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.....	6104.69.3034 and 6104.69.3038	6104.69.8038
.....	6117.90.0051	6117.90.9075
.....	6203.49.3040 and 6203.49.3045	6203.49.8045
.....	6204.69.3052	6204.69.6040
.....	6211.20.3040	6211.20.3830
.....	6211.20.6040	6211.20.6830
.....	6211.39.0040	6211.39.9030
.....	6211.49.0040	6211.49.9030
.....	6217.90.0070	6217.90.9070

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,
Rita D. Hayes,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

AmeriCorps*USA State and National Direct, Availability of Funds

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National Service announces the availability of approximately \$160 million to support new and renewal grants to States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, through Corporation approved State Commissions, Alternative Administrative Entities (AAEs), or Transitional Entities (TEs).

Approximately \$80 million will support new and renewal grants through a population-based formula. Additionally, up to \$80 million in program funds are

available to States to support new and renewal grants on a competitive basis.

The Corporation also announces the availability of approximately \$19 million to support new competitive program grants to national nonprofits, professional corps, Federal agencies, and programs operating in more than one state through the national direct competition. Approximately \$55 million is also available through the national direct competition to support renewal and expansion grants.

The Corporation published in the **Federal Register** on October 27, 1994, and January 10, 1995, notices describing proposed changes to Corporation grant-making guidelines, policies and priorities for 1995 and inviting comments with regard to three of its main programs: AmeriCorps*USA, Learn & Serve America K-12, and Learn & Serve America Higher Education. The proposed changes applied to the FY 1995 grant cycle and were non-regulatory in nature. In response to those notices, the Corporation received comments from over 50 organizations and agencies, including states, primary and secondary schools, institutions of higher education, community-based organizations, federal agencies and non-profit organizations. The second section of this notice will address these comments.

DATES: All AmeriCorps*USA State applications must be received by 3:30 p.m., Daylight Savings Time, May 1, 1995, to be eligible. Applicants for new AmeriCorps*USA National Direct grants must be received by 3:30 p.m., Daylight Savings Time, May 9, 1995, to be eligible. Applications for renewal and expansion of existing AmeriCorps*USA National Direct grants must be received by 3:30 p.m., Daylight Savings Time, April 18, 1995, to be eligible.

ADDRESSES: Applications for AmeriCorps*USA State should be submitted to The Corporation for National Service, AmeriCorps State, 9th

Floor, Box AS, 1201 New York Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C., 20525. Facsimiles will not be accepted. Applications for AmeriCorps*USA National Direct should be submitted to The Corporation for National Service, AmeriCorps Direct, 9th Floor, Box AD, 1201 New York Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C., 20525. Facsimiles will not be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Persons who have questions about the AmeriCorps*USA State application process may call or write the State Commission office in their state or the Corporation for National Service, AmeriCorps State, 1201 New York Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C., 20525. Phone: (202) 606-5000, ext. 474; TTD: (202) 565-2799. Persons who wish to receive an AmeriCorps*USA State application should contact the State Commission office in their state.

Persons who have questions about the AmeriCorps*USA National Direct application process, or who wish to receive a National Direct application, may call or write the Corporation for National Service, AmeriCorps Direct, 1201 New York Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C., 20525. Phone: (202) 606-5000, ext. 474; TTD: (202) 565-2799.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Availability of Funds

*1. AmeriCorps*USA State*

Approximately \$80 million in program funds are available for new and renewal grants to States through the population-based formula allotment and approximately \$80 million in program funds are available to States on a competitive basis for renewals and new grants. The following chart details the amount of funding that each State is eligible to apply for under the population-based formula allotment. The chart also details the number of programs that a State may submit under the competitive funding:

State	Formula allotment	Small state priority	New competitive submission ¹	Total competitive submissions ²
Alabama	\$1,263,352	.....	6	7
Alaska	181,554	\$118,446	4	5
Arkansas	734,472	.....	6	6
Arizona	1,220,307	.....	5	7
California	9,412,178	.....	10	17
Colorado	1,094,713	.....	5	6
Connecticut	980,801	.....	5	6
Delaware	211,523	88,477	5	5
D.C.	170,744	129,256	4	5
Florida	4,178,254	.....	8	10
Georgia	2,112,778	.....	6	8
Hawaii	352,931	.....	4	5
Idaho	339,296	.....	5	5
Illinois	3,519,164	.....	6	9

