

Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism

Meeting Minutes: June 14, 2012

Meeting Location: Riffe Center, 31st Floor Room South A, 77 South High Street, Columbus, OH 43215

In Attendance: Charlotte Jones-Ward, Anne Marie Mann (phone), Johnmark Oudersluys, Willie Peterson, William Russell, Clifford Smith, Allison Miles representing Gerald Stebelton, Sande Theis, Margaret Wildi. Ex Officio: Kim Hettel. Staff/Counsel: Bill Hall, Mark Holtzapple, Ingyr Coleman, Mary Cannon, Lisa Tope, Nadine Wise, Walter McNamara. Guest: Jane Federer.

Absent: Nina Keller, Peggy Lehner. Ex Officio: Tina Dunphy.

Note: Oudersluys and Theis, whose terms officially expired on April 20th, were within the 60-day "reappointment window" so were permitted to participate fully in the meeting, as confirmed with Governor's office and counsel.

Meeting was called to order by Secretary Margaret Wildi at 10:10 a.m.

Minutes of the March 8th meeting had been distributed in advance and were approved by acclamation in response to question from Chair.

New Business

Mark Holtzapple distributed and requested approval of Revision 1 to the Fiscal 2012 Master Budget in preparation for closing the fiscal year. (Attachment 1). The revision reflected reallocation of funds from Conference Subsidies to Service Project Support; and increased authorized expenditures for Federal Subgrants, along with associated revenue drawn from federal grant awards. It was moved by Theis, seconded by Russell to approve the revision. Motion carried.

Holtzapple noted that the Fiscal 2013 Master Budget has been completed in draft and will be presented for approval at the September meeting. Spending in the interim is expected to be on a continuation basis for payroll and other routine expenditures.

[Vice President Peterson arrived and assumed chair for remainder of meeting.]

Executive Director's Report

Bill Hall updated the Commissioners on a wide variety of current topics as detailed in his written report (Attachment 2) and supporting documents. In particular he highlighted for the commissioners the *2011 National Landscape Survey of State Service Commissions* (Attachment 3) as an excellent resource to see how Ohio compares to other states. For example, it shows that the average state commission receives \$416,000 annually in state general revenue funding, and that we are one of only seven state commissions operating under an administrative match waiver due to our inadequate state funding.

Hall also discussed meetings that have taken place with members of the Governor's staff regarding Commission partnership potential for administrative priorities, and need for increased resources; he thanked Kim Hettel for her role in these proceedings and for her advocacy for the Commission with the Governor's staff. Another key element of the report concerned efforts underway to make AmeriCorps a tool for the Third Grade Reading Guarantee which just passed the General Assembly. A collaborative effort with the Department of Education and Educational Service Centers in Cuyahoga and Franklin Counties has been recommended for funding as part of the AmeriCorps formula grant package for consideration at this meeting; and we have joined a collaboration grant request with Serve Minnesota and 11 other state commissions seeking \$14.5 million in U.S. Dept. of Education funding to replicate the successful Minnesota Reading Corps in other states (Attachment 4). State Representative Connie Pillich has introduced a bill to establish an Ohio Service Corps Internship Program (Attachment 5); the legislation is guaranteed one hearing in the House Finance Committee when the legislature returns in the fall. Finally, funding has again been received from Honda of America Manufacturing and AEP Ohio to support our Stewards of Service program; support will go toward "Days of Service" mini-grants, the annual conference, and the 2012 ServeOhio Awards.

AmeriCorps Formula Sub-Grant Funding

Walter McNamara reminded commissioners of conflict of interest considerations in preparation for discussion and voting on sub-grant funding. Anne Marie Mann recused herself from the discussion and terminated her participation by conference call since her organization is both a current recipient and applicant. Other commissioners with indirect relationships to applicant agencies were advised to abstain from voting on those grants.

Program Development and Evaluation Officer Mary Cannon presented the Formula Funding Summary and Recommendations document (Attachment 6) and discussed the selection process through which the recommendations were developed. A total of 28 applications were received requesting \$5.56 million, compared to available funding of \$3.87 million. Recommended for funding were 9 of 11 continuation applicants (current grantees in the middle of a three-year funding cycle); 2 of 4 re-compete applicants (current grantees seeking to begin another three-year cycle); and 3 of 6 new operational applicants. None of the six planning grant applications were selected for funding.

Cannon discussed in detail two of the new operational projects—Ohio Reading Corps Initiative and Richland County Job and Family Services—which together will pilot AmeriCorps as a tool to support the new Third Grade Reading Guarantee just enacted by the General Assembly. The Richland County project will focus on pre-Kindergarten intervention in partnership with Head Start. Ohio Reading Corps will focus on grades K-3 intervention in partnership with the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). Cannon emphasized that details of the Ohio Reading Corps are still being finalized, with the Cuyahoga County and Franklin County Educational Service Centers (ESC) to be joint participants. Which ESC will actually be the sub-grantee for the project is yet to be determined. Combined, the Richland County project and the Ohio Reading Corps will place 50 AmeriCorps members in support of the Third Grade

Reading Guarantee. Curricula will be based on the Minnesota Reading Corps, adapted with technical assistance from ODE. Assuming a successful pilot year, the concept is for the Ohio Reading Corps to become a statewide initiative in program year 2013-14, and be targeted for competitive funding.

