

## CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Revision of the AmeriCorps\*VISTA Project Pre-Application Inquiry, Project Application and Project Progress Report Forms

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS).

**ACTION:** Notice of 30-day OMB Review of Project Application and Project Progress Report Forms.

**SUMMARY:** On June 14, 1996, AmeriCorps\*VISTA announced a 60-day review and comment ending on August 13, 1996, during which project sponsors and the public were encouraged to submit comments suggesting revisions to the AmeriCorps\*VISTA Pre-Application Inquiry, CNCS 3045-0042 (formerly form A-1421), Project Application and Grant Application CNCS 3045-0038 (formerly forms 1421 and 1421-B), Project Progress Report forms (CNCS 3045-0042, and Project Progress Report, CNCS-3045-0033 (formerly form 1433)).

The Pre-Application Inquiry and Project Application were submitted by prospective grantees to apply for, or renew sponsorship of projects under the AmeriCorps\*VISTA Program. Completion of the application is required to obtain or retain sponsorship and to refund the continuation of projects. The Project Progress Report is submitted by project sponsors to periodically report on activities listed in an approved application.

In the June 14 announcements, comments were invited on (1) whether the forms collect information sufficient to meet operational management, planning and reporting needs of the AmeriCorps\*VISTA program; (2) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected (3) accuracy of Corporation estimates of reporting burden; and (4) ways to further reduce the reporting burden.

No comments were received.

AmeriCorps\*VISTA is requesting extension of the authorization to use the revised Project Application Part A and Part B (new title of the combined Pre-Application Inquiry and Project Application) and the Project Progress Report.

**DATES:** AmeriCorps\*VISTA and the Office of Management and Budget will consider written comments on the Project Application and Project Progress Report and record keeping requirements which are received within 30 days from the date of publication.

**ADDRESSES:** David Gurr, Corporation for National Service, 1201 New York Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20525.

*Estimated Annual Reporting Burden:* 13,500 hours (900 annual respondents at an average of 15 hours per respondent) for the Project Application. 10,800 hours (900 respondents at an average of 3 hours, submitted 4 times each year).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:** David Gurr (202) 606-5000, extension 212.

\*This document will be made available in alternate format upon request. TDD (202) 606-5256.

**REGULATORY AUTHORITY:** National Service Trust Act of 1993.

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### Availability of Education Awards under the AmeriCorps Education Awards Program

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of education awards.

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National Service (The Corporation) seeks to expand opportunities for individuals to serve as AmeriCorps Members and earn educational benefits, broaden the network of national service programs and strategies, and increase the number of communities joining with AmeriCorps to better meet their education, public safety, environmental, and other human needs.

Accordingly, the Corporation announces the availability of up to 5,000 education awards from the National Service Trust (the Trust) through a simplified application process for community service programs that (1) Can support most or all of the AmeriCorps Member and program costs from sources other than the Corporation; (2) meet certain AmeriCorps program requirements; and (3) are judged to be high quality according to Corporation criteria, as highlighted below and set forth in the application materials. The education awards being made available may be earned by AmeriCorps Members successfully completing Full-time or Part-time terms in a community service program approved through this application process.

While programs supported under this Notice should be similar to other AmeriCorps\*State and \*National

programs to maintain the integrity of the AmeriCorps national service network, the Corporation is modifying certain AmeriCorps requirements and permitting programs greater management and operating flexibility. In addition, the Corporation will consider requests for up to \$1,000 per full-time Member (pro-rated for a part-time Member) to manage these programs.

Potential program sponsors eligible to apply under this Notice include national nonprofit organizations, multi-state collaborations, state commissions for national and community service, institutions for higher education, and state education agencies. Other applicants may apply through state commissions, provided they meet criteria established by the state commission.

**DATES:** Applications may be obtained on or after September 4, 1996. For applications received by October 31, 1996, we anticipate making decisions by November 30, 1996. For applications received by February 28, 1997, we anticipate making decisions by March 31, 1997. For applications received by June 30, 1997, we anticipate making decisions by July 31, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Application materials may be obtained from, and must be submitted to, the following address: AmeriCorps Education Awards Program, Corporation for National Service, 1201 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20525. They may also be requested by telephone, at 202/606-5000, ext. 260, or (TDD) 202/565-2700. This notice may be requested in an alternative format for the visually impaired.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information about this program, contact the Corporation for National Service, Hank Oltmann at 202/606-5000, ext. 417, or (TDD) 202/565-2700.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The Corporation is a federal government corporation that engages Americans of all ages and backgrounds in community-based service. This service addresses the nation's education, public safety, environmental, or other human needs to achieve direct and demonstrable results. In doing so, 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.

Pursuant to the National and Community Service Act of 1990, as