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To amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to expand and improve opportunities for service, and for other purposes.

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## A BILL

To amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to expand and improve opportunities for service, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Serve America Act”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of  
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—NATIONAL SERVICE

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1 **TITLE I—NATIONAL SERVICE**

2 **Subtitle A—Service-Learning**

3 **SEC. 111. YOUTH ENGAGEMENT ZONES TO STRENGTHEN**  
4 **COMMUNITIES.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

6 (1) Engaging in service-learning and commu-  
7 nity service activities at a young age makes individ-

1 uals more likely to continue to volunteer and engage  
2 in service throughout their lives.

3 (2) High-quality service-learning programs keep  
4 students engaged in school and increase the likeli-  
5 hood that they will graduate.

6 (3) Since its creation, the Learn and Serve  
7 America program has allowed more than 15,000,000  
8 students to take part in service-learning activities to  
9 improve their communities and schools.

10 (4) Most schools do not offer service-learning  
11 activities, but many students, particularly students  
12 at risk of dropping out, express an interest in serv-  
13 ice-learning.

14 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

15 (1) to provide increased high-quality service-  
16 learning opportunities for in-school and out-of-school  
17 youth in high-need, low-income communities as a  
18 strategy to retain and re-engage youth likely to drop  
19 out and youth who have dropped out;

20 (2) to encourage more individuals to engage in  
21 lifetimes of service by teaching young people the  
22 value of service early in their lives; and

23 (3) to establish youth engagement zones with  
24 the goal of involving all secondary school students  
25 served by a local educational agency in service-learn-



1 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
2 6311(b)(2)(C)(vi)).

3 “(3) LOW-INCOME STUDENT.—The term ‘low-  
4 income student’ means a student who is eligible to  
5 be counted under one of the measures of poverty de-  
6 scribed in section 1113(a)(5) of the Elementary and  
7 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
8 6313(a)(5)).

9 “(4) OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH.—The term ‘out-  
10 of-school youth’ means youth of an appropriate age  
11 to attend secondary school who are not currently en-  
12 rolled in secondary schools.

13 “(5) YOUTH ENGAGEMENT ZONE.—The term  
14 ‘youth engagement zone’ means the area in which a  
15 youth engagement zone program is carried out.

16 “(6) YOUTH ENGAGEMENT ZONE PROGRAM.—  
17 The term ‘youth engagement zone program’ means  
18 a service-learning program in which members of a  
19 partnership described in subsection (c) collaborate to  
20 provide coordinated school-based or community-  
21 based service-learning opportunities, to address a  
22 specific community challenge, for secondary school  
23 students served by the local educational agency in-  
24 volved as described in subsection (d)(2)(B), and for

1 an increasing percentage of out-of-school youth, over  
2 5 years.

3 “(b) GENERAL AUTHORITY AND AVAILABILITY OF  
4 FUNDS.—

5 “(1) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—Subject to para-  
6 graph (3), the Corporation may make grants, on a  
7 competitive basis, to eligible partnerships to enable  
8 the partnerships to establish and carry out, in youth  
9 engagement zones, youth engagement zone programs  
10 with secondary school students and with out-of-  
11 school youth, in order to carry out projects to im-  
12 prove communities involving—

13 “(A) improving student engagement, in-  
14 cluding student attendance and student behav-  
15 ior, and student academic achievement, gradua-  
16 tion rates, and college-going rates, at secondary  
17 schools with high concentrations of low-income  
18 students;

19 “(B) maintaining and improving local  
20 parks, trails, and rivers, assisting in the devel-  
21 opment of local recycling programs, or imple-  
22 menting initiatives to improve local energy ef-  
23 fectively;

24 “(C) improving civic engagement and par-  
25 ticipation among individuals of all ages; or

1           “(D) carrying out another activity that fo-  
 2           cuses on solving a community challenge faced  
 3           by the community that the eligible partnership  
 4           involved will serve.

5           “(2) GRANT PERIODS.—The Corporation shall  
 6           make the grants for periods of 5 years.

7           “(3) GRANT AMOUNTS.—The Corporation shall  
 8           make such a grant to a partnership in an amount  
 9           of not less than \$250,000 and not more than  
 10          \$1,000,000, based on the number of students served  
 11          by the local educational agency in the partnership.

12          “(c) ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIPS.—To be eligible to re-  
 13          ceive a grant under this section, a partnership—

14                 “(1) shall include—

15                         “(A) 1 or more community-based agencies  
 16                         that have demonstrated records of success in  
 17                         carrying out service-learning programs with  
 18                         low-income students, and that meet such cri-  
 19                         teria as the Chief Executive Officer may estab-  
 20                         lish; and

21                         “(B)(i) a local educational agency for  
 22                         which—

23                                 “(I) a high number or percentage of  
 24                                 the students served by the agency, as de-

1           terminated by the Corporation, are low-in-  
2           come students; and

3                   “(II) the graduation rate for the sec-  
4           ondary school students served by the agen-  
5           cy is less than 70 percent; or

6                   “(ii)(I) a State Commission or State edu-  
7           cational agency; and

8                   “(II) more than 1 local educational agency  
9           described in clause (i); and

10           “(2) may include—

11                   “(A) a local government agency that is not  
12           described in paragraph (1);

13                   “(B) the office of the chief executive offi-  
14           cer of a unit of general local government; or

15                   “(C) an institution of higher education.

16           “(d) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
17           under this section, a partnership shall submit an applica-  
18           tion to the Corporation at such time, in such manner, and  
19           containing such information as the Corporation may re-  
20           quire, which shall include—

21                   “(1) a description of the project to improve the  
22           community that the partnership is proposing to  
23           carry out, including—



1           “(A) the community challenge the partner-  
2           ship seeks to address, and relevant data about  
3           the challenge in such community; or

4           “(B) a description of the process the part-  
5           nership will use, as part of the youth engage-  
6           ment zone program, to identify the community  
7           challenge the partnership will seek to address,  
8           including how the partnership will use relevant  
9           data to identify such challenge;

10          “(2) a description of how the partnership will  
11          work with secondary schools served by the local edu-  
12          cational agency that is included in such partnership  
13          in carrying out the project to assure that—

14               “(A) by the end of the third year of the  
15               grant period, a majority of the students in the  
16               secondary schools served by the local edu-  
17               cational agency will have participated in service-  
18               learning activities as part of the project; and

19               “(B) by the end of the fifth year of the  
20               grant period—

21                       “(i) not less than 90 percent of the  
22                       students in those schools will have partici-  
23                       pated in service-learning activities as part  
24                       of the project; or

1                   “(ii) service-learning will be a manda-  
2                   tory part of the curriculum in all of the  
3                   secondary schools served by the local edu-  
4                   cational agency;

5                   “(3) a description of the amount of time for  
6                   which the partnership will seek to have participating  
7                   individuals participate in service-learning activities  
8                   as part of the project, and how that time will be  
9                   structured;

10                  “(4) a description of the partnership’s plan to  
11                  provide high-quality, ongoing service-learning profes-  
12                  sional development and assistance to educators con-  
13                  ducting service-learning activities through the youth  
14                  engagement zone program;

15                  “(5) a description of how the partnership will  
16                  work to—

17                         “(A) ensure that out-of-school youth in the  
18                         community are included as participants in serv-  
19                         ice-learning activities carried out through the  
20                         project; and

21                         “(B) re-engage out-of-school youth;

22                  “(6) a description of how the partnership will  
23                  work, through the project, to improve student en-  
24                  gagement, including student attendance and student  
25                  behavior, and student achievement, graduation rates,

1 and college-going rates, at schools served by the  
2 local educational agency that is included in the eligi-  
3 ble partnership;

4 “(7) a description of how the partnership will  
5 encourage participants to continue to engage in serv-  
6 ice after graduation from secondary school; and

7 “(8) a description of how youth in the commu-  
8 nity were involved in the development of the pro-  
9 posal for the project.

10 “(e) PRIORITY AND GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—

11 “(1) PRIORITY.—In making grants under this  
12 section, the Corporation shall give priority to eligible  
13 partnerships that serve high percentages or numbers  
14 of low-income students.

15 “(2) CONSIDERATION.—In making grants  
16 under this section, the Corporation shall take into  
17 consideration the relevant data about the challenges  
18 in communities that eligible partnerships include in  
19 their applications, if the relevant partnerships sub-  
20 mit such relevant data under subsection (d)(1)(A).

21 “(3) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—The Corpora-  
22 tion shall make the grants to a geographically di-  
23 verse set of eligible partnerships, including partner-  
24 ships that serve urban, and partnerships that serve  
25 rural, communities.

1 “(f) USE OF FUNDS.—

2 “(1) MANDATORY ACTIVITIES.—A partnership  
3 that receives a grant under this section shall use the  
4 funds made available through the grant to establish  
5 and carry out a high-quality youth engagement zone  
6 program designed to—

7 “(A) solve specific community challenges;

8 “(B) improve student engagement, includ-  
9 ing student attendance and student behavior,  
10 and student achievement, graduation rates, and  
11 college-going rates in secondary schools;

12 “(C) involve an increasing percentage of  
13 secondary school students and out-of-school  
14 youth in the community in school-based or com-  
15 munity-based service-learning activities each  
16 year, with the goal of involving all students in  
17 secondary schools served by the local edu-  
18 cational agency and involving an increasing per-  
19 centage of the out-of-school youth in service-  
20 learning activities over the course of 5 years;  
21 and

22 “(D) encourage participants to continue to  
23 engage in service throughout their lives.

24 “(2) PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES.—A partnership  
25 that receives a grant under this section may use the

1 funds made available through the grant for activities  
2 described in section 111.

3 “(g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Any requirement of  
4 this subpart that applies to a local educational agency in  
5 a partnership shall be considered to apply to each local  
6 educational agency in the partnership.”

7 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS AND RES-  
8 ERVATIONS.—Section 501(a)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
9 12681(a)(1)) is amended—

10 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “title I”  
11 and inserting “title I (other than subpart B of part  
12 I)”;

13 (2) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking “sub-  
14 part B” and inserting “subpart C”; and

15 (3) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(C) SUBPART B OF PART I.—There is au-  
17 thorized to be appropriated to carry out subpart  
18 B of part I of subtitle B of title I—

19 “(i) \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2010;

20 “(ii) \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2011;

21 “(iii) \$30,000,000 for fiscal year  
22 2012;

23 “(iv) \$40,000,000 for fiscal year  
24 2013; and

1                   “(v) \$40,000,000 for fiscal year  
2                   2014.”.

3 **SEC. 112. CAMPUS OF SERVICE.**

4       (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

5           (1) Providing service-learning courses to indi-  
6           viduals who are students in institutions of higher  
7           education can make such individuals more likely to  
8           engage in service throughout their lives, and better  
9           prepared to take on public service careers in the  
10          nonprofit sector or government.

11          (2) While many institutions of higher education,  
12          in using work-study funds for community service  
13          under part C of title IV of the Higher Education  
14          Act of 1965, considerably exceed the percentage of  
15          such funds required to be used for such service, na-  
16          tionally the amount of such funds used for such  
17          service has remained relatively constant for the past  
18          few years.

19          (3) The public service sector, including the non-  
20          profit sector and government, faces many human  
21          capital challenges, and institutions of higher edu-  
22          cation can be a part of efforts to address the chal-  
23          lenges.

24       (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

1           (1) to identify and recognize institutions of  
2 higher education that serve as model Campuses of  
3 Service, in terms of engaging students in community  
4 service activities, providing service-learning courses,  
5 and encouraging or assisting graduates to pursue ca-  
6 reers in public service in the nonprofit sector or gov-  
7 ernment; and

8           (2) to allow such institutions to increase their  
9 ability to encourage or assist more students to pur-  
10 sue careers in public service, including public service  
11 careers in the nonprofit sector or government.

12       (c) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—Subtitle B of title I of  
13 the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42  
14 U.S.C. 12521 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
15 the following:

16       **“PART III—CAMPUS OF SERVICE PROGRAM**

17       **“SEC. 119E. CAMPUSES OF SERVICE.**

18       “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation, after consulta-  
19 tion with the Secretary of Education, may annually des-  
20 ignate not more than 30 institutions of higher education  
21 as Campuses of Service, from among institutions nomi-  
22 nated by State Commissions. An institution that receives  
23 the designation shall have an opportunity to apply for  
24 funds under subsection (d), and may nominate additional

1 individuals for ServeAmerica Fellowships under section  
2 198E, as described in subsection (e).

3 “(b) APPLICATIONS FOR NOMINATION.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible for a nomi-  
5 nation to receive designation under subsection (a),  
6 and have an opportunity to apply for funds under  
7 subsection (d), for a fiscal year, an institution of  
8 higher education in a State shall submit an applica-  
9 tion to the State Commission at such time, in such  
10 manner, and containing such information as the  
11 State Commission may require.

12 “(2) CONTENTS.—At a minimum, the applica-  
13 tion shall include information specifying—

14 “(A)(i) the number of undergraduate and,  
15 if applicable, graduate service-learning courses  
16 offered at such institution for the most recent  
17 full academic year preceding the fiscal year for  
18 which designation is sought; and

19 “(ii) the number and percentage of under-  
20 graduate students and, if applicable, the num-  
21 ber and percentage of graduate students at  
22 such institution who were enrolled in the cor-  
23 responding courses described in clause (i), for  
24 that preceding academic year;



1           “(B) the percentage of undergraduate stu-  
2 dents engaging in and, if applicable, the per-  
3 centage of graduate students engaging in activi-  
4 ties providing community services, as defined in  
5 section 441(c) of the Higher Education Act of  
6 1965 (42 U.S.C. 2751(c)), during that pre-  
7 ceeding academic year, the quality of such activi-  
8 ties, and the average amount of time spent, per  
9 student, engaged in such activities;

10           “(C) for that preceding academic year, the  
11 percentage of Federal work-study funds made  
12 available to the institution under part C of title  
13 IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (42  
14 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.) that is used to compensate  
15 students employed in providing community serv-  
16 ices, as so defined, and a description of the ef-  
17 forts the institution undertakes to make avail-  
18 able to students opportunities to provide such  
19 community services and be compensated  
20 through such work-study funds;

21           “(D) at the discretion of the institution,  
22 information demonstrating the degree to which  
23 recent graduates of the institution, and all  
24 graduates of the institution, have obtained full-  
25 time public service employment in the nonprofit

1 sector or government, with a private nonprofit  
2 organization or a Federal, State, or local public  
3 agency; and

4 “(E) any programs the institution has in  
5 place to encourage or assist graduates of the in-  
6 stitution to pursue careers in public service in  
7 the nonprofit sector or government.

8 “(c) NOMINATIONS AND DESIGNATION.—

9 “(1) NOMINATION.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A State Commission  
11 that receives applications from institutions of  
12 higher education under subsection (b) may  
13 nominate, for designation under subsection (a),  
14 not more than 3 such institutions of higher  
15 education, consisting of—

16 “(i) not more than one 4-year public  
17 institution of higher education;

18 “(ii) not more than one 4-year private  
19 institution of higher education; and

20 “(iii) not more than one 2-year insti-  
21 tution of higher education.

22 “(B) SUBMISSION.—The State Commission  
23 shall submit to the Corporation the name and  
24 application of each institution nominated by the  
25 State Commission under subparagraph (A).

1           “(2) DESIGNATION.—The Corporation shall  
2 designate, under subsection (a), not more than 30  
3 institutions of higher education from among the in-  
4 stitutions nominated under paragraph (1). In mak-  
5 ing the designations, the Corporation shall, if fea-  
6 sible, designate various types of institutions, includ-  
7 ing institutions from each of the categories of insti-  
8 tutions described in clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) of para-  
9 graph (1)(A).

10          “(d) FUNDS.—

11           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Using sums appropriated  
12 under section 501(a)(1)(D), the Corporation shall  
13 provide funds to institutions designated under sub-  
14 section (c), to be used by the institutions to imple-  
15 ment strategies to encourage or assist students from  
16 those institutions to pursue careers in public service  
17 in the nonprofit sector or government. The institu-  
18 tion may also use the funds to develop or dissemi-  
19 nate, to other institutions of higher education, serv-  
20 ice-learning models and best practices regarding  
21 service-learning.

22           “(2) PLAN.—To be eligible to receive funds  
23 under this subsection, an institution designated  
24 under subsection (c) shall submit a plan to the Cor-  
25 poration describing how the institution intends to

1 use the funds to encourage or assist those students  
2 to pursue those careers.

3 “(3) ALLOCATION.—The Corporation shall de-  
4 termine how the funds appropriated under section  
5 501(a)(1)(D) for a fiscal year will be allocated  
6 among the institutions submitting acceptable plans  
7 under paragraph (2). In determining the amount of  
8 funds to be allocated to such an institution, the Cor-  
9 poration shall consider the number of students at  
10 the institution, the quality and scope of the plan  
11 submitted by the institution under paragraph (2),  
12 and the institution’s current (as of the date of sub-  
13 mission of the plan) strategies to encourage or assist  
14 students to pursue public service careers in the non-  
15 profit sector or government.

16 “(e) ADDITIONAL SERVEAMERICA FELLOWSHIPS.—  
17 An institution designated as a Campus of Service may  
18 nominate additional individuals (relative to the number  
19 that other institutions may nominate) for ServeAmerica  
20 Fellowships under section 198E.”.

21 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
22 501(a)(1) of the National and Community Service Act of  
23 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(1)), as amended by section  
24 111(d), is further amended—

1           (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “subpart  
2           B of part I” and inserting “subpart B of part I and  
3           part III”; and

4           (2) by adding at the end the following:

5                   “(D) PART III.—There is authorized to be  
6                   appropriated to carry out part III of subtitle B  
7                   of title I \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
8                   2010 through 2014.”.

9   **SEC. 113. SERVICE-LEARNING IMPACT STUDY.**

10          (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle B of title I of the Na-  
11          tional and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.  
12          12521 et seq.), as amended by section 112(c), is further  
13          amended by adding at the end the following:

14   **“PART IV—SERVICE-LEARNING IMPACT STUDY**

15   **“SEC. 119F. STUDY AND REPORT.**

16          “(a) STUDY.—

17                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall  
18                   enter into a contract with an entity that is not oth-  
19                   erwise a recipient of financial assistance under this  
20                   subtitle, to conduct a 10-year longitudinal study on  
21                   the impact of the activities carried out under this  
22                   subtitle.

23                   “(2) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study, the  
24                   entity shall consider the impact of service-learning  
25                   activities carried out under this subtitle on students

1 participating in such activities, including in par-  
2 ticular examining the degree to which the activi-  
3 ties—

4 “(A) improved student academic achieve-  
5 ment;

6 “(B) improved student engagement;

7 “(C) improved graduation rates; and

8 “(D) improved the degree to which the  
9 participants in the activities engaged in subse-  
10 quent national service, volunteering, or other  
11 service activities, or pursued careers in public  
12 service, in the nonprofit sector or government.

13 “(3) ANALYSIS.—In carrying out such study,  
14 the entity shall examine the impact of the service-  
15 learning activities on the 4 factors described in sub-  
16 paragraphs (A) through (D) of paragraph (2), ana-  
17 lyzed in terms of how much time participants were  
18 engaged in service-learning activities.

19 “(4) BEST PRACTICES.—The entity shall collect  
20 information on best practices concerning using serv-  
21 ice-learning activities to improve the 4 factors.

22 “(b) REPORT.—The entity shall submit a report to  
23 the Corporation containing the results of the study and  
24 the information on best practices. The Corporation shall  
25 submit such report to the Committee on Education and

1 Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee  
2 on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate,  
3 and shall make such report available to the public on the  
4 Corporation’s website.