Following her presentation Cannon answered questions from commissioners regarding the review process and the recommendations, after which approval of the funding recommendations was accomplished through individual actions as summarized in the following chart:

Funded Agency	Funding	MSY#	Moved By	Second	Abstain
American Red Cross of Greater Columbus (C)	\$250,250	20	Theis	Russell	N/A
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio (C)	266,000	20	Wilde	Theis	N/A
Montgomery County Education Service Ctr. (C)	259,992	20	Jones-Ward	Wilde	N/A
Northeast Ohio Literacy Cooperative (C)	257,074	20	Russell	Jones-Ward	N/A
Ohio Association of Community Colleges (N)	287,842	22	Jones-Ward	Wildi	Russell
Ohio Reading Corps Initiative (N) <i>(See Note)</i>	532,000	40	Theis	Smith	Jones-Ward
Ohio Historical Society(C)	259,343	20	Wilde	Theis	N/A
OSU Extension (N)	266,000	20	Theis	Wilde	Russell
Ohio University (R)	260,000	20	Smith	Wilde	Russell
Partnerships Make A Difference (C)	107,787	8.13	Theis	Wilde	Jones-Ward
Rural Action, Inc. (C)	167,552	14	Wilde	Russell	N/A
Richland County Job & Family Services (N)	133,000	10	Theis	Jones-Ward	N/A
United Way of Greater Toledo (C)	389,067	30	Theis	Wilde	N/A
Urban Appalachian Council (R)	211,600	20	Russell	Jones-Ward	N/A
YWCA of Columbus (C)	203,669	16.5	Smith	Jones-Ward	N/A
TOTALS	\$3,851,176	300.63			

(C) = Continuation (R) = Re-compete (N) = New

Note: The motion for funding of Ohio Reading Corps initiative authorized funding for the project while noting that the final sub-grantee remained to be determined prior to submission of the funding request to the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) by July 2nd.

Committee Meetings

The Commission recessed at 11:55 a.m. for committee meetings and lunch. The meeting reconvened at 1:40 p.m. for committee reports and announcements.

Committee Reports

- Planning & Development (Reported by Cannon): Committee discussed the grant award cycle just completed and any suggestions for continuous improvement in future years. The fact that there were no planning grants selected for funding led to discussion of (1) how to increase exposure to potential AmeriCorps grantees with adequate capacity to manage grant projects, and (2) how to help potential grantees “flesh out” their concepts into workable projects. Use of concept papers will be considered next year. Committee also discussed development of volunteer tracking and engagement guidelines for sub-grantees as well as better defining a AmeriCorps members’ roles regarding volunteer coordination. *No Council actions requested.*
- Outreach & Education (Reported by Wildi): Committee discussed the fall conference and need for additional workshop topics/presenters; Commissioners who have suggestions should contact Nadine Wise as soon as possible. Committee reviewed training under development for sub-grantees to improve acknowledgement of ServeOhio as funding agency; awareness needs to be initiated as early as the application process, and we should emphasize the requirements in grant provisions. Wise will continue development of training and requirements with input from program staff and commissioners as appropriate.

Council action requested. On behalf of committee, Wildi moved, seconded by Oudersluys, that all Commissioners be required to visit an AmeriCorps program once a year. Holtzapple raised a point of information whether this was being proposed as a “sense of the Commission” resolution or if the intent was to be binding, with need for tracking and documentation. Wildi confirmed the latter. Holtzapple suggested that this might best be addressed through the Bylaws. It was moved by Russell, seconded by Smith to table the motion indefinitely and refer the issue to the Executive Committee for development of an amendment to the Bylaws. Motion to table carried.

- Member Development (Reported by Holtzapple): Committee brain-stormed topics to be included in a new Commissioner Handbook, which will be an electronic resource maintained on the website. Suggestions included: Glossary of terms and acronyms, basic financial/budget concepts, ethics/financial disclosure, attendance requirements, and “Anatomy of an AmeriCorps Grant” which would trace the funding process from application to Commission approval to federal grand award to implementation, with links to existing programs to illustrate their impact. Committee also discussed ethics training requirements and agreed that those Commissioners who have access to training through their own state agencies may opt out of trainings provided by the Ethics Commission. A form will be uploaded to the website to allow Commissioners to report their attendance at ethics training. *No Council actions requested.*

Discussion: Oudersluys asked if OCSV could provide training for Commissioners in lieu of trainings through Ethics Commission. Holtzapple confirmed this is allowable under terms of the Executive Order; issue is one of capacity for boards and commissions. McNamara said that he would be willing to conduct training; referred to Executive Committee for further discussion.

Announcements

Hall announced that the officers elected at the last meeting start their terms on July 1st: Chair Bill Russell, Vice Chair Nina Keller, and Secretary John-Mark Oudersluys.

Next meeting: September 13th at 10:00 a.m. at Riffe Tower, room to be determined.

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 2:20 p.m.

Executive Committee Meeting

Committee convened at 2:30 p.m. with Peterson, Wildi, Hall, Holtzapple and McNamara in attendance.

