

5d. Match

All cost reimbursement grant programs are expected to meet the matching requirements as outlined in the approved budget (45 CFR 2521.35-45 and 45 CFR 2521.90). (Please note: there is no match requirement for fixed amount grant programs.) The chart below details the minimum matching requirements, which are based on the grant year cycle.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10 (+)
Minimum Overall Share	24%	24%	24%	26%	30%	34%	38%	42%	46%	50%

[CNCS Memo Regarding Use of Federal Funds for Match](#)

Under certain circumstances, applicants may qualify to meet alternative matching requirements that increase over the years to 35% instead of 50% as specified in the regulations at §2521.60(b). To qualify, you must demonstrate that your program is either located in a rural county or in a severely economically distressed community.

In determining whether a program is rural, CNCS will consider the most recent Beale code rating published by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the county in which the program is located. Any program located in a county with a Beale code of 4,5,6, 7, 8 or 9 is eligible to apply for the alternative match requirement.

In determining whether a program is located in a severely economically distressed county, CNCS will consider the following list of county-level characteristics.

- The county-level per capita income is less than or equal to 75 percent of the national average for all counties using the most recent census data or Bureau of Economic Analysis data
- The county-level poverty rate is equal to or greater than 125 percent of the national average for all counties using the most recent census data
- The county-level unemployment is above the national average for all counties for the previous 12 months using the most recently available Bureau of Labor Statistics data
- The areas served by the program lack basic infrastructure such as water or electricity

Except when approved otherwise, CNCS will determine the location of your program based on the legal applicant's address. If you believe that the legal applicant's address is not the appropriate way to consider the location of your program, you must provide relevant facts about your program location in your request. CNCS will, in its sole discretion, determine whether some other address is more appropriate for determining a program's location. If your program is located in one of these areas, please contact your AmeriCorps program contact. A

request will need to be sent to CNCS for an alternate match. You must submit your request to the alternative schedule per the information contained in the Notice.