5 “(c) CONSULTATION AND DISSEMINATION.—On re-  
6 ceiving the report, the Corporation shall consult with the  
7 Secretary of Education to review the results of the study,  
8 and to identify best practices concerning using service-  
9 learning activities to improve the 4 factors described in  
10 subparagraphs (A) through (D) of subsection (a)(2). The  
11 Corporation shall disseminate information on the identi-  
12 fied best practices.”.

13 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
14 501(a)(1) of the National and Community Service Act of  
15 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(1)), as amended by section  
16 112(d), is further amended—

17 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “subpart  
18 B of part I and part III” and inserting “subpart B  
19 of part I, and parts III and IV”; and

20 (2) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(E) PART IV.—There are authorized to be  
22 appropriated to carry out part IV of subtitle B  
23 of title I such sums as may be necessary for  
24 each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014.”.

1           **Subtitle B—Supporting Social**  
 2           **Innovation and Entrepreneurship**

3           **SEC. 121. INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP.**

4           (a) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the National and Com-  
 5           munity Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12511 et seq.) is  
 6           amended—

7                   (1) by redesignating subtitles F through I as  
 8                   subtitles H through K; and

9                   (2) by inserting after subtitle E the following:

10           **“Subtitle F—Social Innovation and**  
 11           **Entrepreneurship**

12           **“PART I—COMMISSION ON CROSS-SECTOR**  
 13           **SOLUTIONS**

14           **“SEC. 167. COMMISSION.**

15           “(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
 16           ings:

17                   “(1) Nonprofit organizations play a significant  
 18                   role in addressing national and local challenges that  
 19                   impact economically disadvantaged individuals.

20                   “(2) Innovative nonprofit organizations often  
 21                   serve as a research and development engine for the  
 22                   social service sector, identifying effective solutions to  
 23                   national and local challenges.

24                   “(3) Despite the important role effective non-  
 25                   profit organizations play in addressing national and



1 local challenges, such organizations face administra-  
2 tive and efficiency barriers in maximizing their work  
3 with businesses and the government, and limited re-  
4 sources are available to help such organizations in-  
5 crease their capacity to deliver services more effec-  
6 tively, efficiently, on a larger scale, and with greater  
7 accountability.

8 “(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

9 “(1) to examine and recommend ways in which  
10 the Federal Government can interact more effi-  
11 ciently and effectively with nonprofit organizations,  
12 philanthropic organizations, and business to achieve  
13 better outcomes with regard to addressing national  
14 and local challenges, accountability, and utilization  
15 of resources;

16 “(2) to provide advice to the President and  
17 Congress regarding new, more effective ways for the  
18 Federal Government to address national and local  
19 challenges in partnership with the nonprofit sector;  
20 and

21 “(3) to support research that will advance the  
22 impact and effectiveness of the nonprofit sector and  
23 the way that the Federal Government interacts with  
24 such sector.

25 “(c) ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.—

1           “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a  
2 commission to be known as the Commission on  
3 Cross-Sector Solutions to America’s Problems (in  
4 this section referred to as the ‘Commission’).

5           “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—

6           “(A) COMPOSITION.—The Commission  
7 shall be composed of 21 members, of whom—

8           “(i) 9 shall be appointed by the Presi-  
9 dent;

10           “(ii) 3 shall be appointed by the ma-  
11 jority leader of the Senate;

12           “(iii) 3 shall be appointed by the mi-  
13 nority leader of the Senate;

14           “(iv) 3 shall be appointed by the  
15 Speaker of the House of Representatives;  
16 and

17           “(v) 3 shall be appointed by the mi-  
18 nority leader of the House of Representa-  
19 tives.

20           “(B) QUALIFICATIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL  
21 APPOINTEES.—

22           “(i) EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE.—  
23 Subject to subparagraph (D)(ii), the Com-  
24 mission shall include members appointed  
25 under subparagraph (A)(i) who, to the ex-

1 tent practicable, collectively have extensive  
2 experience or are experts in—

3 “(I) social entrepreneurship and  
4 social enterprise;

5 “(II) the management and oper-  
6 ation of small nonprofit organizations  
7 and large nonprofit organizations;

8 “(III) business, including a busi-  
9 ness with experience working with a  
10 startup enterprise and a business with  
11 experience working with the nonprofit  
12 sector;

13 “(IV) philanthropy, including the  
14 specific philanthropic challenges in  
15 urban and rural areas and in areas  
16 that are philanthropically under-  
17 served;

18 “(V) volunteering, including ef-  
19 fective volunteer management;

20 “(VI) government, including the  
21 management of government agencies  
22 and the role of government programs  
23 in providing services; and

24 “(VII) qualitative and quan-  
25 titative social science research.

1           “(ii) OTHER QUALIFICATIONS.—The  
2           Commission shall include, among the mem-  
3           bers appointed under subparagraph (A)(i),  
4           a wide range of individuals, including  
5           young people, and individuals from diverse  
6           economic, racial, ethnic, and religious  
7           backgrounds, and individuals from diverse  
8           geographic areas.

9           “(C) QUALIFICATIONS OF CONGRESSIONAL  
10          APPOINTEES.—

11           “(i) EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE.—  
12          Subject to subparagraph (D)(ii), the Com-  
13          mission shall include members appointed  
14          under clauses (ii) through (v) of subpara-  
15          graph (A) who, to the extent practicable,  
16          collectively have extensive experience or are  
17          experts in the matters described in sub-  
18          paragraph (B)(i).

19           “(ii) OTHER QUALIFICATIONS.—The  
20          Commission shall include, among the mem-  
21          bers appointed under clauses (ii) through  
22          (v) of subparagraph (A), a wide range of  
23          individuals with the qualifications de-  
24          scribed in subparagraph (B)(ii).

25          “(D) LIMITATIONS.—

1                   “(i) CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIR-  
2                   PERSON.—The President shall select a  
3                   Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson, who  
4                   may not be members of the same political  
5                   party, from among the members of the  
6                   Commission appointed under subparagraph  
7                   (A).

8                   “(ii) GENERAL MEMBERSHIP.—Mem-  
9                   bers appointed under subparagraph (A)  
10                  shall include not more than 11 members  
11                  who are members of the same political  
12                  party.

13                  “(E) EX OFFICIO MEMBERS.—Heads of  
14                  Federal agencies, appointed to the Commission  
15                  by the President, whose work concerns the non-  
16                  profit sector shall serve as ex officio nonvoting  
17                  members of the Commission.

18                  “(F) DATE.—The appointments of the  
19                  members of the Commission shall be made not  
20                  later than 60 days after the date of enactment  
21                  of the Serve America Act.

22                  “(3) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT.—

23                  “(A) IN GENERAL.—Members appointed  
24                  under paragraph (2)(A) shall be appointed for  
25                  terms of 2 years.

1           “(B) EXCEPTION.—The appointing offi-  
2 cer—

3           “(i) under paragraph (2)(A)(i) shall  
4 designate 4 of the initial members ap-  
5 pointed under that paragraph to serve  
6 terms of 3 years;

7           “(ii) under paragraph (2)(A)(ii) shall  
8 designate 2 of the initial members ap-  
9 pointed under that paragraph to serve  
10 terms of 3 years;

11           “(iii) under paragraph (2)(A)(iii) shall  
12 designate 1 of the initial members ap-  
13 pointed under that paragraph to serve  
14 terms of 3 years;

15           “(iv) under paragraph (2)(A)(iv) shall  
16 designate 1 of the initial members ap-  
17 pointed under that paragraph to serve  
18 terms of 3 years; and

19           “(v) under paragraph (2)(A)(v) shall  
20 designate 2 of the initial members ap-  
21 pointed under that paragraph to serve  
22 terms of 3 years.

23           “(4) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Commis-  
24 sion shall not affect its powers, but shall be filled in  
25 the same manner as the original appointment.

1           “(5) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 30  
2 days after the date on which all voting members of  
3 the Commission have been appointed, the Commis-  
4 sion shall hold its first meeting.

5           “(6) MEETINGS.—The Commission shall meet  
6 at the call of the Chairperson, not less than 3 times  
7 a year.

8           “(7) QUORUM.—A majority of the voting mem-  
9 bers of the Commission shall constitute a quorum,  
10 but a lesser number of voting members may hold  
11 hearings.

12       “(d) DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.—

13           “(1) STUDY.—

14           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall  
15 conduct a thorough study of all matters relating  
16 to ways in which the Federal Government can  
17 work more efficiently and effectively with non-  
18 profit organizations and philanthropic organiza-  
19 tions to assist the organizations described in  
20 this subparagraph, and the Federal Govern-  
21 ment, in achieving better outcomes with regard  
22 to addressing pressing national and local chal-  
23 lenges, and improving accountability and utili-  
24 zation of resources, and relating to assisting the  
25 Federal Government, such organizations, and

1 business in improving their collaboration to  
2 achieve such outcomes.

3 “(B) MATTERS STUDIED.—The matters  
4 studied by the Commission shall include—

5 “(i) ways in which the Federal Gov-  
6 ernment interacts with nonprofit organiza-  
7 tions, philanthropic organizations, and  
8 business to address national and local chal-  
9 lenges;

10 “(ii) ways in which businesses collabo-  
11 rate with nonprofit organizations and phil-  
12 anthropic organizations, and any barriers  
13 to maximizing the effectiveness of those  
14 collaborations in addressing national and  
15 local challenges;

16 “(iii) public and nonprofit sector  
17 human capital challenges, including spe-  
18 cific upcoming human capital needs facing  
19 the nonprofit sector and such needs facing  
20 the government sector, the causes of needs  
21 described in this clause, and ways in which  
22 nonprofit organizations and governments  
23 can address the challenges jointly;



1           “(iv) ways in which government poli-  
2           cies could be improved to foster nonprofit  
3           organization accountability;

4           “(v) systems for streamlining the  
5           process for nonprofit organizations to ob-  
6           tain Federal grants and contracts, and  
7           eliminating unnecessary requirements re-  
8           lating to that process;

9           “(vi) barriers for smaller nonprofit or-  
10          ganizations to participate in Federal Gov-  
11          ernment programs;

12          “(vii) the degree to which, and ways  
13          in which, social entrepreneurs are identi-  
14          fying innovative ways of addressing na-  
15          tional and local challenges;

16          “(viii) ways in which the Federal Gov-  
17          ernment can help build the capacity of ef-  
18          fective social entrepreneurs and effective  
19          nonprofit organizations, including the ca-  
20          pacity of the entrepreneurs and organiza-  
21          tions to replicate programs that provide ef-  
22          fective ways of addressing national and  
23          local challenges;

24          “(ix) ways in which the Federal Gov-  
25          ernment supports social service sector re-

1 search and development, whether there is a  
2 need to increase such support, and, if so,  
3 how such support may be increased;

4 “(x) ways in which the Federal Gov-  
5 ernment can partner with nonprofit organi-  
6 zations after an emergency or disaster to  
7 address the needs of the community in-  
8 volved; and

9 “(xi) ways in which the Federal Gov-  
10 ernment can improve the quantity, quality,  
11 and timeliness of data about the nonprofit  
12 sector.

13 “(2) GRANTS.—The Commission shall provide  
14 advice to the President and Congress regarding the  
15 establishment of grants to build the capacity of the  
16 nonprofit sector, to support research on the sector,  
17 and to model innovative effective ways for the Fed-  
18 eral Government to address national and local chal-  
19 lenges by supporting social entrepreneurship and en-  
20 abling nonprofit organizations to replicate and ex-  
21 pand effective solutions to national and local chal-  
22 lenges.

23 “(3) ADVICE TO THE PRESIDENT AND CON-  
24 GRESS.—The Commission shall advise the President

1 and Congress on matters concerning the nonprofit  
2 sector and social entrepreneurship.

3 “(4) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after  
4 the first meeting of the Commission, the Commis-  
5 sion shall submit a report to Congress, which shall  
6 contain a detailed statement of the findings of the  
7 Commission resulting from the study described in  
8 paragraph (1), and the advice provided under para-  
9 graphs (2) and (3). The report shall contain rec-  
10 ommendations resulting from the study.

11 “(5) ADVICE ON IMPLEMENTATION.—At the re-  
12 quest of Congress or the head of any Federal de-  
13 partment or agency, the Commission shall provide  
14 advice on the implementation of any of the rec-  
15 ommendations contained in the report.

16 “(e) POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.—

17 “(1) HEARINGS.—The Commission may hold  
18 such hearings, sit and act at such times and places,  
19 take such testimony, and receive such evidence as  
20 the Commission considers advisable to carry out this  
21 section.

22 “(2) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGEN-  
23 CIES.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission may  
25 secure directly from any Federal agency such

1 information as the Commission considers nec-  
2 essary to carry out this section.

3 “(B) AGENCY COOPERATION.—Upon re-  
4 quest of the Chairperson of the Commission,  
5 the head of any Federal agency shall furnish in-  
6 formation requested under this paragraph to  
7 the Commission.

8 “(3) POSTAL SERVICES.—The Commission may  
9 use the United States mails in the same manner and  
10 under the same conditions as other agencies of the  
11 Federal Government.

12 “(4) GIFTS.—The Commission may accept, use,  
13 and dispose of gifts or donations of services or prop-  
14 erty.

15 “(f) COMMISSION PERSONNEL MATTERS.—

16 “(1) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—The members of the  
17 Commission shall serve without compensation for  
18 their work on the Commission. Notwithstanding sec-  
19 tion 1342 of title 31, United States Code, the Chief  
20 Executive Officer of the Corporation may accept the  
21 voluntary and uncompensated services of members of  
22 the Commission. The members of the Commission  
23 shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem  
24 in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for em-  
25 ployees of agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57

1 of title 5, United States Code, while away from their  
2 homes or regular places of business in the perform-  
3 ance of services for the Commission.

4 “(2) STAFF.—Any Corporation for National  
5 and Community Service employee may be detailed to  
6 the Commission without reimbursement, and such  
7 detail shall be without interruption or loss of civil  
8 service status or privilege.

9 “(g) TERMINATION OF THE COMMISSION.—The  
10 Commission shall terminate in 6 years.

11 “(h) AVAILABILITY.—Any sums appropriated to  
12 carry out this section shall remain available, without fiscal  
13 year limitation, until expended.

14 **“PART II—COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS FUNDS PILOT**  
15 **PROGRAM**

16 **“SEC. 167A. FUNDS.**

17 “(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

18 “(1) Social entrepreneurs and other nonprofit  
19 community organizations are developing innovative  
20 and effective solutions to national and local chal-  
21 lenges.

22 “(2) Increased public and private investment in  
23 replicating and expanding proven effective solutions  
24 developed by social entrepreneurs and other non-  
25 profit community organizations, could allow those

1 entrepreneurs and organizations to replicate and ex-  
2 pand proven initiatives in communities.

3 “(3) A network of Community Solutions Funds  
4 could leverage Federal investments to increase State,  
5 local, business, and philanthropic resources to rep-  
6 licate and expand proven solutions to tackle specific  
7 identified community challenges.

8 “(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

9 “(1) to recognize and increase the impact of so-  
10 cial entrepreneurs and other nonprofit community  
11 organizations in tackling national and local chal-  
12 lenges;

13 “(2) to stimulate the development of a network  
14 of Community Solutions Funds that will increase  
15 private and public investment in nonprofit commu-  
16 nity organizations that are effectively addressing na-  
17 tional and local challenges to allow such organiza-  
18 tions to replicate and expand successful initiatives;

19 “(3) to assess the effectiveness of such Funds  
20 in—

21 “(A) leveraging Federal investments to in-  
22 crease State, local, business, and philanthropic  
23 resources to address national and local chal-  
24 lenges; and

1           “(B) providing resources to replicate and  
2           expand effective initiatives; and

3           “(4) to strengthen the infrastructure to invest  
4           in, and replicate and expand, initiatives with effective  
5           solutions to national and local challenges.

6           “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7           “(1) COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION.—The term  
8           ‘community organization’ means a nonprofit organization  
9           that carries out innovative, effective initiatives  
10          to address community challenges.

11          “(2) COVERED ENTITY.—The term ‘covered entity’ means—

12           “(A) an existing grantmaking institution  
13           (existing as of the date on which the institution  
14           applies for a grant under this section); or

15           “(B) a partnership between—

16           “(i) such an existing grantmaking institution; and  
17           “(ii) an additional grantmaking institution,  
18           a State Commission, or a chief executive officer of a unit of general local  
19           government.

20           “(ii) an additional grantmaking institution, a State Commission, or a chief executive officer of a unit of general local  
21           government.  
22           “(ii) an additional grantmaking institution, a State Commission, or a chief executive officer of a unit of general local  
23           government.

24          “(3) ISSUE AREA.—The term ‘issue area’ means an area described in subsection (f)(3).

1       “(d) PROGRAM.—The Corporation shall establish a  
2 Community Solutions Fund grant program to make  
3 grants on a competitive basis to eligible entities to assist  
4 the entities in paying for the cost of providing national  
5 leveraging capital for Community Solution Funds.

6       “(e) PERIODS; AMOUNTS.—The Corporation shall  
7 make such grants for periods of 5 years, and may renew  
8 the grants for additional periods of 5 years, in amounts  
9 of not less than \$1,000,000 and not more than  
10 \$10,000,000 per year.

11       “(f) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
12 under this section, an entity shall—

13               “(1) be a covered entity;

14               “(2) be focused on—

15                       “(A) serving a specific local geographical  
16 area; or

17                       “(B) addressing a specific issue area, in  
18 geographical areas that have the highest need  
19 in that issue area, as demonstrated by statistics  
20 concerning that need;

21               “(3) be focused on improving measurable out-  
22 comes relating to—

23                       “(A) education for economically disadvan-  
24 taged students in public schools;

25                       “(B) child and youth development;



1           “(C) reductions in poverty or increases in  
2           economic opportunity for economically dis-  
3           advantaged individuals;

4           “(D) health, including access to health  
5           care and health education;

6           “(E) resource conservation and local envi-  
7           ronmental quality;

8           “(F) individual or community energy effi-  
9           ciency;

10          “(G) civic engagement; or

11          “(H) reductions in crime;

12          “(4) make data-driven decisions about subgrant  
13          awards and internal policies;

14          “(5) have well-articulated processes for assess-  
15          ing community organizations for subgrants; and

16          “(6) have appropriate policies, as determined by  
17          the Corporation, that protect against conflict of in-  
18          terest, self-dealing, and other improper practices.

