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Sources of Information

Consumer Information The Commission operates a toll-free Consumer Product Safety Hotline, 800-638-CPSC (English and Spanish); and a teletypewriter for the hearing-impaired,

800-638-8270 (or in Maryland only, 800-492-8140).

General Inquiries Information on Commission activities may be obtained from the Office of Information and Public Affairs, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207. Phone, 301-504-0580.

Reading Room A public information room is maintained at the Commission headquarters.

For further information, contact the Office of Information and Public Affairs, Consumer Product Safety Commission, East-West Towers, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814. Phone, 301-504-0580. E-mail, info@cpsc.gov. Internet, www.cpsc.gov.

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The Corporation for National and Community Service engages Americans of all backgrounds in community-based service that addresses the Nation's educational, public safety, environmental, and other human needs to achieve direct and demonstrable results. In so doing, 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 service contribution.

The Corporation for National and Community Service oversees three major service initiatives: AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America, and the National Senior Service Corps. The Corporation was established on October 1, 1993, by the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 12651 *et seq.*). In addition to creating several new service programs, the act consolidated the functions and activities of the former Commission on National and Community Service and the Federal agency ACTION.

The goal of the Corporation is to address the Nation's most critical problems in the areas of education, the environment, public safety, and other human needs, while fostering a service ethic in participants and beneficiaries.

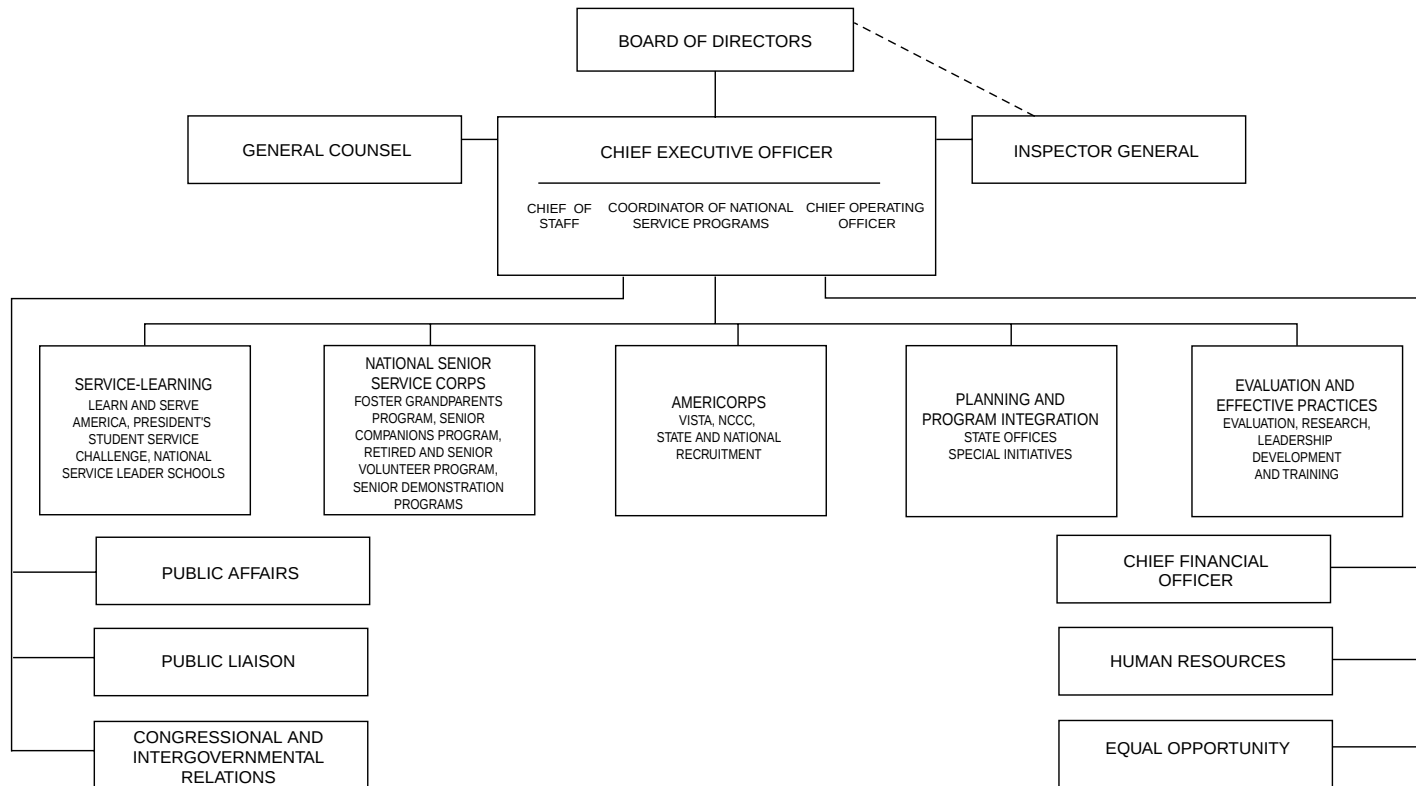
The Corporation is a Federal corporation governed by a 15-member bipartisan Board of Directors, appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Secretaries of Agriculture, Defense, Education, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, and Labor; the Attorney General, the Environmental Protection Agency Administrator, the Peace Corps Director, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation serve as *ex officio* members of the

