

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**Revision of Currently Approved Information Collection; Comment Request**

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirement on respondents can be properly assessed. This form is available in alternate formats. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) may call (202) 606-5256 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Currently, the Corporation is soliciting comments concerning the revision of its National Senior Service Corps Project Progress Report (OMB Control Number 3045-0033, with an expiration date of 12/31/99). The Corporation has submitted an extension request to OMB to allow for the continued use of this report during the public comment period and the OMB review. Copies of the information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by February 28, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Corporation for National and Community Service, National Senior Service Corps, Attn: Peter L. Boynton, Program Officer, 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20525.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Boynton, (202) 606-5000, ext. 499.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Comment Request**

The Corporation is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Background

The Progress Report (PPR) was designed to assure that National Service Corps (NSSC) grantees address and fulfill legislated program purposes, meet agency program management and grant requirements, and assess progress toward work plan objectives agreed upon in the granting of the award.

Current Action

The Corporation seeks to revise the current PPR: a.) in order to reflect and mirror the revised regulations for the Retired and Senior Volunteer, Foster Grandparent, and Senior Companion Programs, contained in 45 CFR parts 2551, 2552, and 2553, published in the **Federal Register** on March 24, 1999, and b.) to eliminate current use of the PPR for collection of Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) performance data. The Corporation anticipates making available to all NSSC grantees an OMB approved revised PPR by July of 2000. Pending OMB approval, the GPRA data will be collected annually as of September 30 and submitted by December 1, through separate reporting.

The revised PPR will be used by NSSC grantees to report progress toward accomplishing work plan goals and objectives, meeting challenges encountered, describing significant activities, and requesting technical assistance. Submission requirements are proposed to be revised as follows, which will have the effect of reducing the reporting burden on many grantees that currently report semi-annually:

Established multi-year NSSC grantees will submit the complete report annually within 30 days of the end of their annual budget cycle.

New projects in their first year, new components of statewide projects, demonstrations, and projects experiencing problems or with substantial project revisions will submit the PPR quarterly. One year grantees will submit the PPR semi-annually.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: National Senior Services Corps Project Progress Report.

OMB Number: 3045-0033.

Agency Number: CNCS Form 1020.

Affected Public: Sponsors of National Senior Service Corps grants.

Total Respondents: 1,300.

Frequency: Annual, with exceptions. It is estimated that 700 will respond annually, 500 semi-annually, and 100 quarterly.

Average Time Per Response: 9.7 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 12,550 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$2,599.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 21, 1999.

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