19          “(g) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
20          under subsection (d) for national leveraging capital, an eli-  
21          gible entity shall submit an application to the Corporation  
22          at such time, in such manner, and containing such infor-  
23          mation as the Corporation may specify, including, at a  
24          minimum—

25          “(1) an assurance that the eligible entity will—

1           “(A) use the funds received through that  
2 capital in order to make subgrants to commu-  
3 nity organizations that will use the funds to  
4 replicate or expand proven initiatives in low-in-  
5 come communities;

6           “(B) in making decisions about subgrants  
7 for communities, consult with a diverse cross  
8 section of community representatives in the de-  
9 cisions, including individuals from the public,  
10 nonprofit private, and for-profit private sectors;  
11 and

12           “(C) make subgrants of a sufficient size  
13 and scope to enable the community organiza-  
14 tions to build their capacity to manage initia-  
15 tives, and sustain replication or expansion of  
16 the initiatives;

17           “(2) an assurance that the eligible entity will  
18 not make any subgrants to the parent organizations  
19 of the eligible entity, a subsidiary organization of the  
20 parent organization, or, if the eligible entity applied  
21 for funds under this section as a partnership, any  
22 member of the partnership;

23           “(3) an identification of, as appropriate—

1           “(A) the specific local geographical area  
2 referred to in subsection (f)(2)(A) that the eli-  
3 gible entity is proposing to serve; or

4           “(B) geographical areas referred to in sub-  
5 section (f)(2)(B) that the eligible entity is likely  
6 to serve;

7           “(4)(A) information identifying the issue areas  
8 in which the eligible entity will work to improve  
9 measurable outcomes;

10          “(B) statistics on the needs related to those  
11 issue areas in, as appropriate—

12           “(i) the specific local geographical area de-  
13 scribed in paragraph (3)(A); or

14           “(ii) the geographical areas described in  
15 paragraph (3)(B), including statistics dem-  
16 onstrating that those geographical areas have  
17 the highest need in the specific issue area that  
18 the eligible entity is proposing to address; and

19          “(C) information on the specific measurable  
20 outcomes related to the issue areas involved that the  
21 eligible entity will seek to improve;

22          “(5) information describing the process by  
23 which the eligible entity selected, or will select, com-  
24 munity organizations to receive the subgrants, to en-  
25 sure that the community organizations—

1           “(A) are institutions with proven initia-  
2 tives, with track records of achieving specific  
3 outcomes related to the measurable outcomes  
4 for the eligible entity;

5           “(B) articulate measurable outcomes for  
6 the use of the subgrant funds that are con-  
7 nected to the measurable outcomes for the eligi-  
8 ble entity;

9           “(C) will use the funds to replicate or ex-  
10 pand their initiatives;

11           “(D) provide a well-defined plan for repli-  
12 cating or expanding the initiatives funded;

13           “(E) can sustain the initiatives after the  
14 subgrant period concludes through reliable pub-  
15 lic revenues, earned income, or private sector  
16 funding;

17           “(F) have strong leadership and financial  
18 and management systems;

19           “(G) are committed to the use of data col-  
20 lection and evaluation for improvement of the  
21 initiatives;

22           “(H) will implement and evaluate innova-  
23 tive initiatives, to be important contributors to  
24 knowledge in their fields; and

1           “(I) will meet the requirements for pro-  
2           viding matching funds specified in subsection  
3           (k);

4           “(6) information about the eligible entity, in-  
5           cluding its experience managing collaborative initia-  
6           tives, or assessing applicants for grants and evalu-  
7           ating the performance of grant recipients for out-  
8           come-focused initiatives, and any other relevant in-  
9           formation;

10           “(7) a commitment to meet the requirements of  
11           subsection (i) and a plan for meeting the require-  
12           ments, including information on any funding that  
13           the eligible entity has secured to provide the match-  
14           ing funds required under that subsection;

15           “(8) a description of the eligible entity’s plan  
16           for providing technical assistance and support, other  
17           than financial support, to the community organiza-  
18           tions that will increase the ability of the community  
19           organizations to achieve their measurable outcomes;

20           “(9) information on the commitment, institu-  
21           tional capacity, and expertise of the eligible entity  
22           concerning—

23           “(A) collecting and analyzing data required  
24           for evaluations, compliance efforts, and other  
25           purposes;

1           “(B) supporting relevant research; and

2           “(C) submitting regular reports to the Cor-  
3           poration, including information on the initia-  
4           tives of the community organizations, and the  
5           replication or expansion of such initiatives; and

6           “(10) a commitment to use data and evalua-  
7           tions to continuously improve the initiatives funded  
8           by the eligible entity.

9           “(h) SELECTION CRITERIA.—In selecting eligible en-  
10          tities to receive grants under this section, the Corporation  
11          shall—

12           “(1) select eligible entities on a competitive  
13          basis;

14           “(2) select eligible entities on the basis of the  
15          quality of their selection process, as described in  
16          subsection (g)(5), the capacity of the eligible entities  
17          to manage Community Solutions Funds, and the po-  
18          tential of the eligible entities to sustain the Funds  
19          after the conclusion of the grant period;

20           “(3) include among the grant recipients eligible  
21          entities that propose to provide subgrants to serve  
22          communities (such as rural low-income communities)  
23          that the eligible entities can demonstrate are signifi-  
24          cantly philanthropically underserved; and

1           “(4) select a geographically diverse set of eligi-  
2           ble entities.

3           “(i) MATCHING FUNDS FOR GRANTS.—

4           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation may not  
5           make a grant to an eligible entity under this section  
6           for a Community Solutions Fund unless the entity  
7           agrees that, with respect to the cost described in  
8           subsection (d) for that Fund, the entity will make  
9           available matching funds in an amount not less than  
10          \$1 for every \$1 of funds provided under the grant.

11          “(2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—

12           “(A) TYPE AND SOURCES.—The eligible  
13           entity shall provide the matching funds in cash.  
14           The eligible entity shall provide the matching  
15           funds from State, local, or private sources,  
16           which may include State or local agencies, busi-  
17           nesses, private philanthropic organizations, or  
18           individuals.

19           “(B) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES INCLUDING  
20           STATE COMMISSIONS OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
21           OFFICES.—

22           “(i) IN GENERAL.—In a case in which  
23           a State Commission, a local government  
24           office, or both entities are a part of the eli-  
25           gible entity, the State involved, the local

1 government involved, or both entities, re-  
2 spectively, shall contribute not less than 30  
3 percent and not more than 50 percent of  
4 the matching funds.

5 “(ii) LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE.—  
6 In this subparagraph, the term ‘local gov-  
7 ernment office’ means the office of the  
8 chief executive officer of a unit of general  
9 local government.

10 “(3) REDUCTION.—The Corporation may re-  
11 duce by 50 percent the matching funds required by  
12 paragraph (1) for an eligible entity serving a com-  
13 munity (such as a rural low-income community) that  
14 the eligible entity can demonstrate is significantly  
15 philanthropically underserved.

16 “(j) SUBGRANTS.—

17 “(1) SUBGRANTS AUTHORIZED.—An eligible en-  
18 tity receiving a grant under this section is author-  
19 ized to use the funds made available through the  
20 grant to award subgrants on a competitive basis  
21 to—

22 “(A) community organizations serving low-  
23 income communities within the specific local  
24 geographical area referred to in subsection  
25 (f)(2)(A); or



1           “(B) community organizations addressing  
2           a specific issue area referred to in subsection  
3           (f)(2)(B), in low-income communities in geo-  
4           graphical areas referred to in that subsection.

5           “(2) PERIODS; AMOUNTS.—The eligible entity  
6           shall make such subgrants for periods of not less  
7           than 3 and not more than 5 years, and may renew  
8           the grants for such periods, in amounts of not less  
9           than \$100,000.

10           “(3) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive a  
11           subgrant from an eligible entity under this section,  
12           including receiving a payment for that subgrant each  
13           year, a community organization shall submit an ap-  
14           plication to an eligible entity that serves the specific  
15           local geographical area, or geographical areas, that  
16           the community organization proposes to serve, at  
17           such time, in such manner, and containing such in-  
18           formation as the eligible entity may require, includ-  
19           ing—

20           “(A) a description of the initiative the  
21           community organization carries out and plans  
22           to replicate or expand using funds received  
23           from the eligible entity, and how the initiative  
24           relates to the issue areas identified under sub-

1 section (g)(4)(A) in which the eligible entity has  
2 committed to work;

3 “(B) data on the measurable outcomes the  
4 community organization has improved, and in-  
5 formation on the measurable outcomes the com-  
6 munity organization seeks to improve by repli-  
7 cating or expanding an initiative, which shall be  
8 among the measurable outcomes the eligible en-  
9 tity is seeking to improve as identified under  
10 subsection (g)(4)(C);

11 “(C) an identification of the community in  
12 which the community organization proposes to  
13 carry out an initiative, which shall be within the  
14 specific local geographical area referred to in  
15 subsection (f)(2)(A) or the geographical areas  
16 referred to in subsection (f)(2)(B), that the eli-  
17 gible entity serves;

18 “(D) a description of how the community  
19 organization uses data to analyze and improve  
20 its initiatives;

21 “(E) specific evidence of how the commu-  
22 nity organization will meet the requirements for  
23 providing matching funds specified in sub-  
24 section (k);

1           “(F) a description of how the community  
2 organization will sustain the replicated or ex-  
3 panded initiative after the conclusion of the  
4 subgrant period; and

5           “(G) any other information the eligible en-  
6 tity may require, including information nec-  
7 essary for the eligible entity to fulfill its obliga-  
8 tions under subsection (g)(5).

9           “(k) MATCHING FUNDS FOR SUBGRANTS.—

10           “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity may not  
11 make a subgrant to a community organization under  
12 this section for an initiative described in subsection  
13 (j)(3)(A) unless the organization agrees that, with  
14 respect to the cost of carrying out that initiative, the  
15 organization will make available, on an annual basis,  
16 matching funds in an amount not less than \$1 for  
17 every \$1 of funds provided under the subgrant. If  
18 the community organization fails to make such  
19 matching funds available for a fiscal year, the eligi-  
20 ble entity shall not make payments for the remain-  
21 ing fiscal years of the subgrant period, notwith-  
22 standing any other provision of this part.

23           “(2) TYPES AND SOURCES.—The community  
24 organization shall provide the matching funds in  
25 cash. The community organization shall provide the

1 matching funds from State, local, or private sources,  
2 which may include funds from State or local agen-  
3 cies, or private sector funding.

4 “(1) NATIONAL FUNCTIONS.—

5 “(1) CORPORATION.—The Corporation shall  
6 enter into a contract with an independent entity (re-  
7 ferred to in this subsection as a ‘national con-  
8 tractor’) to evaluate the eligible entities, and the ini-  
9 tiatives supported by the eligible entities.

10 “(2) NATIONAL CONTRACTOR.—

11 “(A) RESEARCH AND REPORTS.—

12 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The national con-  
13 tractor shall collect data and conduct or  
14 support research with respect to the eligi-  
15 ble entities, and the initiatives supported  
16 by the eligible entities, to determine the  
17 success of the program carried out under  
18 this section in replicating and expanding  
19 initiatives, including—

20 “(I) the success of the replicated  
21 or expanded initiatives in improving  
22 measurable outcomes; and

23 “(II) the success of the program  
24 in increasing philanthropic invest-

1                   ments in philanthropically under-  
2                   served communities.

3                   “(ii) REPORTS.—The national con-  
4                   tractor shall submit reports to Congress  
5                   and the Corporation including—

6                               “(I) the data collected and the  
7                               results of the research;

8                               “(II) information on lessons  
9                               learned about best practices from the  
10                              activities carried out under this sec-  
11                             tion, to improve those activities; and

12                             “(III) a list of all eligible entities  
13                             and community organizations receiv-  
14                             ing funds under this section.

15                   “(B) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The na-  
16                   tional contractor shall provide technical assist-  
17                   ance to the eligible entities that receive grants  
18                   under this section.

19                   “(C) KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT.—The  
20                   national contractor shall maintain a clearing-  
21                   house for information on best practices result-  
22                   ing from initiatives supported by the eligible en-  
23                   tities.

24                   “(D) RESERVATION.—Of the funds appro-  
25                   priated under section 501(a)(5)(B) for a fiscal

1           year, not more than 5 percent may be used to  
2           carry out this subsection.

3       **“PART III—INNOVATION FELLOWSHIPS PILOT**  
4   **PROGRAM**

5       **“SEC. 167B. PROGRAM.**

6           “(a) GRANTS.—The Corporation shall make grants,  
7       on a competitive basis, to individuals to pay for the Fed-  
8       eral share of carrying out projects in which the individuals  
9       establish innovative nonprofit organizations to address na-  
10      tional and local challenges.

11          “(b) AMOUNTS, PERIODS, AND NUMBER OF  
12      GRANTS.—The Corporation shall make the grants for pe-  
13      riods of 2 years. The Corporation shall make the grants  
14      in amounts of not more than \$100,000. The Corporation  
15      shall make not more than 25 grants under subsection (a)  
16      in a fiscal year.

17          “(c) PAYMENTS.—The Corporation shall make the  
18      grant awards through annual payments, for the 2 years  
19      of the grant periods.

20          “(d) ELIGIBLE APPLICANT.—To be eligible to apply  
21      for a grant under this section, an individual shall—

22              “(1) have completed at least 1 term or period  
23      of service as a participant in a national service pro-  
24      gram under subtitle C or G, as a participant in a  
25      program under subtitle E or section 198E, or as a

1 volunteer in a program under part A of title I of the  
2 Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C.  
3 4951 et seq.); or

4 “(2) be a veteran, as defined in section 101 of  
5 title 38, United States Code.

6 “(e) INITIAL APPLICATION.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a  
8 grant under this section, and a payment for the first  
9 year of the grant period, an individual shall submit  
10 an application to the Corporation at such time, in  
11 such manner, and containing such information as  
12 the Corporation may require.

13 “(2) CONTENTS.—At a minimum, the applica-  
14 tion shall include—

15 “(A) a description of the national or local  
16 challenge that the individual seeks to address  
17 through the project involved;

18 “(B) a description of the project the indi-  
19 vidual is proposing or the organization the indi-  
20 vidual is proposing to establish through the  
21 project, including information describing why  
22 the individual’s proposal to address the chal-  
23 lenge is innovative;

1           “(C) information describing how the indi-  
2           vidual proposes to address the challenge at the  
3           community level; and

4           “(D) information describing the location of  
5           the project and the community the individual  
6           proposes to serve through the project, including  
7           relevant data about the challenge in that com-  
8           munity.

9           “(f) SUBSEQUENT APPLICATION.—To be eligible to  
10          receive a payment for the second year of the grant period,  
11          the individual shall submit to the Corporation—

12           “(1) a report on the actions taken by the indi-  
13           vidual, and, if applicable, the nonprofit organization  
14           established using funds provided under this section,  
15           to carry out the project; and

16           “(2) information describing how the individual  
17           will comply with the non-Federal share requirement  
18           described in subsection (g) for the second year of the  
19           grant period.

20          “(g) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—

21           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of the  
22           cost of carrying out a project under this section shall  
23           be—

24           “(A) 100 percent for the first year of the  
25           grant period; and



1                   “(B) 50 percent for the second year of the  
2                   grant period.

3                   “(2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The individual  
4                   may provide the non-Federal share of the cost in  
5                   cash or in kind, fairly evaluated, including plant,  
6                   equipment, or services. The individual may provide  
7                   the non-Federal share from State, local, or private  
8                   sources.

9                   “(h) CONSIDERATION.—In reviewing applications,  
10                  the Corporation shall take into consideration the likelihood  
11                  that a project proposed to serve a community, if success-  
12                  ful, will be replicable in other communities.

13                  “(i) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—In making grants  
14                  under this section, the Corporation shall make the grants  
15                  to a geographically diverse set of individuals.

16                  “(j) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Corporation  
17                  may reserve 15 percent of the funds appropriated to carry  
18                  out this section to provide technical assistance to individ-  
19                  uals and nonprofit organizations carrying out projects  
20                  under this section.”.

21                  (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
22                  501(a) of the National and Community Service Act of  
23                  1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)) is amended by adding at the  
24                  end the following:

1           “(5) SUBTITLE F.—There are authorized to be  
2 appropriated—

3           “(A) to carry out section 167, such sums  
4 as may be necessary for each of fiscal years  
5 2010 through 2014;

6           “(B) to carry out section 167A,  
7 \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2010, \$60,000,000  
8 for fiscal year 2011, \$70,000,000 for fiscal year  
9 2012, \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2013, and  
10 \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2014, and such  
11 sums as may be necessary for each subsequent  
12 fiscal year; and

13           “(C) to carry out section 167B,  
14 \$3,500,000 for fiscal year 2010, and  
15 \$5,000,000 for each subsequent fiscal year.”.

## 16       **Subtitle C—ServeAmerica Corps**

### 17       **SEC. 131. CORPS.**

18       (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

19           (1) Since 1993, more than 500,000 individuals  
20 have served in national service positions, meeting  
21 unmet human, educational, environmental, and pub-  
22 lic safety needs of the United States.

23           (2) Full- and part-time national service can ef-  
24 fectively promote an ethic of service and volun-  
25 teering, and former national service participants are

1 likely to remain engaged in national service, and  
2 participate in community and public service, in the  
3 nonprofit sector or government.

4 (3) Focused national service efforts can effec-  
5 tively tackle pressing national challenges, such as  
6 improving education for low-income students, in-  
7 creasing energy conservation, and improving the  
8 health, well-being, and economic opportunities of the  
9 neediest individuals in the Nation.

10 (4) An increasing number of individuals in the  
11 United States who are retiring or age 50 or older in-  
12 dicate an interest in service, with almost 60 percent  
13 of such individuals indicating that they would con-  
14 sider taking jobs now or in the future to serve their  
15 communities.

16 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

17 (1) to provide opportunities by 2014 for  
18 250,000 individuals annually to participate in a year  
19 of service, by providing funding for an additional  
20 175,000 individuals (in addition to the 75,000 indi-  
21 viduals already participating) each year to so partici-  
22 pate, and to continue growing national service in the  
23 future;

24 (2) to focus national service in the areas of na-  
25 tional need such service has the capacity to address,

1 such as improving education for low-income stu-  
 2 dents, increasing energy conservation, improving ac-  
 3 cess to health care for, and the health status of, in-  
 4 dividuals in medically underserved populations, and  
 5 creating new economic opportunities for low-income  
 6 individuals; and

7 (3) to encourage “encore service” and draw on  
 8 the talents and experience of individuals age 50 and  
 9 older, by providing better opportunities and incen-  
 10 tives for individuals of that age to serve.

11 (c) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—Title I of the National  
 12 and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12511  
 13 et seq.), as amended by section 121, is further amended  
 14 by inserting after subtitle F the following:

15 **“Subtitle G—ServeAmerica Corps**

16 **“SEC. 168. CORPS.**

17 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 “(1) 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING  
 19 CENTER.—The term ‘21st century community learn-  
 20 ing center’ has the meaning given the term ‘commu-  
 21 nity learning center’, as defined in section 4201 of  
 22 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of  
 23 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7171).

24 “(2) CLEAN ENERGY SERVICE CORPS.—The  
 25 term ‘Clean Energy Service Corps’ means the par-

1 participants who improve performance on clean energy  
2 indicators through the grants funded under sub-  
3 section (c)(3).

4 “(3) CLEAN ENERGY SERVICE CORPS FUND.—  
5 The term ‘Clean Energy Service Corps Fund’ means  
6 the Clean Energy Service Corps Fund established  
7 under subsection (b)(3).

8 “(4) CLEAN ENERGY INDICATORS.—The term  
9 ‘clean energy indicators’ means—

10 “(A) number of housing units of low-in-  
11 come households weatherized or retrofitted to  
12 improve energy efficiency;

13 “(B) annual energy costs (to determine  
14 savings in those costs) at facilities where par-  
15 ticipants have provided service;

16 “(C) number of students and youth receiv-  
17 ing education or training in energy-efficient and  
18 environmentally conscious practices;

19 “(D) number of national parks, State  
20 parks, city parks, county parks, forest pre-  
21 serves, or trails or rivers owned or maintained  
22 by the Federal Government or a State, that are  
23 cleaned or improved;

24 “(E) another indicator relating to clean en-  
25 ergy that the Corporation, in consultation with

1 the Administrator of the Environmental Protec-  
2 tion Agency and the Secretary of Energy, es-  
3 tablishes for a given year;

4 “(F) another indicator relating to edu-  
5 cation or skill attainment for clean energy jobs  
6 that the Corporation, in consultation with the  
7 Secretary of Labor, establishes for a given year;  
8 and

9 “(G) a local indicator (applicable to a par-  
10 ticular eligible entity and on which an improve-  
11 ment in performance is needed) relating to  
12 clean energy, or education or skill attainment  
13 for clean energy jobs, proposed by that eligible  
14 entity in an application submitted to, and ap-  
15 proved by, a State Commission or the Corpora-  
16 tion under this section.

17 “(5) COLLEGE-GOING RATE.—The term ‘col-  
18 lege-going rate’ means the percentage of high school  
19 graduates who enroll in an institution of higher edu-  
20 cation in the school year immediately following grad-  
21 uation from high school.