State	Formula allotment	Small state priority	New competitive submission ¹	Total competitive submissions ²
Indiana	1,722,505		7	7
Iowa	847,243		6	6
Kansas	764,830		2	6
Kentucky	1,145,965		4	6
Louisiana	1,292,187		6	7
Maine	371,391		5	5
Maryland	1,499,167		4	7
Massachusetts	1,809,063		5	7
Michigan	2,843,698		8	9
Minnesota	1,367,705		4	7
Mississippi	799,287		6	6
Missouri	1,580,432		5	7
Montana	256,350	43,650	4	5
Nebraska	485,978		6	6
Nevada	436,319		6	6
New Hampshire	340,430		4	5
New Jersey	2,366,895		6	8
New Mexico	495,160		5	6
New York	5,440,870		9	12
North Carolina	2,117,120		6	8
North Dakota	191,051	108,949	5	5
Ohio	3,324,643		7	9
Oklahoma	975,655		6	6
Oregon	924,184		5	6
Pennsylvania	3,609,179		7	10
Puerto Rico	1,072,107		6	6
Rhode Island	298,487	1,513	3	5
South Carolina	1,097,210		5	6
South Dakota	215,958	84,042	5	5
Tennessee	1,549,768		5	7
Texas	5,503,497		7	12
Utah	571,347		6	6
Vermont	173,748	126,252	4	5
Virginia	1,961,907		7	7
Washington	1,600,032		6	7
West Virginia	545,619		6	3
Wisconsin	1,521,744		7	7
Wyoming	142,536	157,464	4	5

¹ This column reflects the maximum number of new programs a State may submit in their competitive application and does not include requests for renewals. However, States may substitute a new program if they decide not to submit a currently funded program for renewal.

² This column reflects the total number of programs, both new and renewal, that a State may submit under the competitive funding.

The Corporation has limited the number of programs a State may include in its application for competitive funding to five, plus an additional program for each full percentage point of the total State population (rounded to the nearest full percentage point) that State contains.

Approximately \$4 million has been set aside from the formula funds for child care. This amount will be allocated to States on a formula basis, and paid directly as needed to the National Association for Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA), the Corporation's national grantee to cover child care costs, up to the States designated formula amount. Amounts from this fund which are not needed by the State for child care will be given to the State for other approved program costs.

For 1995, the Corporation is committed to renewing 1994 grants, if those programs meet quality standards.

Renewal applications may request year-two funding to expand programs or to continue the same program as in year one. If an expansion request exceeds 25% of the year-one budget, the portion that exceeds 25% must be submitted as a new application following new application instructions. Given this commitment to renewals, the Corporation expects that the majority of the program funds available will be used for renewal grants. Program funds not committed for renewals will be made available to States for new grants in both the formula and competitive funding streams.

The Corporation is committed to supporting only high quality AmeriCorps programs, and formula allotments are not an entitlement for States. Program quality will be the most important criteria for considering both renewal requests and support for new programs. The Corporation's requirements for AmeriCorps are set

forth in the Corporation's regulations and in the applications. In addition to being thoroughly familiar with the regulations, prospective applicants should read the application carefully because, in some cases, more specific information is provided there. The requirements apply to all programs that submit applications to States for funding. The regulations for AmeriCorps programs were published in the **Federal Register** on March 23, 1994 (45 CFR Parts 2510, 2513, et al.) and are available at your public library. You may also refer to the Principles for High Quality National Service Programs which includes program examples. For copies, contact the Corporation at (202) 606-5000, x474.

2. AmeriCorps*USA National Direct

Approximately \$19 million is available for new competitive program grants and approximately \$55 million is available to support renewal and

expansion grants, through the national direct competition. National nonprofits, Federal agencies, professional corps programs, and multi-state programs are eligible to apply directly to the Corporation for these funds. This allows the Corporation to fund multi-state and multi-site programs that are national in scope and build on existing networks of youth and service programs. Eligible applicants may apply for operating funds to establish AmeriCorps*USA programs, or for education awards only.

II. AmeriCorps*USA State and National Direct Grant Applications Guidelines

1. 1995 Issue Area Priorities

The Corporation received a number of comments suggesting changes to the 1995 priorities. Specifically, several comments expressed concern that an "urban bias" existed in the environment priority. Because that was not the Corporation's intent, we have revised the priority to read as follows:

"Community/Neighborhood Environment—Initiate innovative programs in low-income areas that promote sustainable communities by reducing environmental risks and conserving natural resources." By changing the phrase "low-income neighborhoods" to "low-income areas" and by adding the word "community," the priority has been broadened to encompass rural environments and communities.