McNamara confirmed his willingness to conduct ethics training for Commissioners. He will review the specific requirements of the Executive Order and begin development of training materials. Holtzapple noted that we have a copy of training videos provided by Ethics Commission that can be incorporated if we desire. Hall and McNamara will discuss option for presentation at future meeting or at fall conference.

Hall and Holtzapple discussed anticipated budget submission timelines for 2013 federal funding and 2014-15 biennium state funding, both of which will occur the fall. We can apply for another federal match waiver, but since we are at the end of our present administrative funding cycle continued waiver may be less likely. Thus even if successful in increasing 2014-15 state funding, we still may be facing match shortfall for January-June of 2013. Also, since PDAT and disability funding will be ending in December and those funds presently support one staff position, we may be forced into a layoff situation. We have met with Governor's office and will continue contacts in hope that some additional state support can be located to provide additional match in FY13 to cover shortfall.

Holtzapple and McNamara will draft a bylaws amendment to require annual sub-grantee visits by Commissioners, with input as appropriate from AmeriCorps program staff, and bring back to Executive Committee for discussion in September. Once approved in Executive Committee the amendment will need to be distributed to Commissioners and ratified according to procedure detailed in Bylaws; the November meeting would be the earliest date for ratification vote.

Executive Committee adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Prepared and submitted by Mark Holtzapple.

Ohio Community Service Council

Meeting Minutes: ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Fiscal 2012 Master Budget Revision 1

Attachment 2: Executive Director's Report

Attachment 3: 2011 National Landscape Survey of State Service Commissions by American Association of State Service Commissions

Attachment 4: Abstract: Minnesota Reading Corps Grant Proposal (OCSV partnership)

Attachment 5: Ohio House Bill 548 by Representative Pillich for Ohio Service Corps Internship Program

Attachment 6: Formula Funding Summary and Recommendations

Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism
FISCAL 2012 MASTER BUDGET
Revision 1 dated June 14, 2012

REVENUES	ORIGINAL	CHANGE	REVISION 1
FEDERAL GRANTS-CNCS	\$ 7,099,600	\$ 250,000	\$ 7,349,600
FEDERAL GRANTS-OTHER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
STATE GRF APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 129,998	\$ -	\$ 129,998
NON-FEDERAL GRANTS	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000
MISC CASH DONATIONS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
REGISTRATION FEES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CONTRACTS/EARNED INCOME	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CASH CARRYOVER*	\$ 43,000	\$ -	\$ 43,000
INKIND SUPPORT (MOVING-STATE)	\$ 9,000	\$ -	\$ 9,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 7,311,598	\$ 250,000	\$ 7,561,598

*Reserves \$49,000 cash for FY13

EXPENDITURES	2012 BUDGET	CHANGE	REVISION 1
SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$ 529,498	\$ -	\$ 529,498
CONTRACT SERVICES	\$ 69,000	\$ -	\$ 69,000
FISCAL AGENT SERVICES	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000
TRAVEL-STAFF	\$ 12,800	\$ -	\$ 12,800
TRAVEL-COUNCIL	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000
SUPPLIES	\$ 4,500	\$ -	\$ 4,500
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT \$500+	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EQUIPMENT LEASE RENT REPAIR	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ 12,000
POSTAGE & SHIPPING	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500
TELEPHONE & DATA NETWORKING	\$ 18,000	\$ -	\$ 18,000
OFFICE SPACE RENTAL	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000
COPYING PRINTING & GRAPHICS	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000
MEDIA & PUBLIC INFORMATION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SUBSCRIPTIONS DUES & FEES	\$ 9,300	\$ -	\$ 9,300
MISC OPERATING COSTS (MOVING)	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000
MEETINGS & TRAININGS	\$ 36,000	\$ -	\$ 36,000
MEETING ATTENDANCE SUPPORT	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000
AWARDS & RECOGNITION	\$ 16,000	\$ (9,000)	\$ 7,000
CONFERENCE SUBSIDIES	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000
SERVICE PROJECT SUPPORT	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 18,000
FEDERAL SUBGRANTS	\$ 6,505,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 6,755,000
SUBGRANTEE REFUNDS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
INKIND EXPENSE (MOVING-STATE)	\$ 9,000	\$ -	\$ 9,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 7,311,598	\$ 250,000	\$ 7,561,598

SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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Detail of Changes:

- 1) Reallocates \$9,000 in fund 5GN0 from Awards & Recognition to Service Project Support. Awards & Recognition funds unspent due to move of conference to September.
- 2) Adds additional spending authority for Federal Subgrants in fund 3R70, to be funded through draws of existing grants (revenue increase). Estimate of subgrant payments was low by approx. 4%.

Submitted to Commissioners for approval on June 14, 2012.



