

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: The AmeriCorps Referral Card.

OMB Number: 3045-0004.

Frequency: 1 response per individual (optional collection).

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Number of Respondents: 50,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 0.05 hours (3 minutes)

Total Burden Hours: 2,500 hours.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$38,315.15.

Description: The AmeriCorps Referral card is used by the AmeriCorps Recruitment office of the Corporation for National and Community Service to assist AmeriCorps national service programs in identifying potential applicants who match their program needs.

Dated: June 17, 1996.

Margaret McLaughlin,

Director of Recruitment, Office of AmeriCorps Recruitment.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Funds To Operate AmeriCorps Programs in the District of Columbia

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service ("Corporation") announces the availability of \$450,000 for grants to operate AmeriCorps programs in the District of Columbia.

DATES: All applications must be received by 3:30 Eastern Daylight Savings Time, July 24, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted to the Corporation for National and Community Service, 1201 New York Avenue, N.W., Box ADC, Washington, D.C. 20525. Facsimiles will not be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Interested organizations may request the AmeriCorps Application Guidelines for the District of Columbia from Bryson Coles at (202) 606-5000, ext. 254, or may obtain copies of these materials in person from the 8th floor receptionist of the Corporation for National and Community Service, 1201 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Questions about the AmeriCorps application process for the District of Columbia should be directed to Betty Platt, Corporation Program Officer, at (202) 606-5000, ext. 422 or Bruce Cline, Corporation Senior Program Officer, at ext. 440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Corporation is a Federal government corporation that encourages Americans of all ages and backgrounds to engage in community-based service. In supporting service programs, the Corporation fosters civic responsibility, strengthens the ties that bind us together as a people, and provides educational opportunity for those who make a substantial commitment to service.

AmeriCorps is a national service program that engages thousands of Americans on a full and part-time basis to help communities address their toughest challenges while earning support for college, graduate school, and job training. In general, all AmeriCorps programs must address educational, public safety, human, or environmental needs, and provide a direct and

demonstrable benefit that is valued by the community in which the service is performed.

Although a wide variety of programs may be eligible to apply for and receive support from the Corporation, all AmeriCorps programs must meet certain minimum program requirements. The Corporation's requirements for AmeriCorps programs are provided in the Corporation's authorizing statute (42 U.S.C. 12501 *et seq.*), its implementing regulations (45 CFR part 2510 *et seq.*), and in the grant application guidelines. In addition to being thoroughly familiar with the statute and its implementing regulations, prospective applicants should read the application guidelines carefully because, in some cases, more specific information is provided there.

Eligible Applicants

Public agencies (including state agencies and other units of local government), public or private nonprofit organizations, Indian Tribes, and institutions of higher education may apply for these funds.

Under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 501(c)(4)) which engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to apply.

Estimated Number of Awards

The Corporation anticipates making two awards.

Period of Awards

Grants will be awarded for a period of twelve months and may be renewed contingent upon performance and the availability of appropriations.

Dated: June 18, 1997.

Barry W. Stevens,

Acting General Counsel.

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