22 “(6) EDUCATION CORPS.—The term ‘Education  
23 Corps’ means the participants who improve perform-  
24 ance on education indicators through the grants  
25 funded under subsection (c)(1).

1           “(7) EDUCATION CORPS FUND.—The term  
2           ‘Education Corps Fund’ means the Education Corps  
3           Fund established under subsection (b)(1).

4           “(8) EDUCATION INDICATORS.—The term ‘edu-  
5           cation indicators’ means—

6                   “(A) student engagement, including stu-  
7                   dent attendance and student behavior;

8                   “(B) student academic achievement;

9                   “(C) high school graduation rates;

10                   “(D) college-going rates for recipients of a  
11                   high school diploma;

12                   “(E) college persistence rates for recipients  
13                   of a high school diploma or its generally recog-  
14                   nized equivalent who are enrolled in college;

15                   “(F) an additional indicator relating to im-  
16                   proving education for students that the Cor-  
17                   poration, in consultation with the Secretary of  
18                   Education, establishes for a given year; and

19                   “(G) a local indicator (applicable to a par-  
20                   ticular eligible entity and on which an improve-  
21                   ment in performance is needed) relating to im-  
22                   proving education for students, proposed by  
23                   that eligible entity in an application submitted  
24                   to, and approved by, a State Commission or the  
25                   Corporation under this section.

1           “(9) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-  
2           tity’ means an entity that—

3                   “(A) is a nonprofit organization with a  
4                   proven record of improving, or a promising  
5                   strategy to improve, performance on appro-  
6                   priate indicators described in this subsection;

7                   “(B) meets the eligibility requirements to  
8                   receive a grant under subtitle C; and

9                   “(C) if the entity is seeking to receive (or  
10                  has received) a grant directly under subsection  
11                  (c), is seeking to carry out (or is carrying out)  
12                  a national service program in 2 or more States.

13           “(10) ENCORE SERVICE PROGRAM.—The term  
14           ‘encore service program’ means a program, carried  
15           out by an eligible entity under subsection (c), that—

16                   “(A) involves a significant number of par-  
17                   ticipants age 50 or older in the program; and

18                   “(B) takes advantage of the skills and ex-  
19                   perience that such participants offer in the de-  
20                   sign and implementation of the program.

21           “(11) HEALTHY FUTURES CORPS.—The term  
22           ‘Healthy Futures Corps’ means the participants who  
23           improve performance on health indicators through  
24           the grants funded under subsection (c)(2).



1           “(12) HEALTHY FUTURES CORPS FUND.—The  
2 term ‘Healthy Futures Corps Fund’ means the  
3 Healthy Futures Corps Fund established under sub-  
4 section (b)(2).

5           “(13) HEALTH INDICATORS.—The term ‘health  
6 indicators’ means—

7                   “(A) access to health care among economi-  
8 cally disadvantaged individuals and individuals  
9 who are members of medically underserved popu-  
10 lations;

11                   “(B) access to health care for uninsured  
12 individuals, including such individuals who are  
13 economically disadvantaged children;

14                   “(C) participation, among economically  
15 disadvantaged individuals and individuals who  
16 are members of medically underserved popu-  
17 lations, in disease prevention and health pro-  
18 motion initiatives, particularly those with a  
19 focus on addressing common health conditions,  
20 addressing chronic diseases, and decreasing  
21 health disparities;

22                   “(D) health literacy of patients;

23                   “(E) an additional indicator, relating to  
24 improving or protecting the health of economi-  
25 cally disadvantaged individuals and individuals

1 who are members of medically underserved pop-  
2 ulations, that the Corporation, in consultation  
3 with the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-  
4 ices and the Director of the Centers for Disease  
5 Control and Prevention, establishes for a given  
6 year; and

7 “(F) a local indicator (applicable to a par-  
8 ticular eligible entity and on which an improve-  
9 ment in performance is needed) relating to im-  
10 proving or protecting the health of economically  
11 disadvantaged individuals and individuals who  
12 are members of medically underserved popu-  
13 lations, proposed by that eligible entity in an  
14 application submitted to, and approved by, a  
15 State Commission or the Corporation under  
16 this section.

17 “(14) HIGH SCHOOL.—The term ‘high school’  
18 means a public school, including a public high  
19 school, that provides high school education, as deter-  
20 mined by State law.

21 “(15) MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED AREA.—The  
22 term ‘medically underserved area’ means an urban  
23 or rural area designated by the Secretary of Health  
24 and Human Services as an area with a shortage of  
25 personal health services.

1           “(16) MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED POPU-  
2           LATION.—The term ‘medically underserved popu-  
3           lation’ has the meaning given the term in section  
4           330(b)(3) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
5           U.S.C. 254b(b)(3)).

6           “(17) OPPORTUNITY CORPS.—The term ‘Op-  
7           portunity Corps’ means the participants who im-  
8           prove performance on opportunity indicators through  
9           the grants funded under subsection (c)(4).

10           “(18) OPPORTUNITY CORPS FUND.—The term  
11           ‘Opportunity Corps Fund’ means the Opportunity  
12           Corps Fund established under subsection (b)(4).

13           “(19) OPPORTUNITY INDICATORS.—The term  
14           ‘opportunity indicators’ means—

15                   “(A) financial literacy among economically  
16                   disadvantaged individuals;

17                   “(B) housing units built or improved for  
18                   economically disadvantaged individuals or low-  
19                   income families;

20                   “(C) economically disadvantaged individ-  
21                   uals with access to job training and other skill  
22                   enhancement;

23                   “(D) economically disadvantaged individ-  
24                   uals with access to information about job place-  
25                   ment services;

1           “(E) an additional indicator relating to im-  
2           proving economic opportunity for economically  
3           disadvantaged individuals that the Corporation,  
4           in consultation with the Secretary of Health  
5           and Human Services and the Secretary of  
6           Labor, establishes for a given year; and

7           “(F) a local indicator (applicable to a par-  
8           ticular eligible entity and on which an improve-  
9           ment in performance is needed) relating to im-  
10          proving economic opportunity for economically  
11          disadvantaged individuals, proposed by that eli-  
12          gible entity in an application submitted to, and  
13          approved by, a State Commission or the Cor-  
14          poration under this section.

15          “(20) POVERTY LINE.—The term ‘poverty line’  
16          has the meaning given the term in section 673 of the  
17          Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C.  
18          9902).

19          “(21) STUDENT.—The term ‘student’ means a  
20          public elementary school or public secondary school  
21          student.

22          “(b) FUNDS AND AVAILABILITY.—

23          “(1) EDUCATION CORPS FUND.—From the  
24          funds appropriated under section 501(a)(6), the

1 Corporation shall reserve a portion of the funds to  
2 be known as the Education Corps Fund.

3 “(2) HEALTHY FUTURES CORPS FUND.—From  
4 those appropriated funds, the Corporation shall re-  
5 serve a portion of the funds to be known as the  
6 Healthy Futures Corps Fund.

7 “(3) CLEAN ENERGY SERVICE CORPS FUND.—  
8 From those appropriated funds, the Corporation  
9 shall reserve a portion of the funds to be known as  
10 the Clean Energy Service Corps Fund.

11 “(4) OPPORTUNITY CORPS FUND.—From those  
12 appropriated funds, the Corporation shall reserve a  
13 portion of the funds to be known as the Opportunity  
14 Corps Fund.

15 “(c) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—

16 “(1) EDUCATION CORPS.—

17 “(A) GRANTS.—The Corporation may use  
18 the amounts made available for the Education  
19 Corps Fund to make grants under this para-  
20 graph to State Commissions and eligible enti-  
21 ties, as described in paragraph (5).

22 “(B) PROGRAMS.—The Corporation shall  
23 make the grants to pay for the Federal share  
24 of the cost of carrying out full- or part-time na-  
25 tional service programs that are consistent with

1 subtitle C and that improve performance on  
2 education indicators, through the service of the  
3 participants in the programs.

4 “(2) HEALTHY FUTURES CORPS.—

5 “(A) GRANTS.—The Corporation may use  
6 the amounts made available for the Healthy  
7 Futures Corps Fund to make grants under this  
8 paragraph to State Commissions and eligible  
9 entities, as described in paragraph (5).

10 “(B) PROGRAMS.—The Corporation shall  
11 make the grants to pay for the Federal share  
12 of the cost of carrying out full- or part-time na-  
13 tional service programs that are consistent with  
14 subtitle C and that improve performance on  
15 health indicators, through the service of the  
16 participants in the programs.

17 “(3) CLEAN ENERGY SERVICE CORPS.—

18 “(A) GRANTS.—The Corporation may use  
19 the amounts made available for the Clean En-  
20 ergy Service Corps Fund to make grants under  
21 this paragraph to State Commissions and eligi-  
22 ble entities, as described in paragraph (5).

23 “(B) PROGRAMS.—The Corporation shall  
24 make the grants to pay for the Federal share  
25 of the cost of carrying out full- or part-time na-

1 tional service programs that are consistent with  
2 subtitle C and that improve performance on  
3 clean energy indicators, through the service of  
4 the participants in the programs.

5 “(4) OPPORTUNITY CORPS.—

6 “(A) GRANTS.—The Corporation may use  
7 the amounts made available for the Opportunity  
8 Corps Fund to make grants under this para-  
9 graph to State Commissions and eligible enti-  
10 ties, as described in paragraph (5).

11 “(B) PROGRAMS.—The Corporation shall  
12 make the grants to pay for the Federal share  
13 of the cost of carrying out full- or part-time na-  
14 tional service programs that are consistent with  
15 subtitle C and that improve performance on op-  
16 portunity indicators, through the service of the  
17 participants in the programs.

18 “(5) FORMULA AND COMPETITIVE GRANTS.—

19 For purposes of making grants under paragraph (1),  
20 (2), (3), or (4), the Corporation shall carry out the  
21 following:

22 “(A) FORMULA GRANTS.—

23 “(i) GRANTS TO CERTAIN STATES.—

24 “(I) IN GENERAL.—From  $33\frac{1}{3}$   
25 percent of the amount available in the

1 Fund described in that paragraph for  
2 a fiscal year (after the Corporation  
3 makes the reservation described in  
4 subsection (i)), the Corporation shall  
5 make grants (including financial as-  
6 sistance and a corresponding allot-  
7 ment of approved national service po-  
8 sitions). The Corporation shall make  
9 the grants to the State Commission of  
10 each of the several States, the District  
11 of Columbia, and the Commonwealth  
12 of Puerto Rico that has an application  
13 approved by the Corporation under  
14 subsection (e), from allotments de-  
15 scribed in subclause (II).

16 “(II) ALLOTMENT.—The amount  
17 allotted as a grant to each such State  
18 under subclause (I) for a fiscal year  
19 shall be equal to the amount that  
20 bears the same ratio to that  $33\frac{1}{3}$  per-  
21 cent of the amount available in that  
22 Fund for that fiscal year as the popu-  
23 lation of the State bears to the total  
24 population of the several States, the



1 District of Columbia, and the Com-  
2 monwealth of Puerto Rico.

3 “(ii) GRANTS TO CERTAIN TERRI-  
4 TORIES AND POSSESSIONS.—

5 “(I) IN GENERAL.—From 1 per-  
6 cent of the amount available in the  
7 Fund described in that paragraph for  
8 a fiscal year (after the Corporation  
9 makes the reservation described in  
10 subsection (i)), the Corporation shall  
11 make grants (including financial as-  
12 sistance and a corresponding allot-  
13 ment of approved national service po-  
14 sitions). The Corporation shall make  
15 the grants to the State Commission  
16 for each of the United States Virgin  
17 Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and  
18 the Commonwealth of the Northern  
19 Mariana Islands that has an applica-  
20 tion approved by the Corporation  
21 under subsection (e), from allotments  
22 described in subclause (II).

23 “(II) ALLOTMENT.—The amount  
24 allotted as a grant to each such State  
25 under subclause (I) for a fiscal year

1 shall be equal to the amount that  
2 bears the same ratio to that 1 percent  
3 of the amount available in that Fund  
4 for that fiscal year as the population  
5 of the State bears to the total popu-  
6 lation of the States referred to in sub-  
7 clause (I).

8 “(iii) GRANTS TO INDIAN TRIBES.—

9 “(I) IN GENERAL.—From 1 per-  
10 cent of the amount available in the  
11 Fund described in that paragraph for  
12 a fiscal year (after the Corporation  
13 makes the reservation described in  
14 subsection (i)), the Corporation shall  
15 make grants (including financial as-  
16 sistance and a corresponding allot-  
17 ment of approved national service po-  
18 sitions) to Indian tribes that have ap-  
19 plications approved by the Corpora-  
20 tion under subsection (e). The funds  
21 allotted for such grants shall be allot-  
22 ted by the Corporation on a competi-  
23 tive basis in accordance with the re-  
24 spective needs of the Indian tribes.

1                   “(II) APPLICATION.—For pur-  
2                   poses of this subtitle, other than this  
3                   subparagraph, a reference to a State  
4                   Commission shall be considered to in-  
5                   clude a reference to the governing  
6                   body of an Indian tribe, and a ref-  
7                   erence to a State shall be considered  
8                   to include a reference to an Indian  
9                   tribe or the geographic area in which  
10                  the tribe resides. The Corporation  
11                  shall have authority to issue standards  
12                  to apply the provisions of this subtitle  
13                  (other than this subparagraph) to In-  
14                  dian tribes.

15                  “(iv) EFFECT OF FAILURE TO  
16                  APPLY.—If a State or Indian tribe fails to  
17                  apply for, or fails to give notice to the Cor-  
18                  poration of its intent to apply for, an allot-  
19                  ment under this subparagraph, the Cor-  
20                  poration shall use the amount that would  
21                  have been allotted under this subparagraph  
22                  to the State or Indian tribe—

23                                 “(I) to make grants (including fi-  
24                                 nancial assistance and a cor-  
25                                 responding allotment of approved na-

1 tional service positions) to other eligi-  
2 ble entities that propose to carry out  
3 national service programs in the State  
4 on behalf of the Indian tribe; and

5 “(II) after making grants under  
6 subclause (I), to make a reallocation  
7 to other States and Indian tribes that  
8 have applications approved by the  
9 Corporation under subsection (e).

10 “(B) COMPETITIVE GRANTS.—From the  
11 remainder of the amount available in that Fund  
12 for that fiscal year, the Corporation shall make  
13 grants (including such assistance and cor-  
14 responding allotment), on a competitive basis,  
15 to State Commissions and eligible entities that  
16 have such approved applications.

17 “(6) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise  
19 expressly provided in this section and subtitle  
20 D, the terms and conditions of grants made  
21 under this subsection shall be consistent with  
22 the provisions of subtitle C concerning terms  
23 and conditions of grants made under section  
24 121(a). Those terms and conditions shall apply  
25 with respect to grants and allotments requested,

1 national service positions and national service  
2 programs proposed, and applications submitted,  
3 under this section.

4 “(B) INVESTMENT IN NATIONAL SERV-  
5 ICE.—For purposes of applying the provisions  
6 of part I of subtitle C under this subsection,  
7 sections 122(e), 125, and 126 shall not apply.

8 “(C) APPLICATION, APPROVAL, AND ALLO-  
9 CATION.—State Commissions and eligible enti-  
10 ties shall apply for the grants, and the grants  
11 (and the financial assistance and approved na-  
12 tional service positions made available through  
13 the grants) shall be allocated among State  
14 Commissions and eligible entities, in a manner  
15 consistent with this section. Except as otherwise  
16 provided in this section, subsections (a) through  
17 (d) of section 129, subsections (a) through (d),  
18 and (g), of section 130, subsections (a)(1) and  
19 (f) of section 131, and subsections (a), (b), (d),  
20 and (e) of section 133 shall not apply to such  
21 applications and allocations.

22 “(D) NATIONAL SERVICE PARTICIPANTS.—  
23 Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
24 section and subtitle D, the terms and conditions  
25 that apply to participants in programs carried

1 out under such grants (including provisions re-  
2 relating to participant eligibility, selection, terms  
3 of service, and benefits) shall be consistent with  
4 the provisions of subtitle C concerning terms  
5 and conditions that apply to participants in  
6 programs under subtitle C.

7 “(7) NUMBER OF POSITIONS.—The Corporation  
8 shall—

9 “(A) establish or increase the number of  
10 positions that are approved as approved na-  
11 tional service positions under this subtitle dur-  
12 ing each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014;

13 “(B) establish the number of the approved  
14 positions as 25,000 for fiscal year 2010; and

15 “(C) increase the number of the approved  
16 positions to—

17 “(i) 50,000 for fiscal year 2011;

18 “(ii) 75,000 for fiscal year 2012;

19 “(iii) 125,000 for fiscal year 2013;

20 and

21 “(iv) 175,000 for fiscal year 2014.

22 “(d) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Eligible entities shall carry  
24 out the national service programs under subsection  
25 (c).

1           “(2) QUALIFICATION.—To be qualified to carry  
2 out a national service program under subsection (c),  
3 an eligible entity shall—

4                   “(A) receive a grant under subsection (c);

5           or

6                   “(B) be selected to carry out the program  
7 through a competitive process, by a State Com-  
8 mission that receives a grant under subsection  
9 (c).

10          “(e) APPLICATION.—

11           “(1) IN GENERAL.—To be qualified to receive a  
12 grant under subsection (c) for a national service pro-  
13 gram, a State Commission or an eligible entity shall  
14 submit an application to the Corporation at such  
15 time, in such manner, and containing such informa-  
16 tion as the Corporation may require, which shall in-  
17 clude—

18                   “(A) information describing how the eligi-  
19 ble entity proposed to carry out the program  
20 proposes to utilize funds under a paragraph of  
21 subsection (c) to improve performance on the  
22 corresponding indicators described in subsection  
23 (a) utilizing participants, including the activities  
24 in which such participants will engage to im-  
25 prove performance on those indicators;

1           “(B) information identifying the geo-  
2           graphical area in which the eligible entity pro-  
3           posed to carry out the program proposes to use  
4           funds under a paragraph of subsection (c) to  
5           improve performance on the corresponding indi-  
6           cators described in subsection (a), including de-  
7           mographic information on the students or indi-  
8           viduals, as appropriate, in such area, and sta-  
9           tistics demonstrating the need to improve such  
10          indicators in such area;

11          “(C) with respect to a grant to carry out  
12          a national service program under a paragraph  
13          of subsection (c), information describing the ex-  
14          perience of the eligible entity proposed to carry  
15          out the program in improving performance on  
16          the corresponding indicators described in sub-  
17          section (a), including whether the entity has  
18          previously utilized participants to improve per-  
19          formance on such indicators, and if so, the ac-  
20          tivities in which such participants have en-  
21          gaged;

22          “(D) if applicable, information on how the  
23          eligible entity described in subparagraph (A)  
24          will work with other community-based agencies  
25          to carry out activities to improve performance



1 on the corresponding indicators described in  
2 subsection (a) using such funds;

3 “(E) a description of—

4 “(i) the type of positions into which  
5 participants will be placed, using the as-  
6 sistance provided under subsection (c), in-  
7 cluding descriptions of the specific tasks to  
8 be performed by such participants, and the  
9 minimum qualifications that individuals  
10 will be required to meet to become partici-  
11 pants in such program; and

12 “(ii) the number of proposed full- and  
13 part-time national service positions for  
14 which participants will receive the national  
15 service educational award described in sub-  
16 title D;

17 “(F) a description consistent with the de-  
18 scription required by section 130(b)(12) for the  
19 national service positions proposed;

20 “(G) information and assurances con-  
21 sistent with those described in subsections (e)  
22 and (f) of section 130, subsections (a)(2), (b),  
23 (c), (d)(1), and (e) of section 131, and section  
24 132(a), for the grant requested and the na-  
25 tional service program and national service po-

1           sitions proposed, except as provided in sub-  
2           section (g)(1)(B);

3           “(H) measurable goals, to be used for an-  
4           nual measurements of the program on 1 or  
5           more of the corresponding indicators described  
6           in subsection (a);

7           “(I) if the program is designed to improve  
8           economic opportunity by engaging economically  
9           disadvantaged individuals as participants—

10           “(i) the estimated percentages of par-  
11           ticipants who will be economically dis-  
12           advantaged individuals; and

13           “(ii) if applicable, information on the  
14           education, skills, training, support services,  
15           transitional services, and leadership devel-  
16           opment activities those individuals will re-  
17           ceive that will assist those individuals in  
18           obtaining jobs or a college degree after  
19           completion of their service under the grant;

20           “(J) in the case of a grant under sub-  
21           section (c)(1), information on how the eligible  
22           entity described in subparagraph (A) will enter  
23           into partnerships with local educational agen-  
24           cies and schools to carry out activities to im-

1           prove performance on education indicators  
2           using funds received under subsection (c);

3           “(K) in the case of a grant under sub-  
4           section (c)(4), information on the number and  
5           percentage of individuals, including children, in  
6           families with family incomes below the poverty  
7           line in the community to be served;

8           “(L) a description of how members of the  
9           community to be served were involved in the de-  
10          velopment of the application; and

11          “(M) any other information the Corpora-  
12          tion may require.