June 2012

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Federal Appropriations Update

On 6/12/12, under the leadership of Senator Tom Harkin, the Senate Labor-HHS Appropriations Subcommittee approved a fiscal year 2013 funding bill that includes \$1.06 billion for the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). This is the same level recommended by President Obama and represents a 1% increase over last year's levels. More detail is expected to be released on 6/14/12 after the Senate Appropriations Committee votes on the spending package; we know that the Subcommittee approved the following for the CNCS programmatic accounts:

- AmeriCorps State and National: \$346.4 million (will support 74,000 AmeriCorps members and includes funding to increase the number of national service participants with disabilities)
- National Service Trust: \$208.7 million (will fund Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards for eligible AmeriCorps members who complete their terms of service)
- State Service Commissions Administration Grants: \$19.99 million (The Senate has recommended the consolidation of two accounts – State Commission Grants and Training and Technical Assistance)
- VISTA: \$95.3 million (will support 7,400 AmeriCorps*VISTA members)
- RSVP: \$51.2 million (includes \$1 million for technical assistance)
- Foster Grandparents (FGP): \$110.6 million (sustains the FGP program at FY12 levels)
- Senior Companions (SCP): \$46.7 million (sustains the SCP program at FY12 levels)
- NCCC: \$30.7 million (will support 1,200 AmeriCorps*NCCC members)
- Innovation: \$54.2 million (includes SIF and VGF)
- Evaluation: \$5 million

It is important to note that these numbers do not restore the 8% cut in funding that CNCS has sustained over the last two fiscal years, or reinstate Learn & Serve America. In today's tight fiscal environment, this is a tremendous win for national service. This Senate number is just one piece of the puzzle. The House wants much deeper cuts and their budget framework, which passed in March, assumes the elimination of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

ASC Leadership Summit

State Commission Leadership Summit was held March 27 – 29 in DC. The meeting focused on federal appropriations, commission response to changes in PDAT/Inclusion funding allocations, demonstrating common commission impact, and building stronger relationships with CNCS and other federal agencies relative to administrative priorities. *2011 National Landscape Survey of State Service Commissions enclosed.*

Legislative Visits

Visits conducted with U.S. Representatives Ryan, Stivers and Kaptur on March 29. Meeting content included a review of the role of state commissions; current funding priorities; maintaining resources at the state and local levels for most effective implementation of programming; and creating partnerships on common priorities. All three of the Representatives were supportive of the Commission; we are currently working with Rep. Kaptur's office to schedule an AmeriCorps meeting in Cleveland as part of her outreach to her new district.

Meeting with Governor's Staff

Commission staff conducted two meetings with members of the Governor's staff to explain the role of the commission; review potential support and partnership for administrative priorities; and provide rationale for increased funding for the Commission. The meetings included Ben Kanzeg (Deputy Policy Director); Jeff Polesovsky and Blair Cathcart (Boards and Commissions); and Barbara Mattei-Smith (Assistant Policy Director, Education). Kim Hettel (GOFBCI) attended both meetings as well and has been instrumental in promoting the role of the Commission to key staff members as appropriate. Governor Kasich's staff is receptive to the role and work of the Commission – assisting in the scheduling of subsequent meetings. We hope that our clear, direct illustration of our work in creating strong programs (compliance and monitoring) linked to administrative priorities will ultimately translate into increased resources for the Commission.

Third Grade Reading Guarantee

A point of partnership between the administration and the Commission will be the establishment of AmeriCorps programming providing intervention strategies related to the Third Grade Reading Guarantee. Commission staff discussed this strategy in meetings with the Governor's staff and a recent meeting with ODE leadership – State Superintendent Stan Heffner, Associate Superintendent James Herrholtz, and Senior Executive Director Lori Lofton.

The Commission is partnering with ServeMinnesota and 11 other state commissions to replicate the Minnesota Reading Corps. The Minnesota Reading Corps utilizes highly-trained AmeriCorps members to provide data-driven literacy interventions for youth age 3 to 3rd grade. This public-private partnership, currently in its eighth year, engages over 670 AmeriCorps members and serves over 19,000 students with nearly 80% of the students achieving more than one year of academic progress. A U.S. Department of Education Investing in Innovation (i3) Validation Grant was submitted in May to support the expansion and replication efforts of the commissions within the partnership. The \$14.5 million request would expand the program to 130,000 students in 13 states and districts; applicants will be notified in December. *Abstract of Minnesota Reading Corps and the i3 Grant enclosed.*

HB 548

Representative Connie Pillich (OH – 28) introduced legislation in May to establish the Ohio Service Corps internship program. The program would be administered by ServeOhio and is designed to place recent Ohio college graduates in local nonprofit organizations to build capacity for those organizations. Additional benefits outlined in the legislation include keeping more recent graduates in the state and assisting individuals with higher education debt. The legislation requests \$1,000,000 in general revenue funds to the Commission in support of the program. HB 548, which has five democratic co-sponsors, is referred to the House Finance Committee and is guaranteed on hearing in the Fall. *Introduced legislation enclosed.*

2012 Global Youth Service Day

In April, ServeOhio awarded five \$1,000 grants in our first support of this National Day of Service designed to engage youth 5-18 in local community projects. The grant recipients included: Dayton Urban Ministry Center (Dayton); Greene County Family and Children First (Xenia); Lourdes University Upward Bound (Sylvania); Potter's House Ministries (Sciotoville); and University Church (Toledo).

AmeriCorps Program Directors' Meeting

The Commission hosted a meeting of AmeriCorps program staff April 12 – 13. Sue Hyatt, Aguirre International, provided content on constructing high-impact performance measures and the development of appropriate tools to collect valid data. Tom Fish, OSU Nisonger Center, led a discussion on recognizing significant mental health impairments and how to provide effective accommodations to individuals with such impairments.