Other comments suggested that the Corporation include homelessness, health care, and/or adult literacy as a priority. The Corporation declined to add these as priorities because these issues were adequately addressed by 1994 programs, with many of these programs expected to be funded in 1995 as renewal programs. In addition, homelessness is an AmeriCorps*VISTA priority for 1995, approximately 15% of AmeriCorps*VISTA are doing health care projects, and approximately 25% of AmeriCorps*VISTA are doing adult literacy projects. A number of comments opposed the establishment of new priorities for the 1995 grant cycle and requested that the Corporation retain the 1994 priorities or allow programs to apply under either the 1994 or the 1995 priorities. The Corporation considered these comments but declined to make changes. The 1995 priorities were chosen because they address issues and needs that the Corporation believes were underrepresented in the 1994 grant competition. Programs funded in 1994 may continue to address areas covered by the 1994 priorities and need not change their focus to meet new

priorities. However, new programs will be required to apply using the new 1995 priorities.

2. Grant Timeline

The Corporation received a number of comments suggesting that the application deadlines were too short, and that such short time lines would adversely affect the quality of the proposals submitted to the Corporation. Accordingly, the Corporation has extended the application due dates as far as possible and published the new dates in the January 23, 1995 **Federal Register**. For purposes of the AmeriCorps*USA State grant competition, May 1, 1995 is the new due date for the renewals and new applications. For purposes of the AmeriCorps*USA National Direct grant competition, new applications are due on May 9, 1995, and renewal and expansion applications are due on April 18, 1995.

3. Program Expansion

The Corporation initially proposed that an AmeriCorps*USA State program requesting expansion exceeding 25% of the year-one budget or expansion to base the program in two different cities would be considered a new program and would not receive a priority. In response to public comments, the Corporation has amended its language on this policy to clarify that if a program wants to expand beyond 25% of their year-one budget, only that portion that exceeds 25% must be submitted as a new application, following new application instructions. The Corporation's desire to moderate expansion remains for three reasons: (1) to stress quality before quantity, (2) to create a solid base for future replication, and (3) to ensure, because of the limited funds available to the Corporation, that funds remain to support programs that meet 1995 priorities.

The rule for AmeriCorps*USA Direct is similar to rule for AmeriCorps*USA State with one exception. Programs may expand up to 25% of their year-one budget or \$500,000, whichever is greater. Only that portion that exceeds 25% or \$500,000 must be submitted as a new application, following new application instructions.

4. Conversion of Planning Grants to Operating Grants

Several comments requested clarification of the Corporation's policy on converting planning grants to operating grants. The Corporation, in the October 27, 1994 **Federal Register**, had proposed the following language: "The Corporation is recommending that

State Commissions give priority to converting formula-funded planning grants to operational programs over new applications, if the proposals meet quality standards." In order to give greater clarity, the Corporation has amended the language to read as follows:

The Corporation recommends that State Commissions give a priority for funding to converting planning grants to operating programs. As in all other cases, this preference should apply only if the programs meet quality standards. The Corporation will consider these as new applications, and they will be evaluated by peer review panels. If they meet quality standards, they will receive preference over other new applications. Because they were approved under 1994 priorities, those planning grants that the state submits in the competitive pool may choose to meet 1994 or 1995 priorities. However, the Corporation strongly urges that both formula and competitive proposals meet 1995 priorities.

The changes allow flexibility for planning grants to apply under either the 1994 or the 1995 priorities and gives them preference over new applications.

5. Concentration

A number of comments recommended that the Corporation revise its policy on concentration, stating that the language initially proposed in the **Federal Register** discriminated against rural areas and was overly prescriptive. The preference for concentration is designed to achieve significant impacts from direct service activities, to create a strong sense of national identity with AmeriCorps, and to be cost-effective; it was never intended to be discriminatory or overly prescriptive. Accordingly, the language has been clarified as follows:

"The Corporation is seeking applications that focus activities within a limited number of priorities and have a more narrow geographic focus or placement strategy. * * * This preference is not intended to discourage comprehensive approaches to community problem-solving or to discourage programs in rural areas. * * * In addition, programs can bring AmeriCorps Members together for training and service and can define program size to be consistent with the community." In other words, the Corporation has left it up to the applicant to define "community." For example, if the community is a rural one, then "concentration of Members" can be defined in proportion to the rural area. In addition, while the Corporation does not object to individual placement per se, it funded a disproportionate

number of individual placement models in 1994 and, for this grant cycle, discourages programs that place AmeriCorps Members individually across many organizations without providing opportunities for them to meet, share experiences and reflection, and learn from one another to better understand the collective impact they have on their community.