13          “(2) REQUEST FOR WAIVER.—

14          “(A) REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO EDU-  
15          CATIONAL AWARDS.—An applicant may include  
16          in the application a request for a waiver (in-  
17          cluding a justification of the need for such  
18          waiver and information describing how such  
19          waiver will assist the applicant in improving  
20          performance on the appropriate indicators de-  
21          scribed in subsection (a)) of requirements relat-  
22          ing to the Corporation’s provision of a national  
23          service educational award to or on behalf of a  
24          participant in the program, which may in-  
25          clude—

1           “(i) in the case of a grant under sub-  
2           section (c)(1), requirements relating to the  
3           minimum age for a participant under sec-  
4           tion 137(a)(4); and

5           “(ii) in the case of a grant under any  
6           paragraph of subsection (c), requirements  
7           relating to individuals who receive a na-  
8           tional service educational award under sec-  
9           tion 146(a) and related provisions, to allow  
10          the eligible entity proposed to carry out the  
11          program to select participants to serve in  
12          approved national service positions (with  
13          eligibility for national service educational  
14          awards) from among a prespecified group  
15          of participants, if the request describes the  
16          process by which the participants serving  
17          in such positions will be selected from such  
18          group.

19           “(B) REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO USE  
20          OF ALLOTMENTS FOR PROGRAMS.—

21           “(i) IN GENERAL.—A State Commis-  
22          sion may include in the application a re-  
23          quest that the Corporation—

24                   “(I) waive provisions requiring  
25                   the State to use an allotment from a

1 Fund, described in subsection  
2 (c)(5)(A), for corresponding programs  
3 described in a paragraph of subsection  
4 (c); and

5 “(II) permit the State to use  
6 funds from the allotment for other  
7 programs described in another para-  
8 graph of subsection (c).

9 “(ii) INFORMATION.—The State Com-  
10 mission shall include in the request—

11 “(I) information demonstrating  
12 that the State has not received a suf-  
13 ficient number of applications of ade-  
14 quate quality to carry out the cor-  
15 responding programs referred to in  
16 clause (i)(I); and

17 “(II) information identifying the  
18 other programs referred to in clause  
19 (i)(II), and the amount of funds from  
20 the allotment that the State intends  
21 to use for each such program.

22 “(iii) TREATMENT.—If the Corpora-  
23 tion approves the waiver, and permits the  
24 State to use funds from the allotment for  
25 programs described in a paragraph of sub-

1 section (c), for purposes of this subtitle  
2 (other than subsection (c)(5)(A)), the  
3 funds shall be considered to be part of a  
4 grant made under that paragraph.

5 “(3) LIMITATION ON SAME PROJECT IN MUL-  
6 TIPLE APPLICATIONS.—The Corporation shall reject  
7 an application submitted under this subsection if a  
8 project proposed to be conducted using assistance  
9 requested by the applicant is already described in  
10 another application pending before the Corporation.

11 “(f) CONSULTATION.—

12 “(1) OFFICIALS.—

13 “(A) EDUCATION CORPS.—The Corpora-  
14 tion shall consult with the Secretary of Edu-  
15 cation as appropriate in making grants under  
16 subsection (c)(1) and developing additional indi-  
17 cators described in subsection (a)(8)(F).

18 “(B) HEALTHY FUTURES CORPS.—The  
19 Corporation shall consult with the Secretary of  
20 Health and Human Services and the Director  
21 of the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-  
22 tion as appropriate in making grants under  
23 subsection (c)(2) and developing additional indi-  
24 cators described in subsection (a)(13)(E).

1           “(C) CLEAN ENERGY SERVICE CORPS.—

2           The Corporation shall consult with—

3                   “(i) the Secretary of Energy and the  
4                   Administrator of the Environmental Pro-  
5                   tection Agency as appropriate in making  
6                   grants under subsection (c)(3) and devel-  
7                   oping additional indicators described in  
8                   subsection (a)(4)(E); and

9                   “(ii) the Secretary of Labor in making  
10                  grants under section (c)(3) and developing  
11                  additional indicators described in sub-  
12                  section (a)(4)(F).

13           “(D) OPPORTUNITY CORPS.—The Corpora-  
14           tion shall consult with the Secretary of Health  
15           and Human Services and the Secretary of  
16           Labor as appropriate in making grants under  
17           subsection (c)(4) and developing additional indi-  
18           cators described in subsection (a)(19)(E).

19           “(2) REVIEW PANELS.—The Corporation  
20           shall—

21                   “(A) establish panels of experts for the  
22                   purpose of securing recommendations on appli-  
23                   cations submitted under subsection (e) for more  
24                   than \$250,000 in assistance, or for a number of  
25                   national service positions that would require

1 more than \$250,000 in national service edu-  
2 cational awards; and

3 “(B) consider the opinions of such panels  
4 prior to making determinations on such applica-  
5 tions.

6 “(g) ALLOCATION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND  
7 POSITIONS.—

8 “(1) ALLOCATION.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In making grants  
10 under subsection (c), the Corporation shall allo-  
11 cate the financial assistance and approved na-  
12 tional service positions provided through the  
13 grants among eligible entities proposed to carry  
14 out national service programs described in sub-  
15 section (c).

16 “(B) APPROVED NATIONAL SERVICE POSI-  
17 TIONS ONLY.—In making those grants, the Cor-  
18 poration—

19 “(i) may make some grants that pro-  
20 vide only approved national service posi-  
21 tions (as opposed to financial assistance  
22 and such positions) for some or all of the  
23 participants in the national service pro-  
24 grams involved; but



1           “(ii) shall ensure that not more than  
2           35 percent of the participants in the na-  
3           tional service programs described in sub-  
4           section (c) will receive only approved na-  
5           tional service positions through the grants.

6           “(C) FULL-TIME POSITIONS.—In making  
7           the grants, the Corporation shall ensure that 50  
8           percent of the approved national service posi-  
9           tions provided through the grants shall be full-  
10          time national service positions.

11          “(2) PRIORITY.—In awarding financial assist-  
12          ance and approved national service positions to eligi-  
13          ble entities proposed to carry out national service  
14          programs described in subsection (c)—

15                 “(A) in the case of a grant under sub-  
16                 section (c)(2)—

17                         “(i) the Corporation may give priority  
18                         to such eligible entities that propose to de-  
19                         velop policies to provide, and provide, sup-  
20                         port for participants who, after completing  
21                         service under this section, will undertake  
22                         careers to improve performance on health  
23                         indicators; and

24                         “(ii) the Corporation shall give pri-  
25                         ority to such eligible entities that propose

1           to carry out national service programs in  
2           medically underserved areas;

3           “(B) in the case of a grant under sub-  
4           section (c)(3), the Corporation shall give pri-  
5           ority to such eligible entities that propose to re-  
6           cruit individuals for the Clean Energy Service  
7           Corps so that significant percentages of partici-  
8           pants in the Corps are economically disadvan-  
9           tagged individuals, and provide to such individ-  
10          uals support services and education and train-  
11          ing to develop skills needed for clean energy  
12          jobs for which there is current demand or pro-  
13          jected future demand; and

14          “(C) in the case of a grant under sub-  
15          section (c)(4), the Corporation shall give pri-  
16          ority to such eligible entities that propose to—

17                  “(i) improve economic opportunity by  
18                  engaging a significant percentage of eco-  
19                  nomically disadvantaged individuals as par-  
20                  ticipants to provide services and benefits to  
21                  other economically disadvantaged individ-  
22                  uals; or

23                  “(ii) serve a community with a high  
24                  number and percentage of individuals, in-

1                   cluding children, in families with family in-  
2                   comes below the poverty line.

3                   “(3) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—The Corpora-  
4                   tion shall ensure that eligible entities receiving fi-  
5                   nancial assistance or positions under subsection (c)  
6                   are geographically diverse and include entities pro-  
7                   posing national service programs to be conducted in  
8                   urban or rural areas.

9                   “(4) ENCORE SERVICE PROGRAMS.—

10                   “(A) FORMULA GRANTS.—Each State re-  
11                   ceiving a grant under subsection (c)(5)(A) for a  
12                   fiscal year shall make an effort to make avail-  
13                   able not less than 10 percent of the financial  
14                   assistance and approved national service posi-  
15                   tions provided through the grant for that fiscal  
16                   year to eligible entities proposed to carry out  
17                   encore service programs, unless the State Com-  
18                   mission involved does not receive a sufficient  
19                   number of applications of adequate quality to  
20                   justify making that percentage available to  
21                   those eligible entities.

22                   “(B) COMPETITIVE GRANTS.—In making  
23                   grants under subsection (c)(5)(B) for a fiscal  
24                   year, the Corporation shall make an effort to  
25                   allocate not less than 10 percent of the finan-

1           cial assistance and approved national service  
2           positions provided through the grants for that  
3           fiscal year to eligible entities proposed to carry  
4           out encore service programs, unless the Cor-  
5           poration does not receive a sufficient number of  
6           applications of adequate quality to justify mak-  
7           ing that percentage available to those eligible  
8           entities.

9           “(5) EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—A participant  
10          who serves in a national service program that re-  
11          ceives a grant under subsection (c) shall be consid-  
12          ered to have served in an approved national service  
13          position and, upon meeting the requirements of sec-  
14          tion 147 (or the requirements specified in a waiver  
15          granted under subsection (e)(2)(A)), shall be eligible  
16          for a national service educational award described in  
17          section 147. The Corporation shall transfer an ap-  
18          propriate amount of funds to the National Service  
19          Trust to provide for the national service educational  
20          awards for such participants.

21          “(h) USE OF ASSISTANCE.—

22          “(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—An eligible entity  
23          that receives financial assistance or positions under  
24          a paragraph of subsection (c) shall use the financial  
25          assistance or positions to carry out full-time or part-

1 time national service programs, including summer  
2 programs, described in that paragraph of subsection  
3 (c) that are designed to improve performance on the  
4 corresponding indicators described in subsection (a)  
5 in low-income communities.

6 “(2) PARTICIPANT ACTIVITIES.—A participant  
7 in such a program shall address identified commu-  
8 nity needs by carrying out activities (which may in-  
9 clude providing direct service, recruiting and coordi-  
10 nating the activities of volunteers providing direct  
11 service, and building the capacity of local organiza-  
12 tions and communities) designed to improve per-  
13 formance on the corresponding indicators described  
14 in subsection (a), such as—

15 “(A) in the case of a program carried out  
16 under subsection (c)(1)—

17 “(i) tutoring, or providing other aca-  
18 demic support to students;

19 “(ii) mentoring students, including  
20 adult or peer mentoring;

21 “(iii) linking needed integrated serv-  
22 ices and comprehensive supports with stu-  
23 dents, their families, and their public  
24 schools;

1           “(iv) improving the school climate in-  
2           volved;

3           “(v) providing assistance to a school  
4           in expanding the school day by strength-  
5           ening the quality of staff in an expanded  
6           learning time initiative, a program of a  
7           21st century community learning center, or  
8           a high-quality after-school program;

9           “(vi) assisting schools and local edu-  
10          cational agencies in improving and expand-  
11          ing high-quality service-learning programs  
12          that keep students engaged in schools by  
13          providing service-learning coordinators;  
14          and

15          “(vii) involving family members of  
16          students in supporting teachers and stu-  
17          dents;

18          “(B) in the case of a program carried out  
19          under subsection (c)(2)—

20               “(i) assisting economically disadvan-  
21               tagged individuals in navigating the health  
22               care system;

23               “(ii) assisting individuals in obtaining  
24               access to health care for themselves or  
25               their children;

1           “(iii) educating economically dis-  
2           advantaged individuals and individuals who  
3           are members of medically underserved pop-  
4           ulations about, and engaging individuals  
5           described in this clause in, initiatives re-  
6           garding navigating the health care system  
7           and regarding disease prevention and  
8           health promotion, with a particular focus  
9           on common health conditions, chronic dis-  
10          eases, and conditions, for which disease  
11          prevention and health promotion measures  
12          exist and for which socioeconomic, geo-  
13          graphic, and racial and ethnic health dis-  
14          parities exist, such as initiatives con-  
15          cerning—

16                           “(I) cardiovascular disease;

17                           “(II) diabetes education;

18                           “(III) cancer screening;

19                           “(IV) HIV infection or AIDS;

20                           “(V) immunizations; and

21                           “(VI) infant mortality;

22                   “(iv) improving health literacy of pa-  
23           tients;

1           “(v) providing translation services at  
2           clinics and in emergency rooms to improve  
3           health care; and

4           “(vi) assisting in health promotion  
5           interventions that improve health status,  
6           and helping people adopt and maintain  
7           healthy lifestyles and habits to improve  
8           health status;

9           “(C) in the case of a program carried out  
10          under subsection (c)(3)—

11           “(i) weatherizing and retrofitting  
12           housing units for low-income households to  
13           improve the energy efficiency of such hous-  
14           ing units;

15           “(ii) building energy efficient housing  
16           units in low-income communities;

17           “(iii) conducting energy audits for  
18           low-income households and recommending  
19           ways for the households to improve energy  
20           efficiency;

21           “(iv) working with schools and youth  
22           programs to educate students and youth  
23           about ways to reduce home energy use and  
24           improve the environment, including con-



1 ducting service-learning projects to provide  
2 such education;

3 “(v) assisting in the development of  
4 local recycling programs;

5 “(vi) improving national and State  
6 parks, city parks, county parks, forest pre-  
7 serves, and trails owned or maintained by  
8 the Federal Government or a State, includ-  
9 ing planting trees, carrying out reforest-  
10 ation, and making trail enhancements; and

11 “(vii) cleaning and improving rivers  
12 maintained by the Federal Government or  
13 a State; and

14 “(D) in the case of a program carried out  
15 under subsection (c)(4)—

16 “(i) providing financial literacy edu-  
17 cation to economically disadvantaged indi-  
18 viduals, including financial literacy edu-  
19 cation with regard to credit management,  
20 financial institutions including banks and  
21 credit unions, and utilization of savings  
22 plans;

23 “(ii) assisting in the construction of  
24 housing units including energy efficient  
25 homes, in low-income communities;

1           “(iii) assisting individuals in obtaining  
2           access to health care for themselves or  
3           their children;

4           “(iv) assisting individuals in obtaining  
5           information about Federal, State, local, or  
6           private programs or benefits focused on as-  
7           sisting economically disadvantaged individ-  
8           uals, economically disadvantaged children,  
9           or low-income families;

10          “(v) improving opportunities for eco-  
11          nomically disadvantaged children and  
12          youth to become involved in youth develop-  
13          ment organizations;

14          “(vi) facilitating enrollment in and  
15          completion of job training for economically  
16          disadvantaged individuals; and

17          “(vii) assisting economically disadvan-  
18          taged individuals in obtaining access to job  
19          placement assistance.

20          “(i) RESERVATION OF FUNDS FOR REVIEW PANELS  
21          AND TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

22                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Before allotting funds  
23          under subsection (c)(5), the Corporation shall re-  
24          serve an equal percentage (but not more than 4 per-

1 cent) of the amounts available in each Fund de-  
2 scribed in a paragraph of subsection (b), to—

3 “(A) carry out activities concerning review  
4 panels as provided in subsection (f)(2); and

5 “(B) provide training and technical assist-  
6 ance to eligible entities, including training and  
7 technical assistance to assist eligible entities  
8 carrying out national service programs with a  
9 Corps described in subsection (a) in—

10 “(i) coordinating efforts; and

11 “(ii) improving the ability of the  
12 Corps to improve performance on the cor-  
13 responding indicators described in sub-  
14 section (a).

15 “(2) TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

16 The Corporation may, as appropriate, consult with  
17 the corresponding officials described in subsection  
18 (f)(1) in planning and carrying out the training and  
19 technical assistance.

20 “(j) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the end  
21 of each fiscal year for which the Corporation makes grants  
22 under a paragraph of subsection (c), the Corporation shall  
23 prepare and submit to Congress a report containing—

24 “(1)(A) information describing how the Cor-  
25 poration allocated financial assistance and approved

1 national service positions among eligible entities pro-  
2 posed to carry out national service programs de-  
3 scribed in that paragraph for that fiscal year; and

4 “(B) information describing the amount of fi-  
5 nancial assistance and the number of approved na-  
6 tional service positions the Corporation provided to  
7 each national service program described in a para-  
8 graph of subsection (c) for that fiscal year;

9 “(2) a measure of the extent to which the na-  
10 tional service programs improved performance on  
11 the corresponding indicators described in subsection  
12 (a); and

13 “(3) information describing how the Corpora-  
14 tion is coordinating—

15 “(A) the national service programs funded  
16 under that paragraph; with

17 “(B) applicable programs, as determined  
18 by the Corporation, carried out under subtitles  
19 B and C of this title, and part A of title I and  
20 parts A and B of title II of the Domestic Vol-  
21 unteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4951 et  
22 seq., 5001, 5011) that improve performance on  
23 those indicators or otherwise address identified  
24 community needs.

25 “(k) INCENTIVES FOR ENCORE SERVICE.—

1 “(1) INCENTIVES STUDY.—

2 “(A) STUDY.—The Corporation shall study  
3 the use of additional incentives (other than in-  
4 centives provided by this Act on the date of en-  
5 actment of the Serve America Act), to attract  
6 individuals who are age 50 or older to perform  
7 service under subtitle C or this subtitle.

8 “(B) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years  
9 after the date of enactment of the Serve Amer-  
10 ica Act, the Corporation shall prepare and sub-  
11 mit to Congress a report containing the results  
12 of the study.

13 “(2) INCENTIVES.—Not later than 2 years after  
14 the date of enactment of the Serve America Act, the  
15 Corporation shall, notwithstanding any other provi-  
16 sion of this title, implement through a pilot program  
17 additional incentives that the Corporation has found,  
18 through the study described in paragraph (1), to be  
19 effective to attract individuals described in para-  
20 graph (1)(A) to perform service under subtitle C or  
21 this subtitle.”.

22 (d) NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—

23 (1) TRUST.—Section 145 of the National and  
24 Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12601)  
25 is amended—

1 (A) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “sec-  
 2 tion 501(a)(2)” and inserting “paragraph (2)  
 3 or (6) of section 501(a)”; and

4 (B) in subsection (d)(4), by striking “sub-  
 5 title C” and inserting “subtitle C or G”.