Senior Civic Engagement

Commission staff is participating in the latest version of the Ohio Civic Engagement Council administered by the Ohio Department of Aging. The initiative is once again focusing on lifelong learning; senior employment; and senior service and volunteerism. Our focus will be on linking the 50+ population to opportunities as well as providing guidance to nonprofit organizations in the creation of high-impact service and volunteer positions that engage the 50+ population and take full advantage of skills and/or life experiences.

Stewards of Service

Funding has been secured from AEP Ohio and Honda of America Manufacturing, Inc. to support 2012 Stewards of Service initiatives. The \$30,000 will be utilized for the 2012 Conference on Service and Volunteerism; 2012 ServeOhio Awards; and National Days of Service Mini-Grants (MLK Day, Global Youth Service Day, Make A Difference Day, and 9/11 Day of Remembrance).

2012 Conference on Service and Volunteerism

The conference will be held Tuesday, September 18 (9AM – 4:30PM) at the Ohio Union at OSU. Registration fee is \$100 and we are expecting 225-250 attendees. Content is currently being developed by the conference planning committee focusing on constituencies of volunteer administration, national service, and corporate/employee volunteer programs.

2012 ServeOhio Awards

Nominations are now being accepted at www.serveohio.org for the 2012 ServeOhio Awards. A cash award of \$1,500 will be issued to support the organization which benefited from the winner's service. The awards will be presented on September 18, 2012 at the Ohio Conference on Service and Volunteerism.

Deadline to apply is 8/1/12. Award categories for 2012 include: Outstanding Adult Volunteer; Outstanding Youth Volunteer; Outstanding Volunteer Group; Outstanding Corporate Volunteer Initiative; Outstanding National and Community Service Program; and Outstanding National Days of Service Volunteer Initiative.



2011 NATIONAL LANDSCAPE SURVEY OF STATE SERVICE COMMISSIONS



ABOUT STATE SERVICE COMMISSIONS

State service commissions are governor-appointed public agencies or nonprofit organizations made up of more than 1,110 commissioners - private citizens helping lead the nation's philanthropic movement. Approximately two-thirds of AmeriCorps grant funding goes to Governor-appointed state service commissions. State service commissions determine social needs in their state, set policy and program priorities, competitively award grants to local nonprofits and agencies, provide training and technical assistance, monitor grantees to ensure quality and compliance with federal and state law, and broadly promote service and volunteering in their states.

State service commissions are a vital resource that help Governors tap the power of citizens to solve problems and strengthen communities.

ABOUT AMERICA'S SERVICE COMMISSIONS

America's Service Commissions (ASC), the national association of state service commissions, is a non-partisan, nonprofit organization representing and promoting state service commissions across the United States. America's Service Commissions is guided by industry leaders across the country who have the common goal of national representation, advocacy and peer support to strengthen our country through service and volunteerism.

America's Service Commissions serves the network of state service commissions by:

- Strengthening the development of state service commissions and volunteer organizations throughout the United States.
- Supporting the development of sustainable and high-quality volunteer programs in all communities across the country.
- Informing state and national, public, private, and nonprofit policy makers of the value and importance of national and community service and volunteerism.

America's Service Commissions works to keep AmeriCorps and community service programs operating across the entire nation and in your community.

ABOUT THE ASC LANDSCAPE SURVEY

America's Service Commissions' annual Landscape Survey is designed to gather data and information on the current landscape of state service commissions and allow ASC to better support the work of state service commissions. The purpose of the annual survey is to identify and define commission roles and to determine their unique contributions to the growing field of service and volunteerism. The survey is designed to be completed by the Executive Director, Director, or Chief Operating Officer of the Commission. The annual survey data is used for making policy decisions, education, training and technical assistance, and research. In 2011, 43 out of 52 member commissions participated (83% response rate).

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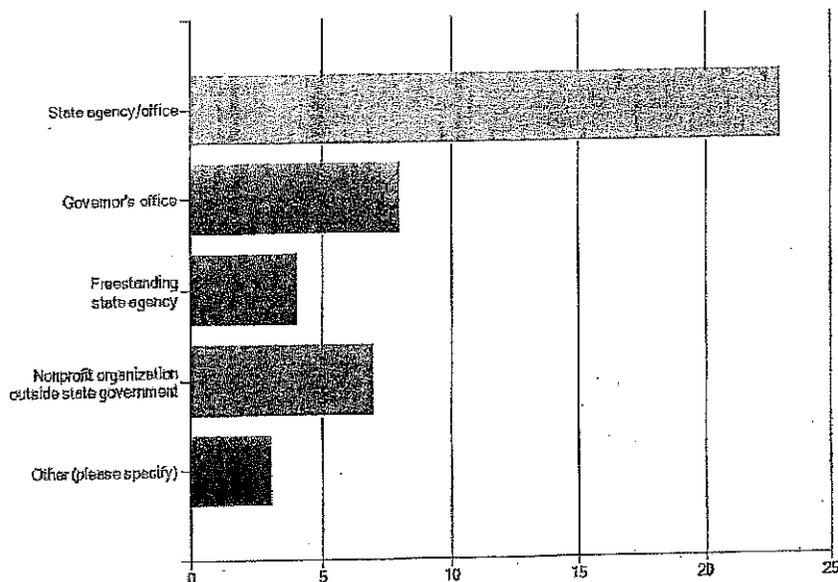
List of States participating in 2011 ASC Landscape Survey