6. Localities for Concentration

A number of comments recommended that the Corporation retain the policy of providing special consideration for projects in areas that are environmentally distressed or adversely affected by Federal actions related to the management of Federal lands resulting in significant regional job losses and economic dislocation. Accordingly, the Corporation has adopted language to this end. "If empowerment zones and enterprise communities have been officially designated by HUD by February 28, 1995, the Corporation will give preference to applicants who propose to sponsor AmeriCorps service activities in those areas. The Corporation will also give preference to areas impacted by military downsizing." HUD has officially designated empowerment zones and enterprise communities. Programs proposing to operate in these areas will receive a preference.

7. Special Consideration for Past Corporation-Funded Programs

Several comments requested a change in Corporation policy regarding special consideration for past Corporation funded programs. The comments suggested that the Corporation allow the programs to apply as renewals and not new applicants, and that the Corporation waive the 15% local match. The Corporation has declined to make these changes. Accordingly, the policy reads as follows:

The following programs were funded previously, but are no longer eligible to apply directly to the Corporation. If these programs apply through the state process and if they are determined to be high quality, they will receive preference over other high quality programs during the Corporation selection process. Because their current funding is based upon 1994 priorities, they may apply under either 1994 or 1995 priorities, but are encouraged to address those for 1995. They must apply to the state using the application instructions for new programs.

- Defense Conversion Assistance Programs.
- Summer of Safety Continuation Programs.

- Subtitle D programs originally funded for two-year grants under the National and Community Service Act of 1990. These programs did not compete under the 1994 funding cycle.

- Subtitle H Programs of the National and Community Service Act of 1993 renewed from Subtitle E programs under the National and Community Service Act of 1990.

By way of further explanation, the requirement that Subtitle D programs funded with two-year grants apply as new applicants refers to those subtitle D programs that were funded by the former Commission on National and Community Service for the 1993 and 1994 funding cycles.

8. Other

A number of other comments concerned the following issues: Health Care Eligibility—Request to allow Members to include dependents on the AmeriCorps health plan at the cost of the Member. Child Care Eligibility—Request for a more inclusive policy that is not based on income levels, or prorating awards based on income. Education Awards Only Requirements—Request that the Corporation cover health care and child care costs for programs receiving Education Awards Only. These comments concern statutory provisions which cannot be changed by regulations. They can only be changed through amendments to the legislation. The Corporation is currently considering possible amendments to our legislation, and the above comments will be considered.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 12501 et seq.

Dated: February 6, 1995.

Terry Russell,

General Counsel, Corporation for National Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

USAF Scientific Advisory Board Meeting

The Combat Mission Panel of the USAF Scientific Advisory Board will meet on 3 March 1995 at Langley AFB, VA from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide advice and guidance to the ACC Commander on air combat operations.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b of Title 5, United States Code, specifically subparagraphs (1) and (4) thereof.

For further information, contact the Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat at (703) 697-8845.

Patsy J. Conner,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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Department of the Army

Army Science Board; Notice of Open Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following Committee Meeting:

Name of Committee: Army Science Board (ASB).

Date of meeting: 9 March 1995.

Time of meeting: 0900-1600.

Place: Arlington, VA.

Agenda

The Army Science Board's (ASB) Independent Assessment Group on "Army Family Housing" will meet to review current AFH policies and issues and to examine new business and privatization initiatives. This meeting will be open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee. The ASB Administrative Officer, Sally Warner, may be contacted for further information at (703) 695-0781.

Sally A. Warner,

Administrative Officer, Army Science Board.

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Name Change

AGENCY: U.S. Army, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The name of the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Command, Warren, Michigan 48397-5000 has been changed to U.S. Army-Automotive and Armaments Command, Warren, Michigan 48397-5000.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Army Federal Register Liaison Officer, HQ USAPPC, Room 1050, Hoffman Building 1, Alexandria, VA 22331-0302.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth L. Denton, (703) 325-6277.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Name change reflects the additional armament/chemical materiel management mission transferred from AMCCOM to TACOM via the Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC), and the Armament and