Board. The Board has responsibility for overall policy direction of the Corporation's activities and has the power to make all final grant decisions, approve the strategic plan and annual budget, and advise and make recommendations to the President and the Congress regarding changes in the national service laws.

AmeriCorps AmeriCorps, the domestic Peace Corps, engages more than 50,000 Americans in intensive results-oriented service. Most AmeriCorps members are selected by and serve with local and national organizations like Habitat for Humanity, the American Red Cross, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and Boys and Girls Clubs. Others serve in AmeriCorps*VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) and AmeriCorps*NCCC (the National Civilian Community Corps). After their term of service, AmeriCorps members receive education awards that help finance college or pay back student loans.

Many AmeriCorps grants are awarded through State commissions and other approved entities that submit State plans built on existing service initiatives. Public and nonprofit organizations can apply to the State commissions for subgrants, implement and operate service programs, and obtain education

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awards for eligible participants. National and multi-State nonprofit organizations, Indian tribes, and institutions of higher education can apply directly to the Corporation for AmeriCorps funding. In addition, organizations and public entities that manage their own nonfederally funded community service programs can apply directly to the Corporation for AmeriCorps education awards for their participants. All AmeriCorps grants require matching funds.

Learn and Serve America Learn and Serve America helps support more than one million students from kindergarten through college who meet community needs while improving their academic skills and learning the habits of good citizenship. In addition to providing grants to schools and community organizations, the Corporation for National and Community Service also promotes student service through the President's student service challenge.

Grants are awarded through State educational agencies, State commissions, and directly by the Corporation. School-based programs receive grants through State educational agencies, while community-based programs apply for funding through the same State commissions that coordinate AmeriCorps grants. Higher education institutions apply directly to the Corporation for grants.

National Senior Service Corps Through the National Senior Service Corps (Senior Corps), more than half a million Americans age 55 and older share their time and talents to help solve local problems. As foster grandparents, they serve one-on-one with young people with special needs; as senior companions, they help other seniors live independently in their homes; and as volunteers with the Retired and Senior Volunteers Program (RSVP), they help meet a wide range of community needs.

Other Initiatives The Corporation's mission to develop and support an ethic

of service in America involves initiatives, special demonstration projects, and other activities, in addition to the three major program areas. These include promoting literacy, bridging the digital divide, including more disabled participants in Corporation activities, responding to disasters, promoting the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., through the Day of Service program, and supporting research on national service. The Corporation also carries out an extensive training and technical assistance effort to support and assist State commissions and service programs. Through partnership with the private sector, other Federal agencies, the Points of Light Foundation, and America's Promise, the Corporation further advocates and advances service in America.

Sources of Information

Electronic Access Information regarding the Corporation's programs and activities is available on the Internet, at www.nationalservice.org. Information for persons interested in joining AmeriCorps is available at www.americorps.org.

General Information To obtain additional information regarding AmeriCorps, call 800-942-2677 (toll-free). For Senior Corps programs, call 800-424-8867 (toll-free).

Grants Notices of available funds are published in the *Federal Register* for most programs. State program offices and State commissions on national and community service are located in most States and are the best source of information on programs in specific States or communities.

Recruitment Persons interested in joining AmeriCorps should call 800-942-2677 (toll-free). Internet, www.americorps.org. To participate in other national service programs, contact State offices or State commissions on national and community service.

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