AK	Serve Alaska
AL	Alabama Service Commission
AR	Arkansas Service Commission
CA	California Volunteers
CO	Serve Colorado - Governor's Commission on Community Service
CT	Connecticut Commission on National and Community Service
DE	Delaware Commission on Community and Volunteer Service
FL	Volunteer Florida or Governor's Commission on Volunteerism
GA	Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism
GU	Serve Guam! Commission
HI	Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service
IA	Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service
ID	Serve Idaho
IL	Serve Illinois Commission
IN	Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism
KY	Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service
LA	Louisiana Serve Commission
MA	Massachusetts Service Alliance
MD	Maryland Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism
ME	Maine Commission for Community Service
MI	Michigan Community Service Commission
MN	Serve Minnesota
MO	Missouri Community Service Commission
MS	Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service
MT	Montana Commission on Community Service
ND	North Dakota State Commission on National and Community Services
NE	Serve Nebraska - Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission
NJ	New Jersey Commission on National and Community Service
NM	New Mexico Commission for Community Volunteerism
NV	Nevada Volunteers
NY	New York State Commission on National & Community Service
OH	Ohio Community Service Council
OK	Oklahoma Community Service Commission
OR	Oregon Volunteers Commission for Voluntary Action & Service
PR	Puerto Rico Commission for Volunteerism & Community Service
SC	United Way Association of South Carolina
TN	Volunteer Tennessee
TX	OneStar Foundation
UT	Utah Commission on Volunteers
WA	Washington Commission for National and Community Service
WI	Serve Wisconsin
WV	Volunteer West Virginia
WY	Serve Wyoming

Commission Structure & Membership

Within what type of agency or organization is your commission located?

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Response	Percent	Count
State agency/office	51.1%	23
Governor's office	17.8%	8
Freestanding state agency	8.9%	4
Nonprofit organization outside state government	15.6%	7
Other (please specify)	6.7%	3

Answered question 45

Skipped question 0

State Agency

AK, AR, CT, DE, GA, GU, HI, ID, IL, KY, MD, ME, MI, MO, MS, ND, NJ, NM, OR, TN, WA, WI

Governor's office

AL, CA, CO, MT, NY, PR, WV

Freestanding State Agency

IA, IN, NE, OH

Nonprofit organization outside state government

MA, MN, NV, OK, SC, TX, WY

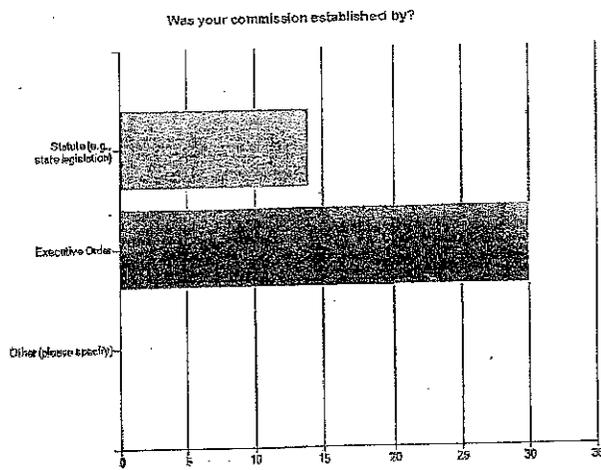
Other

FL - State Commission authorized by statute; administratively housed in Executive Office of Governor with independent authority

LA - Office of the Lt. Governor

UT - Lt. Gov office/state agency

Was your commission established by?

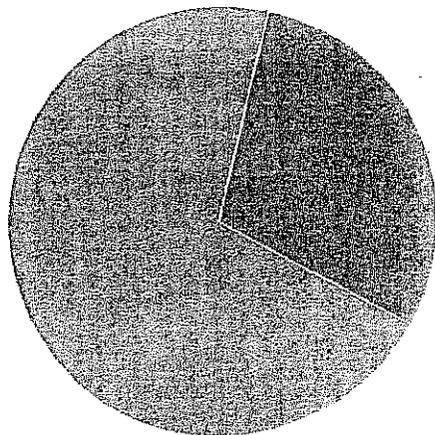


Response	Percent	Count
Statute	31.8%	14
Executive Order	68.2%	30

Answered question 44
Skipped question 1

Does your commission have a 501 c3 arm or support organization?

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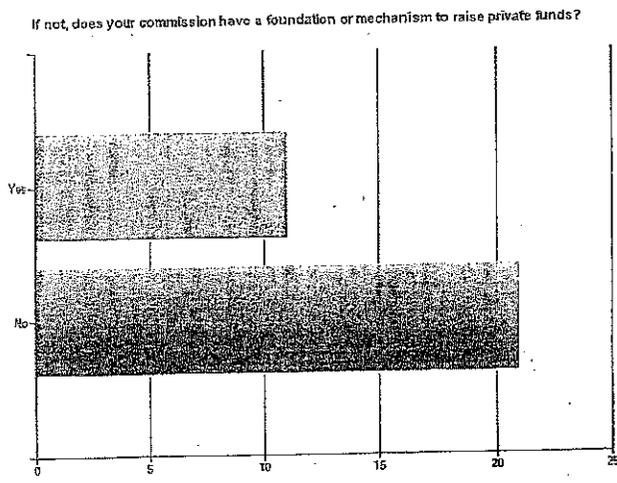


Response	Percent	Count
No	70.5%	31
Yes	29.5%	13

Yes
FL, GA, IA, MA, MN, MS, NE, NV, OK, SC, TX,
WV, WY

Answered question 44
Skipped question 1

If not, does your commission have a foundation or mechanism to raise private funds?