6 (2) INCREASED NUMBER OF TERMS OF SERVICE  
 7 TO ENCOURAGE ENCORE SERVICE OPPORTUNI-  
 8 TIES.—Section 146 of the National and Community  
 9 Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12602) is amend-  
 10 ed—

11 (A) in subsection (c)—

12 (i) by striking “Although” and insert-  
 13 ing the following:

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Although”; and

15 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-  
 16 lowing:

17 “(2) TERMS OF SERVICE FOR ENCORE SERVICE  
 18 OPPORTUNITIES.—

19 “(A) NUMBER OF TERMS.—Notwith-  
 20 standing paragraph (1) and section 147, a par-  
 21 ticipant who is age 50 or older on the first day  
 22 of the participant’s service under subtitle C or  
 23 G may receive a national service educational  
 24 award for not more than 3 terms of service  
 25 under subtitle C or G.

1           “(B) AMOUNT OF AWARD.—The partici-  
2           pant shall receive—

3                   “(i) a national service educational  
4                   award in the amount described in the cor-  
5                   responding provision of section 147, for  
6                   the first or second term of such service;  
7                   and

8                   “(ii) a reduced national service edu-  
9                   cational award equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the amount  
10                  described in the corresponding provision of  
11                  section 147, for the third term of such  
12                  service.”; and

13                  (B) in subsection (d), by adding at the end  
14                  the following:

15                  “(3) TERM FOR TRANSFERRED EDUCATIONAL  
16                  AWARDS.—For purposes of applying paragraphs (1)  
17                  and (2)(A) to an individual who is eligible to receive  
18                  an educational award as a designated individual (as  
19                  defined in section 148(f)(3)), references to a seven-  
20                  year period shall be considered to be references to a  
21                  15-year period that begins on the date the individual  
22                  who transferred the educational award to the des-  
23                  ignated individual completed the term of service in  
24                  the approved national service position that is the  
25                  basis of the award.”.

1           (3) EDUCATIONAL AWARD TRANSFERS TO EN-  
2 COURAGE ENCORE SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES.—Sec-  
3 tion 148 of the National and Community Service Act  
4 of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12604) is amended—

5           (A) in subsection (c)(5), by striking “sub-  
6 title C” and inserting “subtitle C or the appro-  
7 priate national service program under subtitle  
8 G, as applicable”;

9           (B) by redesignating subsections (f) and  
10 (g) as subsections (g) and (h), respectively; and

11           (C) by inserting after subsection (e) the  
12 following:

13           “(f) TRANSFER OF EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—

14           “(1) IN GENERAL.—An individual who is eligi-  
15 ble to receive a national service educational award  
16 under a program described in paragraph (2) may  
17 elect to receive a reduced national service edu-  
18 cational award (equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the amount described  
19 in the corresponding provision of section 147) and  
20 transfer the award to a designated individual. Sub-  
21 sections (b), (c), and (d) shall apply to the des-  
22 ignated individual in lieu of the individual who is eli-  
23 gible to receive the national service educational  
24 award, except that amounts refunded to the account  
25 under subsection (c)(5) on behalf of a designated in-



1       dividual may be used by the Corporation to fund ad-  
2       ditional placements in the national service program  
3       in which the eligible individual who transferred the  
4       national service educational award participated for  
5       such award.

6               “(2) CONDITIONS FOR TRANSFER.—A national  
7       service educational award may be transferred under  
8       this subsection if—

9                       “(A) the educational award is for service in  
10                      a national service program that receives a grant  
11                      under subtitle G; and

12                     “(B) the eligible individual is age 50 or  
13                     older.

14               “(3) DEFINITION OF A DESIGNATED INDI-  
15       VIDUAL.—In this subsection, the term ‘designated  
16       individual’ is an individual—

17                     “(A) whom an individual who is eligible to  
18                     receive a national service educational award  
19                     under a program described in paragraph (2)  
20                     designates to receive the educational award;

21                     “(B) who meets the eligibility requirements  
22                     of paragraphs (3) and (4) of section 146(a);  
23                     and

24                     “(C) who is a child or grandchild of the in-  
25                     dividual described in subparagraph (A).”.

1 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
 2 501(a) of the National and Community Service Act of  
 3 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)), as amended by section  
 4 121(b), is further amended by adding at the end the fol-  
 5 lowing:

6 “(6) SERVEAMERICA CORPS.—There are au-  
 7 thorized to be appropriated such sums as may be  
 8 necessary for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014  
 9 to provide financial assistance under subtitle G of  
 10 title I and to provide national service educational  
 11 awards under subtitle D of title I (including pro-  
 12 viding financial assistance and national service edu-  
 13 cational awards to participants in national service  
 14 positions, established or increased as provided in  
 15 section 168(e)(7)).”.

## 16 **Subtitle D—Civic Health Index**

### 17 **SEC. 141. INDEX.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 179 of the National and  
 19 Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12639) is  
 20 amended by adding at the end the following:

21 “(j) CIVIC HEALTH INDEX AND VOLUNTEERING RE-  
 22 SEARCH AND EVALUATION.—

23 “(1) DEFINITION OF PARTNERSHIP.—In this  
 24 subsection, the term ‘partnership’ means a partner-  
 25 ship formed by the Corporation, the Director of the

1 Bureau of the Census, and the Commissioner of  
2 Labor Statistics, in conjunction with (consistent  
3 with the terms of an agreement entered into between  
4 the Corporation and the National Conference) the  
5 National Conference on Citizenship referred to in  
6 section 150701 of title 36, United States Code, to  
7 carry out this subsection.

8 “(2) IN GENERAL.—The partnership shall es-  
9 tablish a Civic Health Index by collecting civic  
10 health data, conducting related analyses, and report-  
11 ing the data and analyses, as described in this sub-  
12 section.

13 “(3) COLLECTION OF DATA.—

14 “(A) INDICATORS.—

15 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In collecting data  
16 for the Index, the partnership shall collect  
17 data on various indicators established by  
18 the partnership, including indicators re-  
19 lated to—

20 “(I) volunteering and community  
21 service;

22 “(II) voting and other forms of  
23 political and civic engagement;

24 “(III) charitable giving;

1                   “(IV) connecting to civic groups  
2                   and faith-based organizations;

3                   “(V) interest in employment, and  
4                   careers, in public service in the non-  
5                   profit sector or government; and

6                   “(VI) understanding and obtain-  
7                   ing knowledge of United States his-  
8                   tory and government.

9                   “(ii) UPDATING.—The partnership  
10                  shall periodically evaluate and update the  
11                  indicators.

12                  “(B) DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS.—  
13                  The partnership shall collect data for the Index  
14                  in a manner that will permit the partnership to  
15                  analyze the data by age group, race and eth-  
16                  nicity, education level, and other demographic  
17                  characteristics of the individuals involved.

18                  “(C) OTHER ISSUES.—In collecting data  
19                  for the Index, the partnership shall collect such  
20                  information as may be necessary to analyze the  
21                  role of Internet technology in strengthening and  
22                  inhibiting civic activities, the role of specific  
23                  programs in strengthening civic activities, and  
24                  the civic attitudes and activities of new citizens  
25                  and immigrants.

1           “(D) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER DATA.—To  
2 collect data for the Index, the partnership shall  
3 consider methods of expanding data collection  
4 conducted by the Bureau of the Census,  
5 through the Current Population Survey, or by  
6 the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

7           “(4) REPORTING OF DATA.—

8           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The partnership shall,  
9 not less often than once each year, prepare a  
10 report containing detailed data collected under  
11 paragraph (3), including data on each of the in-  
12 dicators described in paragraph (3)(A), and  
13 containing the analyses described in subpara-  
14 graphs (B) and (C) of paragraph (3).

15           “(B) AGGREGATION AND PRESEN-  
16 TATION.—The partnership shall, to the extent  
17 practicable, aggregate the data collected under  
18 paragraph (3) by community, by State, and na-  
19 tionally. The report shall present the aggre-  
20 gated data in a form that enables communities  
21 and States to assess their civic health, as meas-  
22 ured on each of the indicators, and compare  
23 those measures with comparable measures of  
24 other communities and States.

1           “(C) SUBMISSION.—The partnership shall  
2 submit the report to the Committee on Edu-  
3 cation and Labor of the House of Representa-  
4 tives and the Committee on Health, Education,  
5 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate, and make  
6 the report available to the general public on the  
7 Corporation’s website.

8           “(5) CONFERENCES AND FORUMS.—The part-  
9 nership shall hold conferences and forums to discuss  
10 the implications of the data and analyses reported  
11 under paragraph (4).

12           “(6) VOLUNTEERING RESEARCH AND EVALUA-  
13 TION.—

14           “(A) RESEARCH.—The partnership shall  
15 provide for baseline research and tracking of  
16 domestic and international volunteering, and  
17 baseline research and tracking related to rel-  
18 evant data on the indicators described in para-  
19 graph (3). In providing for the research and  
20 tracking under this paragraph, the partnership  
21 shall consider methods of expanding research  
22 and tracking conducted by the Bureau of Labor  
23 Statistics.

24           “(B) IMPACT RESEARCH AND EVALUA-  
25 TION.—The partnership shall provide for re-

1 search on, and evaluations of, the impact of do-  
2 mestic and international volunteering, including  
3 an assessment of best practices for such volun-  
4 teering, and methods of improving such volun-  
5 teering through enhanced collaboration among  
6 entities that recruit, manage, support, and uti-  
7 lize volunteers, institutions of higher education,  
8 and research institutions.”.

9 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
10 501(a) of the National and Community Service Act of  
11 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)), as amended in section 131(e),  
12 is further amended by adding at the end the following:

13 “(7) CIVIC HEALTH INDEX AND VOLUNTEERING  
14 RESEARCH AND EVALUATION.—In addition to any  
15 amounts appropriated under paragraph (4), there  
16 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out sec-  
17 tion 179(j), \$1,500,000 for fiscal year 2010 and  
18 \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2011 through  
19 2014.”.

20 **Subtitle E—ServeAmerica and**  
21 **Encore Fellowships**

22 **SEC. 151. SERVEAMERICA AND ENCORE FELLOWSHIPS.**

23 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

24 (1) Full- and part-time volunteer service, both  
25 at the national and State levels, can effectively tack-

1 le pressing national challenges and improve commu-  
2 nities throughout the United States.

3 (2) Individual service plans and opportunities  
4 can improve the ability of the nonprofit sector to ad-  
5 dress areas of national need by introducing more  
6 personal innovation and ingenuity into volunteer  
7 service efforts.

8 (3) Many individuals in the United States who  
9 are retiring or age 50 or older have shown an in-  
10 creasing interest in community service and, by uti-  
11 lizing their individual skills and expertise, volunteer  
12 organizations can find creative solutions to pressing  
13 national problems.

14 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

15 (1) to provide, by 2014, individual fellowships  
16 to 5,000 individuals annually, allowing the individ-  
17 uals to propose their own plans for serving in their  
18 communities and addressing areas of national need;

19 (2) to focus the ideas and creativity of individ-  
20 uals into addressing national challenges such as im-  
21 proving education for low-income students, increas-  
22 ing energy conservation, improving access to health  
23 care for, and the health status of, low-income indi-  
24 viduals, and creating new economic opportunities for  
25 low-income individuals; and



1           (3) to provide Encore Fellowships to individuals  
2           age 50 or older to draw on the individuals’ talents  
3           and experience, to improve the effectiveness of vol-  
4           unteer service organizations, and to provide the indi-  
5           viduals with the support they need to make a transi-  
6           tion to longer-term work in public service in the non-  
7           profit sector or government.

8           (c) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—Subtitle J of title I of  
9           the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42  
10          U.S.C. 12653 et seq.), as redesignated by section 121, is  
11          amended by adding at the end the following:

12          **“SEC. 198E. SERVEAMERICA AND ENCORE FELLOWSHIPS.**

13          “(a) SERVEAMERICA FELLOWSHIPS.—

14                  “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

15                          “(A) AREA OF NATIONAL NEED.—The  
16                          term ‘area of national need’ means an area re-  
17                          lated to—

18                                  “(i) improving education in public  
19                                  schools for economically disadvantaged stu-  
20                                  dents;

21                                  “(ii) expanding and improving access  
22                                  to health care;

23                                  “(iii) improving energy efficiency and  
24                                  conserving natural resources;

1           “(iv) improving economic opportuni-  
2           ties for economically disadvantaged individ-  
3           uals; or

4           “(v) improving disaster preparedness  
5           and response.

6           “(B) CAMPUS OF SERVICE.—The term  
7           ‘Campus of Service’ means an institution of  
8           higher education designated as a Campus of  
9           Service under section 119E.

10          “(C) ELIGIBLE FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT.—  
11          The term ‘eligible fellowship recipient’ means  
12          an individual who is selected by a State Com-  
13          mission under paragraph (4)(E) and, as a re-  
14          sult of such selection, is eligible for a  
15          ServeAmerica Fellowship.

16          “(D) FELLOW.—The term ‘fellow’ means  
17          an eligible fellowship recipient who is awarded  
18          a ServeAmerica Fellowship and is designated a  
19          fellow under paragraph (5)(B).

20          “(2) SERVEAMERICA FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.—  
21          The Corporation shall establish and carry out a  
22          ServeAmerica Fellowship program.

23          “(3) GRANTS.—

24                 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall  
25                 make grants (including financial assistance and

1 a corresponding allotment of approved national  
2 service positions), from allotments described in  
3 subparagraph (B), to the State Commissions of  
4 each of the several States, the District of Co-  
5 lumbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico  
6 that has an application approved by the Cor-  
7 poration, to enable the State Commissions to  
8 award ServeAmerica Fellowships under para-  
9 graph (5). The fellowships shall be used to en-  
10 able fellows to carry out service projects in  
11 areas of national need.

12 “(B) RESERVATION; ALLOTMENT.—

13 “(i) RESERVATION.—From the  
14 amount appropriated under section  
15 501(a)(2)(C) for a fiscal year, the Cor-  
16 poration shall reserve not more than 3 per-  
17 cent to administer the program under this  
18 subsection.

19 “(ii) ALLOTMENT.—The amount allot-  
20 ted as a grant to a State Commission  
21 under subparagraph (A) for a fiscal year  
22 shall be equal to the amount that bears the  
23 same ratio to the amount appropriated  
24 under section 501(a)(2)(C) and not re-  
25 served under clause (i) for that fiscal year,

1 as the population of the State bears to the  
2 total population of the several States, the  
3 District of Columbia, and the Common-  
4 wealth of Puerto Rico.

5 “(C) NUMBER OF POSITIONS.—The Cor-  
6 poration shall—

7 “(i) establish or increase the number  
8 of positions that are approved as approved  
9 national service positions under this sub-  
10 section during each of fiscal years 2010  
11 through 2014;

12 “(ii) establish the number of approved  
13 positions at 1,000 for fiscal year 2010; and

14 “(iii) increase the number of the ap-  
15 proved positions to—

16 “(I) 2,000 for fiscal year 2011;

17 “(II) 3,000 for fiscal year 2012;

18 “(III) 4,000 for fiscal year 2013;

19 and

20 “(IV) 5,000 for fiscal year 2014.

21 “(D) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to re-  
22 ceive such a grant, a State Commission shall  
23 submit an application to the Corporation at  
24 such time, in such manner, and containing such  
25 information as the Corporation may require, in-

1 including information on the criteria and proce-  
2 dures that the State Commission will use for  
3 overseeing placements for service projects, and  
4 awarding ServeAmerica Fellowships, under  
5 paragraph (5).

6 “(4) ELIGIBLE FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the  
8 program, the Corporation shall, each fiscal  
9 year, maintain a list of eligible fellowship recipi-  
10 ents selected under subparagraph (E).

11 “(B) APPLICATION.—An individual desir-  
12 ing to be selected as an eligible fellowship re-  
13 cipient shall submit an application to a State  
14 Commission, a Campus of Service, or an insti-  
15 tution of higher education, that has elected to  
16 participate in the program carried out under  
17 this subsection, at such time and in such man-  
18 ner as the Commission, Campus, or institution  
19 may require, and containing the information de-  
20 scribed in subparagraph (C) and such addi-  
21 tional information as the Commission, Campus,  
22 or institution may require. An individual may  
23 submit such application to only 1 entity under  
24 this subparagraph for a fiscal year.

1           “(C) CONTENTS.—The Corporation shall  
2 specify information to be provided in the appli-  
3 cation, which shall include—

4                   “(i) a description of the area of na-  
5 tional need that the applicant hopes to ad-  
6 dress through service in the service project;

7                   “(ii) a description of the skills and ex-  
8 perience the applicant has to address the  
9 area of national need;

10                   “(iii) a description of the type of serv-  
11 ice that the applicant plans to provide as  
12 a fellow; and

13                   “(iv) information identifying the State  
14 in which the applicant will serve (which, in  
15 the case of an application submitted to a  
16 State Commission, shall be the State  
17 served by the Commission) and the local  
18 area in which the applicant plans to serve,  
19 for the service project.

20           “(D) NOMINATIONS BY CAMPUSES OF  
21 SERVICE AND INSTITUTIONS.—After reviewing  
22 the applications—

23                   “(i) each Campus of Service may  
24 nominate not fewer than 8 individuals for

1 consideration by the State Commission as  
2 eligible fellowship recipients; and

3 “(ii) each institution of higher edu-  
4 cation that is not a Campus of Service may  
5 nominate not fewer than 4 individuals for  
6 consideration by the State Commission as  
7 eligible fellowship recipients.

8 “(E) SELECTION.—Each State Commis-  
9 sion shall select, from the applicants nominated  
10 by Campuses of Service and institutions of  
11 higher education serving the State and the ap-  
12 plicants received by the State Commission for a  
13 fiscal year, the number of eligible fellowship re-  
14 cipients that may be supported for that fiscal  
15 year based on the grant received by the State  
16 Commission under paragraph (3)(A). A total of  
17 not less than 10 percent and not more than 15  
18 percent of the eligible fellowship recipients se-  
19 lected by the State Commission for a fiscal year  
20 shall be individuals nominated by a Campus of  
21 Service or an institution of higher education.

22 “(5) FELLOWS.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to par-  
24 ticipate in a service project through the pro-  
25 gram as a fellow and receive a ServeAmerica

1 Fellowship, an eligible fellowship recipient  
2 shall—

3 “(i) within 6 months after being se-  
4 lected as an eligible fellowship recipient,  
5 select an appropriate service sponsor orga-  
6 nization described in paragraph (6) in the  
7 State described in paragraph (4)(C)(iv),  
8 with which the individual is interested in  
9 serving under this subsection;

10 “(ii) enter into an agreement with the  
11 organization—

12 “(I) that specifies the service the  
13 individual will provide if the place-  
14 ment is approved; and

15 “(II) in which the individual  
16 agrees to serve for 1 year on a full-  
17 time or part-time basis (as determined  
18 by the Corporation); and

19 “(iii) submit such agreement to the  
20 State Commission.

21 “(B) AWARD.—Upon receiving the eligible  
22 fellowship recipient’s agreement under subpara-  
23 graph (A), the State Commission shall award a  
24 ServeAmerica Fellowship to the recipient and  
25 designate the recipient as a fellow.



1 “(C) FELLOWSHIP AMOUNT.—

2 “(i) IN GENERAL.—From funds re-  
3 ceived under paragraph (3), each State  
4 Commission shall award each of the  
5 State’s fellows a ServeAmerica Fellowship  
6 amount that is equal to 50 percent of the  
7 amount of the total average annual sub-  
8 sistence allowance provided to VISTA vol-  
9 unteers under section 105 of the Domestic  
10 Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C.  
11 4955).

12 “(ii) AMOUNT FROM SERVICE SPON-  
13 SOR ORGANIZATION.—Except as provided  
14 in clause (iii), the service sponsor organiza-  
15 tion shall award to the fellow serving such  
16 organization an amount that will ensure  
17 that the total award received by the fellow  
18 for service in the service project (consisting  
19 of that amount and the ServeAmerica Fel-  
20 lowship amount the fellow receives under  
21 clause (i)) is equal to or greater than 70  
22 percent of the average annual subsistence  
23 allowance provided to VISTA volunteers  
24 under section 105 of the Domestic Volun-  
25 teer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4955).

