

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Funding Highlights:

- Provides \$1.1 billion, 1 percent above the 2012 funding level, to support the Corporation for National and Community Service's efforts to address national and local challenges through service, while maximizing limited resources.
- Maintains member levels for AmeriCorps at about 82,500, providing Americans with opportunities to serve their communities.
- Eliminates funding for two lower-priority programs in order to preserve key national service priorities.
- Invests in promising new approaches to major community challenges, leverages private and foundation capital to meet these needs, and grows evidence-based programs through a \$50 million investment in the Social Innovation Fund.
- Strengthens the Senior Corps and improves the way Federal dollars are spent through competition and a renewed focus on outcomes and impact.

Through volunteering and other forms of public service, millions of Americans each year help address our Nation's greatest challenges and speed our economic recovery. The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) provides an on-ramp for Americans of all ages to serve their community and country in sustained and effective ways throughout their lives, from tutoring at-risk youth to responding to natural disasters and building homes for low-income families. National service expands opportunities and makes positive impacts for both participants and the communities they serve by helping

people develop new skills and gain valuable hands-on experience in solving problems in their communities. Some of the most creative solutions to America's challenges have been developed not in Washington, but in communities across the country where citizens work hand in hand to make a difference. The Budget proposes \$1.1 billion for CNCS, which reflects the Administration's continuing commitment to providing opportunities for Americans to address local challenges through service, as well as the need to maximize limited resources at a time of fiscal constraint.

Invests in Community Solutions and a Skilled America

Supports National Service. The Budget provides funding for about 82,500 AmeriCorps members, enabling Americans to serve and supporting the efforts of nonprofit organizations to address critical community challenges, from homelessness to hunger to failing schools. The Budget focuses national service resources in those areas where service can achieve the greatest results for communities.

Supports Innovative Non-Profits. Innovative solutions developed in the nonprofit sector for addressing critical national challenges can only be executed if capital is available to develop, evaluate, and replicate successful approaches. The Budget invests \$50 million in the Social Innovation Fund to test promising new approaches to major challenges, leverage private and philanthropic capital to meet these needs, and grow evidence-based programs that demonstrate measurable outcomes.

Strengthens Programs that Engage Seniors and Improves the Way Federal Dollars are Spent. Many older Americans are eager to serve our Nation and have a wide range of skills and knowledge to give back to their fellow Americans. For decades, the Senior Corps program has been an important conduit for connecting seniors to local volunteer opportunities. The President's Budget proposes to re-invigorate the program by: using competition to allocate funds to those organizations having the biggest impact in their communities; improving coordination among Senior Corps programs to target resources; focusing the program on outcomes; and evaluating program models to better understand what works.

Eliminates Lower Priority Programs. In this constrained budget environment, the Budget makes difficult choices and reduces lower priority activities in order to preserve investments in other areas. To that end, the Budget eliminates funding for two small, narrowly-focused programs: the Volunteer Generation Fund and the Nonprofit Capacity Building Fund.

Corporation for National and Community Service (In millions of dollars)

	Actual 2011	Estimate	
		2012	2013
Spending			
Discretionary Budget Authority:			
Operating Expenses	980	962	760
<i>AmeriCorps (non-add)</i> ¹	676	684	679
<i>Senior Corps (non-add)</i>	208	208	208
<i>Social Innovation Fund (non-add)</i>	50	45	50
Payment to the National Service Trust Fund	—	—	209
Salaries and Expenses	88	83	88
Office of the Inspector General	8	4	5
Total, Discretionary budget authority ²	1,077	1,049	1,062
Total, Discretionary outlays	1,044	759	1,071

Corporation for National and Community Service—Continued
(In millions of dollars)

	Actual 2011	Estimate	
		2012	2013
Mandatory Outlays:			
Interest, National Service Trust ³	—	7	7
Total, Mandatory outlays	—	7	7
 Total, Outlays	 1,044	 766	 1,078

¹This includes amounts requested for the National Service Trust Fund in 2013.

²The 2013 budget authority reflected in this table represents the funds rounded at the account level, while the requested agency level total actually adds to \$1,062.6.

³This table reflects the correct total mandatory outlay amounts for 2012 and 2013 consistent with the policy in the President's Budget. However, the outlays in the database are erroneously overstated by \$61 million in both 2012 and 2013. This error will be corrected in the 2013 Mid-Session Review.