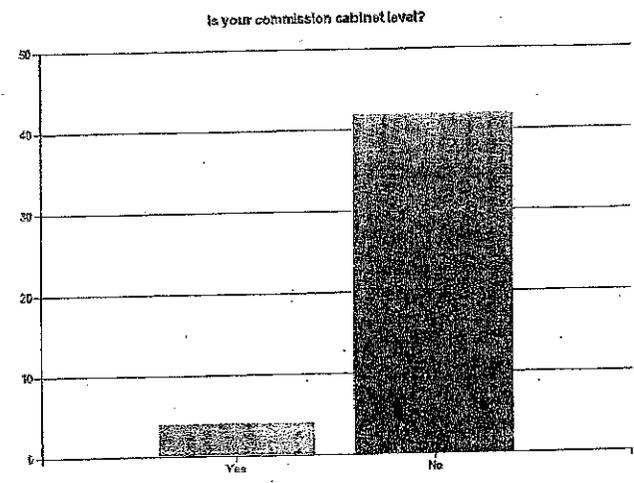


Response	Percent	Count
Yes	34.4%	11
No	65.6%	21

Yes
AR, CA, DE, HI, ME, MI, MO, OR, UT, WA, WI

Answered question 32
Skipped question 13

Is your commission cabinet level?

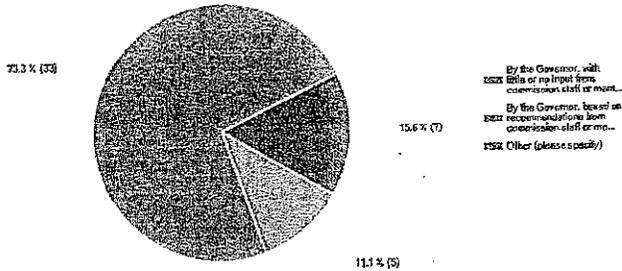


Cabinet Level
AL, CA, GU, MT

Answered question 45
Skipped question 0

How are commissioners appointed?

How are commissioners appointed? (Please check one)



Response	Percent	Count
By the Governor, with little or no input from commission staff or members	11.1%	5
By the Governor, based on recommendations from commission staff or members	73.3%	33
Other (please specify)	15.6%	7

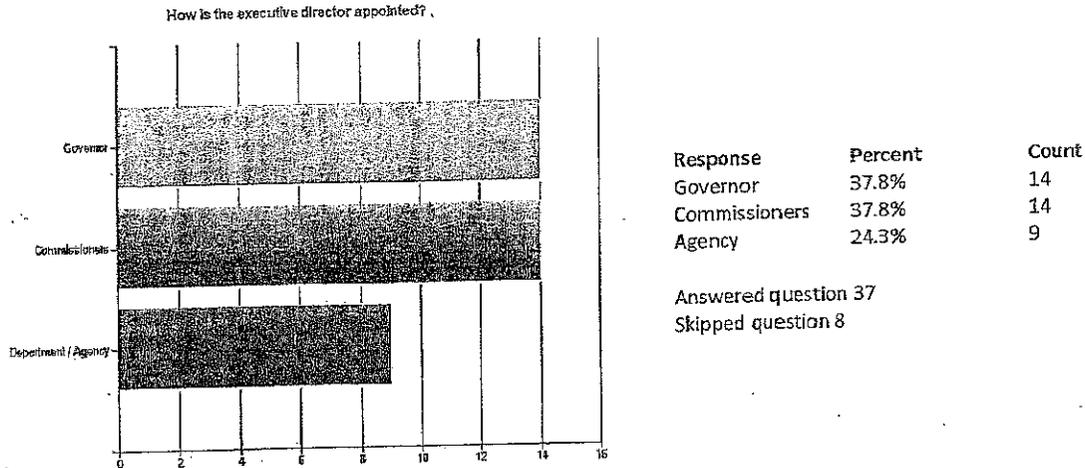
- By the Governor with input from Commission staff/members. That input varies in degree.
- Our board appoints itself
- By the Governor, based on recommendations from the Lt. Governor and Commissioners
- By the Governor, with input from commission staff and with Senate confirmation.
- Really a blend--we make recommendations, but he doesn't always follow them
- By the governor, based on recommendations or unsolicited applications; all are confirmed by state Senate
- The Chair is appointed by the Governor. All other members are appointed by the United Way Board.

Answered question 45

Skipped question 0

How many members currently serve on the commission?
Average Number of Commissioners Per Commission in 2011– 19.9

How is the executive director appointed?



What committees does your commission have in place?