1           “(iii) MAXIMUM LIVING ALLOW-  
2 ANCE.—The total amount that may be pro-  
3 vided to a fellow under this subparagraph  
4 shall not exceed 100 percent of the average  
5 annual subsistence allowance provided to  
6 VISTA volunteers under section 105 of the  
7 Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973  
8 (42 U.S.C. 4955).

9           “(iv) PRORATION OF AMOUNT.—In  
10 the case of a fellow who is authorized to  
11 serve a part-time term of service under the  
12 agreement described in subparagraph  
13 (A)(ii), the amount provided to a fellow  
14 under this subparagraph shall be prorated  
15 accordingly.

16           “(v) WAIVER.—The Corporation may  
17 allow a State Commission to waive the  
18 amount required under clause (ii) from the  
19 service sponsor organization for a fellow  
20 serving the organization if—

21                   “(I) such requirement is incon-  
22 sistent with the objectives of the  
23 ServeAmerica Fellowship program;  
24 and

1                   “(II) the amount provided to the  
2                   fellow under clause (i) is sufficient to  
3                   meet the necessary costs of living (in-  
4                   cluding food, housing, and transpor-  
5                   tation) in the area in which the  
6                   ServeAmerica Fellowship program is  
7                   located.

8                   “(6) SERVICE SPONSOR ORGANIZATIONS.—

9                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each service sponsor  
10                  organization shall—

11                  “(i) be a nonprofit organization; and

12                  “(ii) at the time of registration with a  
13                  State Commission, enter into an agreement  
14                  providing that the service sponsor organi-  
15                  zation shall—

16                  “(I) abide by all program re-  
17                  quirements;

18                  “(II) provide an amount de-  
19                  scribed in paragraph (5)(C)(ii) for  
20                  each fellow serving with the organiza-  
21                  tion through the ServeAmerica Fel-  
22                  lowship;

23                  “(III) be responsible for certi-  
24                  fying whether each fellow serving with  
25                  the organization successfully com-

1           pleted the ServeAmerica Fellowship,  
 2           and record and certify in a manner  
 3           specified by the Corporation the num-  
 4           ber of hours served by a fellow for  
 5           purposes of determining the fellow’s  
 6           eligibility for benefits; and

7                   “(IV) provide timely access to  
 8           records relating to the ServeAmerica  
 9           Fellowship to the State Commission,  
 10          the Corporation, and the Corpora-  
 11          tion’s Inspector General.

12          “(B) REGISTRATION.—

13                   “(i) REQUIREMENT.—No service  
 14          sponsor organization may receive a fellow  
 15          under this subsection until the organiza-  
 16          tion registers with the State Commission.

17                   “(ii) REVOCATION.—A State Commis-  
 18          sion shall revoke the registration of any  
 19          service sponsor organization if the State  
 20          Commission determines after a hearing  
 21          that the organization is in violation of any  
 22          of the applicable provisions of this sub-  
 23          section.

24                   “(7) COMPLIANCE WITH INELIGIBLE SERVICE  
 25          CATEGORIES.—Service under a ServeAmerica Fel-

1 lowship shall comply with section 132(a). For pur-  
2 poses of applying that section to this subsection, a  
3 reference to assistance shall be considered to be a  
4 reference to assistance provided under this section.

5 “(8) REPORTS.—Each service sponsor organiza-  
6 tion that receives a fellow under this subsection  
7 shall, on a biweekly basis, report to the Corporation  
8 on the number of hours served and the services pro-  
9 vided by that fellow. The Corporation shall establish  
10 a web portal for the organizations to use in report-  
11 ing the information.

12 “(9) EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—A fellow who  
13 serves in a service project under this subsection shall  
14 be considered to have served in an approved national  
15 service position and, upon meeting the requirements  
16 of section 147 for full-time or part-time national  
17 service, shall be eligible for a national service edu-  
18 cational award described in such section. The Cor-  
19 poration shall transfer an appropriate amount of  
20 funds to the National Service Trust to provide for  
21 the national service educational awards for such fel-  
22 lows.

23 “(b) ENCORE FELLOWSHIPS.—

24 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

1           “(A) AREA OF NATIONAL NEED.—The  
2 term ‘area of national need’ has the meaning  
3 given the term in subsection (a)(1).

4           “(B) ELIGIBLE ENCORE FELLOWSHIP RE-  
5 CIPIENT.—The term ‘eligible Encore Fellowship  
6 recipient’ means an individual who is selected  
7 under paragraph (3)(B) and, as a result of such  
8 selection, is eligible for an Encore Fellowship.

9           “(C) ENCORE FELLOW.—The term ‘En-  
10 core Fellow’ means an eligible Encore Fellow-  
11 ship recipient who is awarded an Encore Fel-  
12 lowship and is designated an Encore Fellow  
13 under paragraph (5)(C).

14           “(2) ENCORE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.—

15           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall  
16 establish and carry out an Encore Fellowship  
17 program. In carrying out the program, the Cor-  
18 poration shall award 1-year Encore Fellowships  
19 to enable individuals age 50 or older—

20                   “(i) to carry out service projects in  
21 areas of national need; and

22                   “(ii) to receive training and develop-  
23 ment in order to transition to full- or part-  
24 time public service in the nonprofit sector  
25 or government.

1           “(B) PROGRAM.—In carrying out the pro-  
2           gram, the Corporation shall—

3                   “(i) maintain a list of eligible Encore  
4           Fellowship recipients who are eligible to  
5           participate in service projects through the  
6           program and receive fellowships;

7                   “(ii) maintain a list of organizations  
8           that are eligible to have eligible Encore  
9           Fellows placed with the organizations to  
10          carry out service projects through the pro-  
11          gram and provide the list to all eligible En-  
12          core Fellowship recipients described in  
13          clause (i); and

14                  “(iii) at the request of an Encore Fel-  
15          lowship recipient—

16                   “(I) determine whether the re-  
17          questing eligible Encore Fellowship  
18          recipient is able to meet the service  
19          needs of a listed organization, or an-  
20          other organization that the recipient  
21          requests in accordance with paragraph  
22          (5)(B), for a service project; and

23                   “(II) upon making a favorable  
24          determination under subclause (I),  
25          award the recipient with an Encore

1 Fellowship, and place the recipient  
2 with the organization as an Encore  
3 Fellow under paragraph (5)(C).

4 “(3) ELIGIBLE ENCORE FELLOWSHIP RECIPI-  
5 ENTS.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—An individual desiring  
7 to be selected as an eligible Encore Fellowship  
8 recipient shall—

9 “(i) be an individual who is—

10 “(I) at least 50 years of age as  
11 of the time the individual applies for  
12 the program; and

13 “(II) not engaged in, but who  
14 wishes to make a transition to being  
15 engaged in, full- or part-time public  
16 service in the nonprofit sector or gov-  
17 ernment; and

18 “(ii) submit an application to the Cor-  
19 poration, at such time, in such manner,  
20 and containing such information as the  
21 Corporation may require, including—

22 “(I) a description of the area of  
23 national need that the applicant hopes  
24 to address through the service project;



1                   “(II) a description of the skills  
2                   and experience the applicant has to  
3                   address an area of national need; and

4                   “(III) information identifying the  
5                   region of the United States in which  
6                   the applicant wishes to serve.

7                   “(B) SELECTION BASIS.—In determining  
8                   which individuals to select as eligible Encore  
9                   Fellowship recipients, the Corporation shall—

10                   “(i) select not more than 10 individ-  
11                   uals from each State; and

12                   “(ii) give priority to individuals with  
13                   skills and experience for which there is an  
14                   ongoing high demand in the nonprofit sec-  
15                   tor and government.

16                   “(4) LISTED ORGANIZATIONS.—To be listed  
17                   under paragraph (2)(B)(ii), an organization shall—

18                   “(A) be a nonprofit organization; and

19                   “(B) submit an application to the Corpora-  
20                   tion at such time, in such manner, and con-  
21                   taining such information as the Corporation  
22                   may require, including—

23                   “(i) a description of—

24                   “(I) the services and activities  
25                   the organization carries out generally;

1                   “(II) the area of national need  
2                   that the organization seeks to address  
3                   through a service project; and

4                   “(III) the services and activities  
5                   the organization seeks to carry out  
6                   through the proposed service project;

7                   “(ii) a description of the skills and ex-  
8                   perience that an eligible Encore Fellowship  
9                   recipient needs to be placed with the orga-  
10                  nization as an Encore Fellow for the serv-  
11                  ice project;

12                  “(iii) a description of the training and  
13                  leadership development the organization  
14                  shall provide an Encore Fellow placed with  
15                  the organization to assist the Encore Fel-  
16                  low in obtaining a public service job in the  
17                  nonprofit sector or government after the  
18                  period of the Encore Fellowship; and

19                  “(iv) evidence of the organization’s fi-  
20                  nancial stability.

21                  “(5) PLACEMENT.—

22                  “(A) REQUEST FOR PLACEMENT WITH  
23                  LISTED ORGANIZATIONS.—To be placed with a  
24                  listed organization under subparagraph (C) for  
25                  a service project, an eligible Encore Fellowship

1 recipient shall submit an application for such  
2 placement to the Corporation at such time, in  
3 such manner, and containing such information  
4 as the Corporation may require.

5 “(B) REQUEST FOR PLACEMENT WITH  
6 OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.—An eligible Encore  
7 Fellowship recipient may apply to the Corpora-  
8 tion to serve the recipient’s Encore Fellowship  
9 year with a nonprofit organization that is not a  
10 listed organization. Such application shall be  
11 submitted to the Corporation at such time, in  
12 such manner, and containing such information  
13 as the Corporation shall require, and shall in-  
14 clude—

15 “(i) an identification and description  
16 of—

17 “(I) the organization;

18 “(II) the area of national need  
19 the organization seeks to address; and

20 “(III) the services or activities  
21 the organization carries out to address  
22 such area of national need;

23 “(ii) a description of the services the  
24 eligible Encore Fellowship recipient shall

1 provide for the organization as an Encore  
2 Fellow; and

3 “(iii) a letter of support from the  
4 leader of the organization, including—

5 “(I) a description of the organi-  
6 zation’s need for the eligible Encore  
7 Fellowship recipient’s services;

8 “(II) evidence that the organiza-  
9 tion is financially sound;

10 “(III) an assurance that the or-  
11 ganization will provide training and  
12 leadership development to the eligible  
13 Encore Fellowship recipient if placed  
14 with the organization as an Encore  
15 Fellow, to assist the Encore Fellow in  
16 obtaining a public service job in the  
17 nonprofit sector or government after  
18 the period of the Encore Fellowship;  
19 and

20 “(IV) a description of the train-  
21 ing and leadership development to be  
22 provided to the Encore Fellowship re-  
23 cipient if so placed.

24 “(C) PLACEMENT AND AWARD OF FEL-  
25 LOWSHIP.—If the Corporation determines that

1 the eligible Encore Fellowship recipient is able  
2 to meet the service needs (including skills and  
3 experience to address an area of national need)  
4 of the organization that the eligible fellowship  
5 recipient requests under subparagraph (A) or  
6 (B), the Corporation shall—

7 “(i) approve the placement of the eli-  
8 gible Encore Fellowship recipient with the  
9 organization;

10 “(ii) award the eligible Encore Fellow-  
11 ship recipient an Encore Fellowship for a  
12 period of 1 year and designate the eligible  
13 Encore Fellowship recipient as an Encore  
14 Fellow; and

15 “(iii) in awarding the Encore Fellow-  
16 ship, make a payment, in the amount of  
17 \$11,000, to the organization to enable the  
18 organization to provide living expenses to  
19 the Encore Fellow for the year in which  
20 the Encore Fellow agrees to serve.

21 “(6) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—An organiza-  
22 tion that receives an Encore Fellow under this sub-  
23 section shall agree to provide, for the living expenses  
24 of the Encore Fellow during the year of service, non-  
25 Federal contributions in an amount equal to not less

1 than \$1 for every \$1 of Federal funds provided to  
2 the organization for the Encore Fellow through the  
3 fellowship.

4 “(7) TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE.—Each orga-  
5 nization that receives an Encore Fellow under this  
6 subsection shall provide training, leadership develop-  
7 ment, and assistance to the Encore Fellow, and con-  
8 duct oversight of the service provided by the Encore  
9 Fellow.

10 “(8) LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT.—Each year,  
11 the Corporation shall convene current and former  
12 Encore Fellows to discuss the Encore Fellows’ expe-  
13 riences related to service under this subsection and  
14 discuss strategies for increasing leadership and ca-  
15 reers in public service in the nonprofit sector or gov-  
16 ernment.”.

17 (d) NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—

18 (1) TRUST.—Section 145(d)(4) of the National  
19 and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.  
20 12601(d)(4)), as amended by section 131(d)(1)(B),  
21 is further amended by inserting “or section  
22 198E(a)” after “subtitle C or G”.

23 (2) TRANSFER OF EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—  
24 Section 148(f)(2)(A) of the National and Commu-  
25 nity Service Act of 1990 (20 U.S.C.

1 12604(f)(2)(A)), as added by section 131(d)(3)(C),  
2 is further amended by inserting “or section  
3 198E(a)” after “subtitle G”.

4 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
5 501(a)(2) of the National and Community Service Act of  
6 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(2)) is amended—

7 (1) in subparagraphs (A) and (B), by inserting  
8 “(other than section 198E)” after “H of title I”;  
9 and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(C) SERVEAMERICA FELLOWSHIPS.—  
12 There are authorized to be appropriated such  
13 sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal  
14 years 2010 through 2014 to provide financial  
15 assistance under section 198E(a) and to pro-  
16 vide national service educational awards under  
17 subtitle D of title I (including providing finan-  
18 cial assistance and national service educational  
19 awards to participants in national service posi-  
20 tions, established or increased as provided in  
21 section 198E(a)(3)(C)).

22 “(D) ENCORE FELLOWSHIPS.—There are  
23 authorized to be appropriated to carry out sec-  
24 tion 198E(b), \$7,000,000 for each of fiscal  
25 years 2010 through 2014.”.

1 **Subtitle F—Volunteer Generation**  
2 **Fund; National Service Reserve**  
3 **Corps; Call To Service Cam-**  
4 **paign**

5 **SEC. 161. STATEMENT OF PURPOSES.**

6 The purposes of this subtitle are to—

7 (1) assist nonprofit, faith-based, and other civic  
8 organizations in the United States and State Com-  
9 missions in expanding the supply of volunteers and  
10 improving the capacity of such organizations and  
11 State Commissions to utilize new volunteers;

12 (2) spur innovation in volunteer recruitment  
13 and management practices, with a goal of increasing  
14 the number of volunteers in the United States each  
15 year;

16 (3) enable the people of the United States to ef-  
17 fect change throughout the United States by partici-  
18 pating in active volunteer and citizen service; and

19 (4) draw on the experience, skills, and training  
20 of national service alumni to assist local commu-  
21 nities that are affected by disasters.

22 **SEC. 162. ESTABLISHMENT OF VOLUNTEER GENERATION**  
23 **FUND.**

24 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subtitle J of title I of the Na-  
25 tional and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.



1 12653 et seq.), as amended by section 151, is further  
2 amended by adding at the end the following:

3 **“SEC. 198F. VOLUNTEER GENERATION FUND.**

4 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 “(1) AREAS OF NATIONAL NEED.—The term  
6 ‘areas of national need’ has the meaning given the  
7 term in section 198E(a)(1).

8 “(2) CIVIC ENTITY.—The term ‘civic entity’  
9 means a local or national nonprofit organization, in-  
10 cluding a faith-based organization, that uses volun-  
11 teers to carry out activities in areas of national  
12 need.

13 “(3) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-  
14 tity’ means—

15 “(A) a State Commission; or

16 “(B) a nonprofit entity that provides tech-  
17 nical assistance and support to civic entities in  
18 recruiting, managing, and supporting volun-  
19 teers, such as a volunteer coordinating agency,  
20 a nonprofit resource center, a volunteer training  
21 clearinghouse, or an institution of higher edu-  
22 cation.

23 “(b) FUND.—

1           “(1) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Corporation  
2 shall award grants on a competitive basis to eligible  
3 entities to enable—

4           “(A) eligible entities to increase the num-  
5 ber of volunteers available to carry out activities  
6 that address areas of national need through  
7 civic entities supported by the eligible entity; or

8           “(B) eligible entities described in sub-  
9 section (a)(3)(A) to increase the number of vol-  
10 unteers available to carry out statewide volun-  
11 teer initiatives that address State priorities with  
12 regard to areas of national need.

13           “(2) PERIOD OF GRANT.—The Corporation  
14 shall award the grants for periods of not less than  
15 3 years and not more than 5 years.

16           “(3) APPLICATION.—

17           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each eligible entity  
18 desiring a grant under this subsection shall  
19 submit an application to the Corporation at  
20 such time, in such manner, and accompanied by  
21 such information as the Corporation may rea-  
22 sonably require.

23           “(B) CONTENTS.—Each application sub-  
24 mitted pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall con-  
25 tain—

1           “(i)(I) in the case of an eligible entity  
2           that proposes to use grant funds to carry  
3           out an activity described in paragraph  
4           (1)(A), a description of the technical as-  
5           sistance and support the entity provides to  
6           civic entities in recruiting, managing, and  
7           supporting additional volunteers; or

8           “(II) in the case of an eligible entity  
9           that proposes to use grant funds to carry  
10          out a statewide initiative described in para-  
11          graph (1)(B), a description of the State  
12          priorities with regard to areas of national  
13          need and the proposed initiative to address  
14          such priorities;

15          “(ii) an assurance that the eligible en-  
16          tity will annually collect information on—

17                 “(I) the number of volunteers re-  
18                 cruited for civic entities or to carry  
19                 out statewide initiatives described in  
20                 paragraph (1)(B), using funds re-  
21                 ceived under this subsection, and the  
22                 type and amount of activities carried  
23                 out by such volunteers; and

24                 “(II) the number of volunteers  
25                 supported using funds received under

1           this subsection, and the type and  
2           amount of activities carried out by  
3           such volunteers;

4           “(iii) a description of any outcomes  
5           the eligible entity will use to annually  
6           measure and track performance with re-  
7           gard to—

8                     “(I) activities carried out by vol-  
9                     unteers; and

10                    “(II) volunteers recruited, man-  
11                    aged, and supported;

12                    “(iv) information describing how the  
13                    eligible entity will annually evaluate the ef-  
14                    fectiveness of the entity’s activities under  
15                    this subsection; and

16                    “(v) such additional assurances as the  
17                    Corporation determines to be essential to  
18                    ensure compliance with the requirements  
19                    of this subsection.

20           “(4) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity that  
21           receives a grant under this subsection shall use  
22           amounts provided through the grant to—

23                    “(A) in the case of an eligible entity using  
24                    grant funds to carry out an activity described  
25                    in paragraph (1)(A)—

1                   “(i) increase recruitment and training  
2                   of volunteers for a civic entity, relying on  
3                   best practices in volunteer recruitment and  
4                   management; or

5                   “(ii) strengthen the capacity of a civic  
6                   entity to use volunteers; or

7                   “(B) in the case of an eligible entity using  
8                   grant funds to carry out a statewide initiative  
9                   described in paragraph (1)(B), recruit, train,  
10                  and utilize volunteers to carry out statewide vol-  
11                  unteer initiatives.

12                  “(5) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Each eligible  
13                  entity receiving a grant under this subsection shall  
14                  annually submit a report to the Corporation that in-  
15                  cludes the information described in paragraph  
16                  (3)(B)(ii), information on how the eligible entity per-  
17                  formed with regard to the outcomes described in  
18                  paragraph (3)(B)(iii), and the results of the evalua-  
19                  tion described in paragraph (3)(B)(iv).

