

## CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Funding Highlights:

- Provides \$1.06 billion for the Corporation for National and Community Service, roughly even with the 2012 enacted level, to support efforts to address national and local challenges through service.
- Supports the service of approximately 82,000 AmeriCorps members across the United States.
- Invests in promising new approaches to major community challenges through a \$49 million investment in the Social Innovation Fund, including \$4 million to improve nonprofit evaluation capacity by facilitating access to State and Federal administrative data.
- Strengthens the Senior Corps by using competition to improve the way Federal dollars are spent and establishing a renewed focus on outcomes and impact.
- Creates the George H.W. Bush Volunteer Generation Fund, a \$10 million program focused on improving the capacity of nonprofits working with volunteers.

Through national service, volunteering, and other forms of civic participation, millions of Americans each year help to 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, from tutoring at-risk youth to responding to natural disasters to building homes for low-income families. Many 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 2014 Budget proposes \$1.06 billion for CNCS, which reflects the Administration's continuing commitment

to providing opportunities for Americans to address local challenges through service.

### *Invests in Community Solutions*

**Supports National Service.** The Budget funds approximately 82,000 AmeriCorps members, enabling them to serve and support the efforts of nonprofit organizations to address a wide range of critical community challenges, from hurricanes to homelessness to failing schools. It focuses national service resources in those areas where service can achieve the greatest results for communities.

**Invests in Innovative Nonprofits.** Innovative solutions developed in the nonprofit sector for addressing critical national challenges cannot be carried out unless capital is available to develop, evaluate, and replicate successful approaches. The Budget invests \$49 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. This funding level includes \$4 million for a pilot to improve grantee access to State and Federal administrative data. This investment has the potential to reduce the cost and improve the quality of evaluations and performance reporting, and could help break down barriers for all nonprofit organizations looking to demonstrate measurable impact in communities.

**Strengthens Programs That Engage Seniors.** Many older Americans are eager to serve our Nation and have a wide range of skills and knowledge to give back to their communities. For decades, the Senior Corps program has been an

important conduit for connecting seniors to local volunteer opportunities. The Budget proposes to reinvigorate the program by using competition to allocate funds to those organizations that have the biggest impact in their communities.

**Increases Capacity of Nonprofits to Support Volunteers.** With the number of Americans engaged in volunteering having reached its highest point in five years, many nonprofits could benefit from management practices to handle this influx of talent. The Budget proposes to reactivate the Volunteer Generation Fund with a focus on strengthening nonprofits' ability to recruit, retain, and manage volunteers, and using volunteers to tackle national priorities such as integrating returning veterans and supporting military families. By reactivating the program as the George H.W. Bush Volunteer Generation Fund, we also honor the legacy of service of the 41<sup>st</sup> President of the United States, who has pioneered important work in the field of volunteering both during and after his time in office.