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Current National Service Funding Opportunities

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Our Mission

Improve lives, strengthen communities and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering

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About CNCS…

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) is a Federal Agency that provides opportunities for individuals of all ages and backgrounds to address vital community needs through service.

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Participation…

CNCS engages four million Americans in result-driven service each year including:

- 75,000 AmeriCorps members,
- 492,000 Senior Corps volunteers,
- 1.1 million Learn and Serve America students, and
- 2.2 million additional community volunteers mobilized and managed through the agency's programs.

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AmeriCorps

VISTA

Volunteers In Service To America

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Fight Poverty with PASSION

- For 40 years, AmeriCorps*VISTA has been helping bring communities and individuals out of poverty.

- Today, nearly 10,000 AmeriCorps*VISTA members serve in hundreds of nonprofit organizations and public agencies throughout the country.

- AmeriCorps*VISTA members help organizations fight illiteracy, support youth aging out of foster care, increase job training opportunities, bridge the digital divide and much more.

- All projects focus on **building permanent infrastructure** in organizations to help them more effectively bring individuals and communities out of poverty

- VISTA members serve 40 hours per week in capacity building roles.

- Projects often focus on the following types of activities:

  - ✓ Resource Development (grant writing and fundraising)
  - ✓ Volunteer Generation
  - ✓ Outreach and Marketing
  - ✓ Building Partnerships and Collaborations
  - ✓ Program Development

- VISTA members may <u>not</u> provide direct services to clients or perform the regular work of agency staff.

VISTA

Volunteers In Service To America

How to Apply to Become a VISTA Project Sponsor

- ✓ Visit our website **www.americorps.gov/vista**
- ✓ Contact the CNCS CA State Office at **ca@cns.gov** to request AmeriCorps*VISTA concept paper application guidance.
- ✓ The CNCS CA State Office will provide technical assistance during the application process.
- ✓ The next Request for Concept Papers in California will be released in July 2011.

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Program Development Priority Areas

The CA State Office is particularly interested in projects that address one or more of the following Program Priority areas:

- Bridging the Digital Divide
- Green Job Creation and Training Programs
- Individual Asset Development Programs
- Improving Academic Performance
- Fostering a College Bound Culture in Low Income Communities
- Supporting Veterans and Military Families
- Seniors in Poverty

VISTA Project Sponsor “Match”

Project sponsors are not required to provide a financial match, but must be able to direct the project, supervise the members, and provide necessary administrative support to complete the goals and objectives of the project

Projects should provide:

- On-Site Orientation and Training
- Material Support-supplies
- Daily Supervision, Community Support
- On-Assignment Transportation reimbursement
- Projects may “cost share” - pay living allowance for member(s).

National Civilian Community Corps

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National Civilian Community Corps

- AmeriCorps*NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) is a full-time, team-based residential program for men and women ages 18–24.

- Alongside the community and Sponsor Organization, members complete service projects within an assigned region.

- Service projects last from six to eight weeks, address critical needs in education, public safety, the environment and other unmet needs.

- NCCC members construct and rehabilitate low-income housing, respond to disasters, clean up streams, help communities develop emergency plans, tutor students and address countless other local needs.

National Civilian Community Corps

Project Sponsor Requirements

- ✓ Propose meaningful work that meets compelling community needs;
- ✓ Provide Housing (if 90 miles or more from Campus);
- ✓ Introduction and orientation to the organization and community;
- ✓ Project-specific training (e.g., power tools, tutoring skills);
- ✓ Site supervision;

National Civilian Community Corps

Who may apply to host an NCCC team?

- ✓ Faith and Community-based organizations
- ✓ National nonprofits
- ✓ Schools
- ✓ Cities and towns
- ✓ National and state parks
- ✓ Indian tribes

- Sponsoring organizations should submit a project Concept Form and Application to the regional campus that covers that organization's state.

- The campus will provide assistance in completing the application, developing a work plan, and preparing the project sponsor for the arrival of the AmeriCorps*NCCC team.

NCCC Application Process

- ✓ **Complete a Project Concept Form**
- ✓ If invited by NCCC, complete a Full Project APPLICATION
- ✓ Project Concept Form & Project applications are available online at www.americorps.gov/nccc or through the Regional Program Office.
- ✓ Project application should be submitted 2 to 4 months prior to the preferred start date of the project.
- ✓ Generally with 30 days of submission, the regional Program Office will notify the organization of its status and the next steps in the application process.

NCCC Application Process

The project application may be sent via email, mail or fax to the regional Program Office.

