)

FAQs

How many awards do you expect to make? We expect to fund approx. 5 applicants.

Are there funding priorities? Yes – outlined in the NOFO, Section I.B. **All applicants** should seek to recruit/train/deploy volunteers as a strategy to address a clearly identified pressing community need. Aside from that, submitting a compelling and complete application is generally more important than fitting within a funding priority.

Do we need to start a completely new project/initiative? No, this is not always necessary to qualify for funding. However, you must identify an unmet **community need** (*rather than stopping at your organization's need for increased funding*). See the Goals & Objectives section of the Application Instructions for more information.

FAQs, Continued

Can this grant be used to pay for staff salaries? Yes, grant funds can be used to cover all/some of the portion of staff time spent working on the VGF project. Note that staff with time included in the grant (VGF or Grantee share) must undergo a multi-part National Service Criminal History Check. See the NOFO for more information.

My org already ran a background check on me. Do I need to be re-checked? Very likely, yes, unless it was completed for an AmeriCorps grant using Truescreen and Fieldprint. Reach out directly if you believe that this applies to you.

Will additional years of funding be available? Continuation funding may be available for up to two additional years, as outlined in Section II.D. of the NOFO.

This is not guaranteed and is contingent on factors such as funding availability and grantee performance. Applicants not funded this year may reapply in the future.

Other Questions?

After the call, please reach out to:

Mikayla Collins, VGF Program Officer

Mikayla@VolunteerNH.org or 603-271-7200

Other VNH Resources

Get Connected



Opportunities

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<p>Is Ongoing</p> <p> Food Pantry - Upper Valley</p> <p>LISTEN Community Services</p> <p>VIEW DETAILS</p>	<p>Is Ongoing</p> <p> Community Dinner Team-Upper Valley</p> <p>LISTEN Community Services</p> <p>VIEW DETAILS</p>	<p>Happens On Jun 5, 2022</p> <p> Volunteer at Healthy Kids Day - YMCA of Strafford County</p> <p>The Granite YMCA</p> <p>VIEW DETAILS</p>
<p>Is Ongoing</p> <p> Become a YMCA Volunteer - several needs exist</p> <p>The Granite YMCA</p> <p>VIEW DETAILS</p>	<p>Multiple Shifts Available</p> <p> 2022 Outdoor Pop Up Pantries</p> <p>United Way of Greater Nashua</p> <p>VIEW DETAILS</p>	<p>Happens On May 5, 2022</p> <p> 2022 Sorting Mothers Day Roses</p> <p>United Way of Greater Nashua</p> <p>VIEW DETAILS</p>

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[How to Use Get Connected Guide](#)

Nonprofits

Advertise volunteer opportunities

Track volunteer hours

775+ registered nonprofits

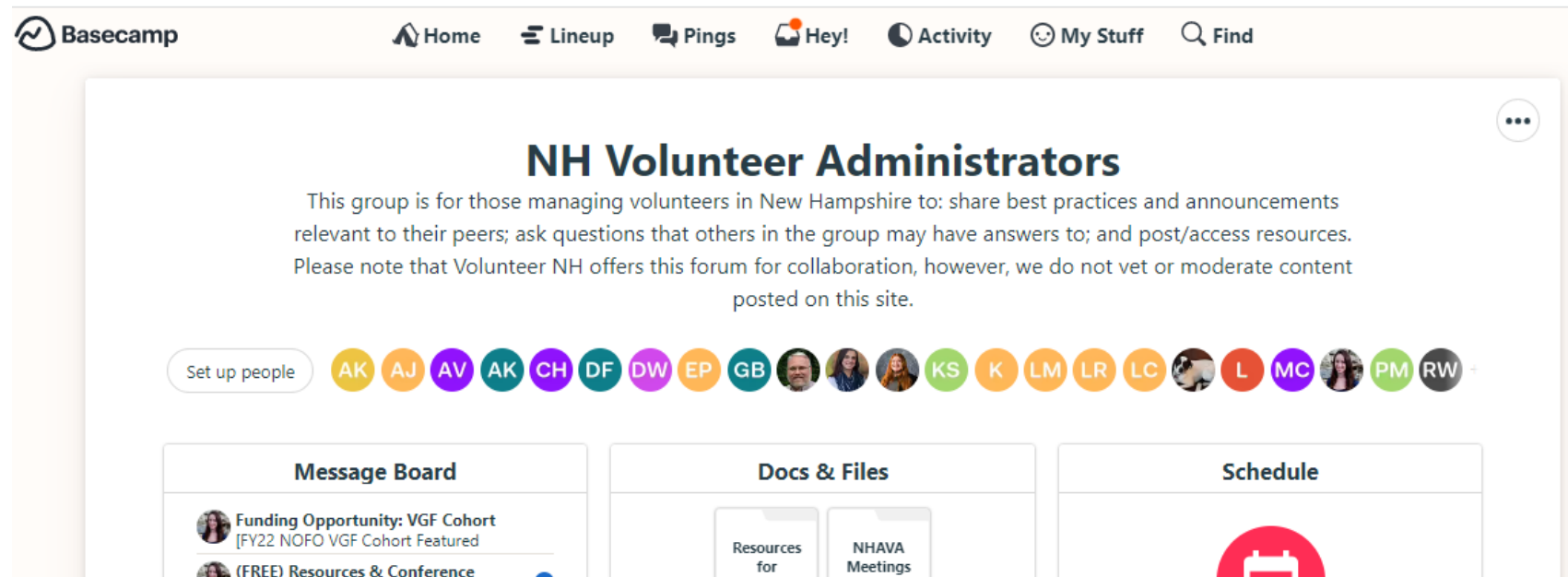
Volunteers

Potential volunteers search our database

15,000+ registered volunteers!

NHAVA Taskforce & Resource-Sharing Platform

The NH Association of Volunteer Administrators (NHAVA) is a networking and peer support opportunity hosted by Volunteer NH.



Platform:

Basecamp and regular Zoom meetings

Open to:

People who manage volunteers (you!)