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*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation
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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Learn and Serve America: Higher Education

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds for new grants and notice of availability of fiscal year 1997 application guidelines.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (Corporation) announces the availability of approximately \$10.5 million to support new grants for Learn and Serve America: Higher Education Programs (CFDA # 94.005). Institutions of higher education, consortia of institutions of higher education, and higher education partnerships may apply for these grants. The application form and guidelines for completing an application for these funds are contained in the *Learn and Serve America: Higher Education Fiscal Year 1997 Application Guidelines*.

DATES: All applications must be received by 3:30 p.m. (E.S.T.), March 19, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be submitted to Box HE at the Corporation for National Service, 1201 New York Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20525. Facsimiles will not be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the *Learn and Serve America: Higher Education 1997 Application Guidelines*, call (202) 606-5000 ext. 260. Further inquiries may be directed to Hugh Bailey at ext. 117.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Learn and Serve America: Higher Education Programs support efforts to make service an integral component of the pedagogical approach to teaching and learning in the nation's colleges and universities. The Corporation supports a wide variety of initiatives that include the implementation and design of service-learning curricula, professional development and training for faculty in the practice of service-learning, clinical programs using service-learning, student initiated and designed community projects, and community leadership that works in partnership with institutions of higher education. The Corporation invites applications that will engage

students in meeting the educational, public safety, environmental, or other human needs of neighboring communities through the following types of projects:

1. *Strengthening and Building Foundations in Service-Learning Programs.* These projects might include such activities as (a) introducing and promoting service-learning in an established discipline; (b) encouraging professional disciplines (e.g., medical, legal) to adopt service-learning as an integral component of the academic curriculum; or (c) providing technical assistance to teacher education institutions to incorporate service-learning into the curriculum of future school teachers.

2. *Innovative Campus-Based Model Programs.* These projects might include activities that focus on (a) faculty development in service-learning; (b) promoting service-learning in professional programs; (c) student leadership; or (d) application of federal work-study funds to community service and service-learning programs.

3. *Service-Learning Corps Programs.* These projects engage AmeriCorps Members in building the service-learning capacity within communities and institutions of higher education, and in directly addressing community needs. The Corporation expects these programs to demonstrate how direct service and capacity-building can be mutually reinforcing.

I. Eligible Applicants

The following entities may apply for these funds: (1) an institution of higher education, (2) a consortium of institutions of higher education, and (3) a higher education partnership. A higher education partnership is one or more public or private nonprofit organizations (including educational associations) or public agencies, including States, and one or more institutions of higher education that have entered into a written agreement specifying the responsibilities of each partner.

II. Estimated Number of Awards

Although the actual number of awards is subject to the availability of funds, the Corporation estimates there will be sufficient funds to make up to seventy (70) grants.

III. Suggested Amount of Awards

The Corporation suggests that applicants limit their budget requests to no more than the following: (1) \$350,000 for Strengthening and Building Foundations in Service-Learning Programs; (2) \$150,000 for

Innovative Campus-Based Model Programs; and (3) \$150,000 for Service-Learning Corps Programs.

IV. Project Period

The project period for all grants is up to twelve (12) months with the possibility of renewal for two additional years contingent upon performance and availability of appropriations.

V. Applicable Regulations

Regulations governing the Learn and Serve America: Higher Education Programs of the Corporation for National and Community Service are located in 45 CFR Part 2519.

VI. Program Authority

Corporation authority to make these grants is codified in 42 U.S.C. § 12561.

Dated: January 23, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Public Information Collection Requirement Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title and OMB Control Number: DoD Educational Loan Repayment Program (LRP), DD Form 2475, OMB Number 0704-0152.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Number of Respondents: 40,000.

Responses per Respondent: One.

Annual Responses: 40,000.

Average Burden per Response: 10 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 6,667.

Needs and Uses: Military Services are authorized to repay Federal Student Loans for individuals who meet certain criteria and who enlist for active military service or enter the Selected Reserves for a specified obligation period. Legislation requires that the Services verify the status of the loan prior to payment. This form collects the