NCCC Pacific Region
3427 Laurel Street
Sacramento, CA 95652
Tel: 916-640-0310 Fax: 916-640-0318
E-mail: ncccwestern@cns.gov
States Served: AK, CA, HI, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY, Pacific Territories

Non-Profit Capacity Building Program

Small and medium sized nonprofit organizations are significantly challenged in their ability to sustain and expand services and that organizational development assistance may be necessary to ensure the continuation of much-needed services in local communities. Through grants awarded in this competition CNCS aim to build the capacity of small and midsize nonprofits to develop and implement performance management systems. Research suggests that an established framework of performance management is the pre-requisite and predictor of success on other aspects of nonprofit health such as financial planning and sustainability. Grantees will provide recipients with organizational development assistance to establish procedures for measuring progress and improving performance towards intended outcomes leading to community impact.

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What are the priorities for this funding?

1. Build the capacity of nonprofit organizations that are, or are seeking to become, intermediary nonprofit grantees in geographic areas where nonprofit organizations face significant resource hardship challenges.

2. Assist both a large number of small and midsize nonprofit organizations within a geographic service delivery area and demonstrate impact.

3. Build the capacity of small and midsize nonprofits to develop and implement a performance management system.

4. Provide assistance to organizations that provide services that align with the Corporation's priority areas.

5. Increase the capacity of a network of intermediaries committed to leveraging additional resources to assist small and midsize nonprofits.

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- CNCS has approximately $998,000 to award new cooperative agreements.
- The Corporation expects to award up to five awards ranging from approximately $200,000 to $998,000 each. The Corporation will select no more than one intermediary based in a particular state.
- The Nonprofit Capacity Building Program award period is two years.
- Application deadline Tuesday, August 9, 2011.

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Non-Profit Capacity Building Program

To be eligible for a NCBP award, applicants must:

- Be a nonprofit organization as described in section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue code of 1986 and exempt from taxation under section 501 (a) of such code; or an entity of organization described in paragraph (1) or (2) of section 170(c) of such Code.

- Operate within a defined geographic service area that can be city-wide, multi-city, state-wide, or limited multi-state region, and must be able to demonstrate that the nonprofits in its service area face significant resource challenges (See Section IV for justification criteria).

- Have a strong track record of providing organizational development or capacity building assistance focusing on small- to mid-size nonprofit organizations. A further discussion of the evaluation criteria for experienced and capable intermediary nonprofit organizations can be found in Section V.

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Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Grants FY 2011

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) provides grants to organizations to plan and carry out projects that bring Americans together to serve in their communities in observance of ***Martin Luther King Jr. Day***. The Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service is administered by CNCS, whose mission is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering.

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- The purpose of these grants is to mobilize more Americans to observe the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday as a day of service in communities, to encourage those to serve in this holiday to make a long-term commitment to community service, and to bring people together to focus on service to others.

- In FY 2011, CNCS will award a limited number of Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service grants to outstanding organizations, referred to in this *Notice* as "intermediaries." These intermediaries will award and manage subgrants and may also directly support and oversee local projects.

- Applicants must propose to provide **at least 70 percent of the total project cost** in **cash and/or in-kind match from non-federal sources.**

- **Application deadline is July 21, 2011 at 5pm EDT.**

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- Based on appropriations for fiscal year 2011, CNCS has a total minimum of $700,000 to award new grants. CNCS anticipates making an estimate of seven (7) awards to intermediary organizations to support 2012 King Day activities.

- CNCS expects to make awards ranging in amounts from approximately $50,000 to $300,000,to support the first year of these grants.

- The award period is up to three years, with funding provided in annual increments, subject to availability of annual appropriations. Grantees will be eligible for continuation funding in the second and third years, contingent on the availability of appropriations, compliance with grant conditions, and satisfactory performance, including having secured sufficient matching funds.

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For more information

General about all CNCS programs
www.nationalservice.gov

New Funding Opportunities
http://www.nationalservice.gov/for_organizations/funding/index.asp

AmeriCorps*NCCC
http://www.americorps.gov/for_organizations/apply/nccc.asp

CaliforniaVolunteers Resources
www.CaliforniaVolunteers.org

AmeriCorps*VISTA
http://www.americorps.org/about/programs/vista.asp or **ca@cns.gov**
or call 310.235.7421

AmeriCorps National Direct Grants
http://www.americorps.gov/for_organizations/apply/national.asp
americorpsnational@cns.gov or call 202.606.7508

Senior Corps (if grant funds are available)
www.grants.gov or **www.nationalservice.org** or **ca@cns.gov**

For more information on CNCS programs please visit www.nationalservice.gov or e-mail CA@cns.gov.

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