20                  “(6) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—Each eligible  
21                  entity receiving a grant under this subsection shall  
22                  provide, from non-Federal sources, an amount equal  
23                  to the grant amount to carry out the activities sup-  
24                  ported by the grant.”.

1 (b) APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 501(a)(2) of the Na-  
2 tional and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.  
3 12681(a)(2)), as amended by section 151, is further  
4 amended—

5 (1) in subparagraphs (A) and (B), by striking  
6 “section 198E” each place it appears and inserting  
7 “sections 198E and 198F”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(E) VOLUNTEER GENERATION FUND.—  
10 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry  
11 out section 198F—

12 “(i) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2010;

13 “(ii) \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2011;

14 “(iii) \$70,000,000 for fiscal year  
15 2012;

16 “(iv) \$80,000,000 for fiscal year  
17 2013; and

18 “(v) \$100,000,000 for fiscal year  
19 2014.”.

20 **SEC. 163. NATIONAL SERVICE RESERVE CORPS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle J of title I of the Na-  
22 tional and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.  
23 12653 et seq.), as amended by section 162, is further  
24 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 198G. NATIONAL SERVICE RESERVE CORPS.**

2 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

3 “(1) TERM OF NATIONAL SERVICE.—The term  
4 ‘term of national service’ means a term or period of  
5 service under subtitle C, E, or G or section 198E of  
6 this Act, or under part A of title I of the Domestic  
7 Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4951 et  
8 seq.).

9 “(2) NATIONAL SERVICE RESERVE CORPS MEM-  
10 BER.—The term ‘National Service Reserve Corps  
11 member’ means an individual who—

12 “(A) has completed a term of national  
13 service;

14 “(B) has successfully completed training  
15 described in subsection (d) within the previous  
16 2 years; and

17 “(C) is interested in responding to national  
18 disasters and other emergencies through the  
19 National Service Reserve Corps.

20 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL SERVICE RE-  
21 SERVE CORPS.—The Corporation shall establish a Na-  
22 tional Service Reserve Corps to prepare and deploy indi-  
23 viduals who have completed a term of national service to  
24 respond to natural disasters and other emergencies in a  
25 timely manner.

1       “(c) NATIONAL SERVICE ALUMNI.—In establishing  
2 and implementing the National Service Reserve Corps, the  
3 Corporation may work with organizations representing in-  
4 dividuals who have completed a term of national service,  
5 as well as directly with such individuals.

6       “(d) ANNUAL TRAINING.—The Corporation shall, in  
7 consultation with the Administrator of the Federal Emer-  
8 gency Management Agency, conduct or coordinate annual  
9 training sessions for individuals who have completed a  
10 term of national service, and who wish to join the National  
11 Service Reserve Corps.

12       “(e) CERTIFICATION OF ORGANIZATIONS.—On a bi-  
13 annual basis, the Corporation shall certify organizations  
14 with demonstrated experience in responding to disasters,  
15 including through using volunteers, for participation in the  
16 program under this section.

17       “(f) DATABASES.—The Corporation shall develop or  
18 contract with an outside organization to develop—

19               “(1) a database of all National Service Reserve  
20 Corps members; and

21               “(2) a database of all nonprofit organizations  
22 that—

23                       “(A) have been certified by the Corpora-  
24 tion under subsection (e); and



1           “(B) are prepared to respond to major dis-  
2           asters or emergencies with members of the Na-  
3           tional Service Reserve Corps.

4           “(g) DEPLOYMENT OF NATIONAL SERVICE RESERVE  
5 CORPS.—

6           “(1) IN GENERAL.—If a major disaster or  
7           emergency designated by the President under the  
8           Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency  
9           Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) occurs that  
10          the Corporation, in consultation with the Adminis-  
11          trator of the Federal Emergency Management Agen-  
12          cy, determines is an incident for which National  
13          Service Reserve Corps members are prepared to as-  
14          sist, the Corporation shall—

15               “(A) deploy interested National Service  
16          Reserve Corps members on 30-day assignments  
17          to assist with local needs related to preparing  
18          or recovering from the incident in the affected  
19          area, through organizations certified under sub-  
20          section (e);

21               “(B) make travel arrangements for the de-  
22          ployed National Service Reserve Corps members  
23          to the site of the incident; and

24               “(C) provide funds to those organizations  
25          that are responding to the incident with de-

1           employed National Service Reserve Corps mem-  
2           bers, to enable the organizations to coordinate  
3           and provide housing, living stipends, and insur-  
4           ance for those deployed members.

5           “(2) STIPEND FUND.—Any amounts that are  
6           appropriated under section 501(a)(2)(F) to carry  
7           out paragraph (1) for a fiscal year shall be kept in  
8           a separate fund. Any amounts in such fund that are  
9           not used during a fiscal year shall remain available  
10          for the next fiscal year for the purpose of carrying  
11          out such paragraph.

12          “(h) INFORMATION.—The Corporation, the State  
13          Commissions, and entities receiving financial assistance  
14          for programs under subtitle C, E, or G or section 198E  
15          of this Act, or under part A of title I of the Domestic  
16          Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4951 et seq.),  
17          shall inform participants of those programs of the Na-  
18          tional Service Reserve Corps upon the participants’ com-  
19          pletion of their term of national service.

20          “(i) COORDINATION.—In deploying National Service  
21          Reserve Corps members under subsection (g), the Cor-  
22          poration may consult and, as appropriate, partner with  
23          Citizen Corps programs in the affected area.”.

24          (b) APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 501(a)(2) of the Na-  
25          tional and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.

1 12681(a)(2)), as amended by section 162, is further  
2 amended—

3 (1) in subparagraphs (A) and (B), by striking  
4 “and 198F” each place it appears and inserting  
5 “, 198F, and 198G”; and

6 (2) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(F) NATIONAL SERVICE RESERVE  
8 CORPS.—There is authorized to be appro-  
9 priated—

10 “(i) \$6,500,000 in year 2010, of  
11 which—

12 “(I) not more than \$1,500,000  
13 shall be used to carry out section  
14 198G (other than section 198G(f)(1));  
15 and

16 “(II) the amount remaining after  
17 the application of subclause (I) shall  
18 be used to carry out section  
19 198G(f)(1); and

20 “(ii) for each succeeding fiscal year—

21 “(I) \$1,000,000 to carry out sec-  
22 tion 198G (other than section  
23 198G(f)(1)); and

24 “(II) such sums as are necessary  
25 to carry out section 198G(f)(1) so

1                   that the amount available for such fis-  
2                   cal year to carry out such section, in-  
3                   cluding any amounts remaining in the  
4                   fund described in section 198G(f)(2),  
5                   is equal to \$4,000,000.”.

6 **SEC. 164. CALL TO SERVICE CAMPAIGN.**

7           Subtitle J of title I of the National and Community  
8 Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12653 et seq.), as amend-  
9 ed by section 163, is further amended by adding at the  
10 end the following:

11 **“SEC. 198H. CALL TO SERVICE CAMPAIGN.**

12           “Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment  
13 of the Serve America Act, the Corporation shall conduct  
14 a nationwide ‘Call To Service’ campaign, to encourage all  
15 people of the United States, regardless of age, race, eth-  
16 nicity, religion, or economic status, to engage in full- or  
17 part-time national service, long- or short-term public serv-  
18 ice in the nonprofit sector or government, or volunteering.  
19 In conducting the campaign, the Corporation may collabo-  
20 rate with other Federal agencies and entities, State Com-  
21 missions, Governors, nonprofit and faith-based organiza-  
22 tions, businesses, institutions of higher education, elemen-  
23 tary schools, and secondary schools.”.

1                   **Subtitle G—Conforming**  
2                   **Amendments**

3 **SEC. 171. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

4           (a) IN GENERAL.—

5               (1) Section 101 of the National and Community  
6           Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12511) is amend-  
7           ed—

8                   (A) in paragraph (17)(A)(i), by striking  
9           “subtitle C” and inserting “subtitles C and G”;  
10           and

11                  (B) in paragraph (19)—

12                   (i) by striking “119(b)(1), or 122(a),  
13           or in” and inserting “or 119(b)(1), sub-  
14           part B of part I, or part III, of subtitle B  
15           of title I, or section 122(a), in”;

16                   (ii) by inserting “or in part II or III  
17           of subtitle F, or in subtitle G, of title I,”  
18           after “152(b),”; and

19                   (iii) by striking “or 198D” and insert-  
20           ing “198D, 198E, 198F, or 198G”.

21               (2) Section 117E of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
22           12546) is amended—

23                  (A) in subsection (a)—

1 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking  
2 “116(a)(1)” and inserting “114C(a)(1)”;

3 and

4 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking  
5 “116(a)(2)” and inserting “114C(a)(2)”;

6 and

7 (B) by striking “116(b)” and inserting  
8 “114C(b)”.

9 (3) Section 118(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
10 12551(a)) is amended by striking “subtitle H” and  
11 inserting “subtitle J”.

12 (4) Section 119(c) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
13 12561(c)) is amended—

14 (A) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking  
15 “116(a)(2)” and inserting “114C(a)(2)”;

16 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “116(b)”  
17 and inserting “114C(b)”.

18 (5) Section 122(a)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
19 12572(a)(2)) is amended by striking “subtitle I”  
20 and inserting “subtitle K”.

21 (6) Section 193A(f)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
22 12651d(f)(1)) is amended by striking “subtitles C  
23 and I” and inserting “subtitles C and K”.

24 (7) Section 501(a)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
25 12681(a)(2)) is amended—

1 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking  
2 “C, D, AND H” and inserting “C, D, AND J”;

3 (B) in subparagraph (A), by striking “sub-  
4 titles C and H” and inserting “subtitles C and  
5 J”; and

6 (C) in subparagraph (B), by striking “sub-  
7 title H” and inserting “subtitle J”.

8 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—

9 (1) The table of contents in section 1(b) of such  
10 Act is amended—

11 (A) by striking the items relating to sec-  
12 tions 115, 115A, 116, 116A, and 116B and in-  
13 serting the following:

“Sec. 114A. Consideration of applications.

“Sec. 114B. Participation of students and teachers from private schools.

“Sec. 114C. Federal, State, and local contributions.

“Sec. 114D. Limitations on uses of funds.

“Sec. 114E. Definitions.”;

14 (B) by striking the item relating to the  
15 subpart heading of subpart C of part I of sub-  
16 title B of title I and inserting the following:

“SUBPART D—CLEARINGHOUSE”;

17 (C) by striking the item relating to the  
18 subpart heading of subpart B of part I of sub-  
19 title B of title I and inserting the following:

“SUBPART C—COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL-AGE  
YOUTH”;

1 (D) by inserting after the items relating to  
 2 subpart A of part I of subtitle B of title I the  
 3 following:

“SUBPART B—YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICE-LEARNING TO STRENGTHEN  
 LOCAL COMMUNITIES

“Sec. 115. Grant program.”;

4 (E) by inserting after the items relating to  
 5 part II of subtitle B of title I the following:

“PART III—CAMPUS OF SERVICE PROGRAM

“Sec. 119E. Campuses of Service.”;

6 (F) by inserting after the items relating to  
 7 part III of subtitle B of title I (as added by  
 8 subparagraph (E)) the following:

“PART IV—SERVICE-LEARNING IMPACT STUDY

“Sec. 119F. Study and report.”;

9 (G) by striking the item relating to the  
 10 subtitle heading for subtitle I of title I and in-  
 11 serting the following:

“Subtitle K—American Conservation and Youth Corps”;

12 (H) by striking the item relating to the  
 13 subtitle heading for subtitle H of title I and in-  
 14 serting the following:

“Subtitle J—Investment for Quality and Innovation”;

15 (I) by striking the item relating to the sub-  
 16 title heading for subtitle G of title I and insert-  
 17 ing the following:

“Subtitle I—Corporation for National and Community Service”;



1           (J) by striking the item relating to the  
2 subtitle heading for subtitle F of title I and in-  
3 serting the following:

“Subtitle H—Administrative Provisions”;

4           (K) by inserting after the items relating to  
5 subtitle E of title I the following:

“Subtitle F—Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship

“PART I—COMMISSION ON CROSS-SECTOR SOLUTIONS

“Sec. 167. Commission.

“PART II—COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS FUNDS

“Sec. 167A. Funds.

“PART III—INNOVATION FELLOWSHIPS PILOT PROGRAM

“Sec. 167B. Program.

“Subtitle G—ServeAmerica Corps

“Sec. 168. Corps.”;

6           (L) by adding at the end of the items re-  
7 lating to subtitle J (as so redesignated) of title  
8 I the following:

“Sec. 198E. ServeAmerica and Encore Fellowships.”;

9           and

10           (M) by adding at the end of the items re-  
11 lating to subtitle J (as so amended and redesign-  
12 nated) of title I the following:

“Sec. 198F. Volunteer Generation Fund.

“Sec. 198G. ServeAmerica Emergency Response Reserve Corps.

“Sec. 198H. Call To Service campaign.”.

1       **TITLE II—VOLUNTEERS FOR**  
2               **PROSPERITY PROGRAM**

3   **SEC. 201. FINDINGS.**

4       Congress makes the following findings:

5               (1) Americans engaged in international volun-  
6       teer service, and the organizations deploying them—

7                       (A) play critical roles in responding to the  
8               needs of people living throughout the developing  
9               world; and

10                      (B) advance the international public diplo-  
11              macy of the United States.

12              (2) The Volunteers for Prosperity Program has  
13       successfully promoted international volunteer service  
14       by skilled American professionals.

15              (3) In its first 4 years, the VfP Program helped  
16       to mobilize 74,000 skilled Americans, including doc-  
17       tors, nurses, engineers, businesspeople, and teachers,  
18       through a network of 250 nonprofit organizations  
19       and companies in the United States, to carry out de-  
20       velopment and humanitarian efforts for those af-  
21       fected by great global challenges in health, the envi-  
22       ronment, poverty, illiteracy, financial literacy, dis-  
23       aster relief, and other challenges.

24              (4) The VfP Program has undertaken activities,  
25       including—

1 (A) direct outreach to leading nonprofit or-  
2 ganizations and companies in the United  
3 States;

4 (B) promotion of the work of skilled Amer-  
5 icans and nonprofit organizations and compa-  
6 nies in the United States as it relates to inter-  
7 national volunteer service;

8 (C) public recognition of skilled American  
9 volunteers;

10 (D) support for organizations that utilize  
11 skilled Americans as volunteers;

12 (E) participation in the development of  
13 special initiatives to further opportunities for  
14 skilled Americans; and

15 (F) leadership of an innovative public-pri-  
16 vate partnership to provide eligible skilled with  
17 financial assistance for volunteer assignments.

18 **SEC. 202. DEFINITIONS.**

19 In this title:

20 (1) VFP OFFICE.—The term “VfP Office”  
21 means the Office of Volunteers for Prosperity of the  
22 United States Agency for International Develop-  
23 ment.

1           (2) VFP PROGRAM.—The term “VfP Program”  
2 means the Volunteers for Prosperity Program estab-  
3 lished through Executive Order 13317.

4           (3) VFPSERVE.—The term “VfPServe” means  
5 a program established by the VfP Office, in coopera-  
6 tion with the USA Freedom Corps and the Global  
7 Giving Foundation, to provide eligible skilled profes-  
8 sionals with fixed amount stipends to offset the trav-  
9 el and living costs of volunteering abroad.

10 **SEC. 203. OFFICE OF VOLUNTEERS FOR PROSPERITY.**

11       (a) FUNCTIONS.—The VfP Office shall pursue the  
12 objectives of the VfP Program described in subsection (b)  
13 by—

14           (1) implementing the VfPServe Program to pro-  
15 vide eligible skilled professionals with fixed amount  
16 stipends to offset the travel and living expenses of  
17 volunteering abroad with nonprofit organizations;

18           (2) otherwise promoting short- and long-term  
19 international volunteer service by skilled American  
20 professionals, including connecting such profes-  
21 sionals with nonprofit organizations, to achieve such  
22 objectives;

23           (3) helping nonprofit organizations in the  
24 United States recruit and effectively manage addi-

1 tional skilled American professionals for volunteer  
2 assignments throughout the developing world;

3 (4) providing recognition for skilled American  
4 volunteers and the organizations deploying them;

5 (5) helping nonprofit organizations and cor-  
6 porations in the United States to identify resources  
7 and opportunities in international volunteer service  
8 utilizing skilled Americans;

9 (6) encouraging the establishment of inter-  
10 national volunteer programs for employees of United  
11 States corporations; and

12 (7) encouraging international voluntary service  
13 by highly skilled Americans to promote health and  
14 prosperity throughout the world.

15 (b) VFP PROGRAM OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of  
16 the VFP Program shall be to—

17 (1) eliminate extreme poverty;

18 (2) reduce world hunger and malnutrition;

19 (3) increase access to safe potable water;

20 (4) enact universal education;

21 (5) reduce child mortality and childhood dis-  
22 eases;

23 (6) combat the spread of preventable diseases,  
24 including HIV, malaria, and tuberculosis;

1           (7) provide educational and work skill support  
2 for girls and empowering women to achieve inde-  
3 pendence;

4           (8) create sustainable business and entrepre-  
5 neurial opportunities; and

6           (9) increase access to information technology.

7           (c) VOLUNTEERS FOR PROSPERITY SERVICE INCEN-  
8 TIVE PROGRAM.—

9           (1) IN GENERAL.—The VfP Office may provide  
10 fixed amount stipends to offset the travel and living  
11 costs of volunteering abroad to any individual who—

12                   (A) has skills relevant to addressing any  
13 objective described in subsection (b); and

14                   (B) provides a dollar-for-dollar match for  
15 such stipend—

16                           (i) through the organization with  
17 which the individual is serving; or

18                           (ii) by raising private funds.

19           (2) NONDISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENT.—The  
20 VfP Office may not provide a stipend to an indi-  
21 vidual under paragraph (1) unless the individual  
22 provides an assurance that he or she will not dis-  
23 criminate with respect to any project or activity be-  
24 cause of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, polit-  
25 ical affiliation, or beliefs.

1           (3) COMPLIANCE WITH INELIGIBLE SERVICE  
2 CATEGORIES.—Service carried out by a volunteer re-  
3 ceiving funds under this section may not provide a  
4 direct benefit to any—

5                   (A) business organized for profit;

6                   (B) labor union;

7                   (C) partisan political organization; or

8                   (D) religious or faith-based organization  
9 for the purpose of proselytization or sectarian  
10 worship.

11 (d) FUNDING.—

12           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in  
13 consultation with the Administrator of the United  
14 States Agency for International Development, shall  
15 make available the amounts appropriated pursuant  
16 to section 204 to the VfP Office to pursue the objec-  
17 tives described in subsection (b) by carrying out the  
18 functions described in subsection (a).

19           (2) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts made available  
20 under paragraph (1) may be used by the VfP Office  
21 to provide personnel and other resources to develop,  
22 manage, and expand the VfP Program, under the  
23 supervision of the United States Agency for Inter-  
24 national Development.

1 (e) COORDINATION.—The VfP Office shall coordinate  
2 its efforts with other public and private efforts that aim  
3 to send skilled professionals to serve in developing nations.

4 (f) REPORT.—The VfP Office shall submit an annual  
5 report to Congress on the activities of the VfP Office.

6 **SEC. 204. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-  
8 priated to carry out this title \$10,000,000 for each of the  
9 fiscal years 2010 through 2014.

10 (b) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Of the amounts appro-  
11 priated pursuant to subsection (a)—

12 (1) 90 percent shall be expended to expand  
13 VfPServe; and

14 (2) 10 percent shall be expended to manage the  
15 VfP Program.

○