- Governance Committee, External Relations, Performance Oversight, and Program Development
- Appointments
- Program Development Volunteer Engagement
- Nomination
- Outreach, Grants Management, and Volunteer Support
- Communications; Disability, Emergency, AmeriCorps and Grants, Legislative, Volunteer Services, and Executive
- Application Process Committee; Marketing & External Relations Committee; Executive Committee.
- Strategic Initiatives; Program
- Program Service & Development Public Relations Legislative Education Committee (LEC)
- External Relations Performance Oversight Planning and Program Development Governance
- Executive and Budget Committee Public Policy Committee Grant Review Committee Public Information, Community Awareness and Outreach State Service Plan Committee
- Board of Commission Executive Committee Finance Committee Program Management Committee Marketing & Outreach Committee Disability Inclusion Committee
- Executive, Governance, Program, Finance, Development
- Program Committee Nominating Committee
- Executive, Finance, Partners & Resources, Marketing & PR, Program
- Executive Committee, Organizational Development Committee, Public Relations Committee, Program Committee, AmeriCorps Committee, Community Volunteers Committee
- Program Committee Marketing Committee Conference Committee Ad hoc By-laws Committee Ad hoc Disaster Preparedness Committee Ad hoc Governor's Brightest Star Awards Comm.
- Nominations Marketing & Public Relations Legislative Grant Review
- Legislative Advocacy, Communication, Executive Committee
- Executive, Program, Fundraising, State Service Plan,
- Communications, Executive, Leadership Development, and Resource Development
- Exec, AmeriCorps Program, Learn & Serve Program, Marketing/PR, Volunteerism/Disaster Services
- Executive Committee Board Development Fund Development Advocacy Public Relations Committee Governor's Service Awards 20th Anniversary
- Executive, Program, Fund Raising, Finance.

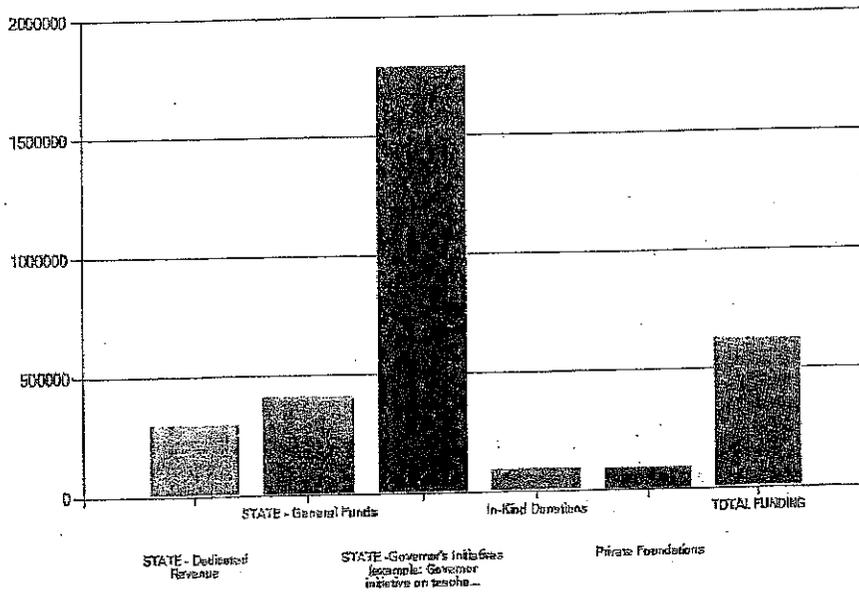
What committees does your commission have in place (continued)?

- AmeriCorps Volunteer Recognition Community Collaboration Youth Senior Resource Development
- Evaluations; marketing, legislative, executive
- Administration, State Plan and Development Public Awareness Grant review as ad hoc
- AmeriCorps Program Committee, State Committee on Volunteerism, State Committee on Civic Engagement, Relationships & Partnerships
- Executive Service-learning Excellence and Expertise Grant Selection and Performance Public Information and Education Board Development
- Community Outreach, Public Relations and Marketing, Resource Development, Executive Committee
- Board Development Committee Communications Committee Grants/Accountability Committee Foundations of Service Committee Strategic Partnerships Committee
- Executive Grant Review Workgroup Award Workgroup others ad hoc
- Executive Committee, Grant Review Committee, Communications/Outreach and Marketing, Service as a Strategy, and Special Committees as needed.
- Outreach Finance
- Grants Review Disability Inclusion Committee Nominating Committee Performance Measures Outcomes Committee
- Program Oversight, Finance and Administration Committee
- Planning & Development Outreach & Education Commission Member Development Executive
- Executive External Relations Operations
- Administration, Selection, Public Relations, Nominating, Resource Development, Assessment
- Grants Committee Executive Committee
- Audit Finance Program Sustainability
- Government Relations, Program Evaluation and Development and Disabilities Inclusion
- Nominating, program, media, governor's awards
- Executive AmeriCorps Disaster Volunteering

2011 Commission Funding

Sources of state commission funding for 2011 calendar year?

Sources of state commission funding for 2011 calendar year, as applicable (for example if your commission received \$60,000 from general funds please list 60000. If your commission did not receive funds, please leave blank. Please indicate actual amounts and do not use symbols and commas).

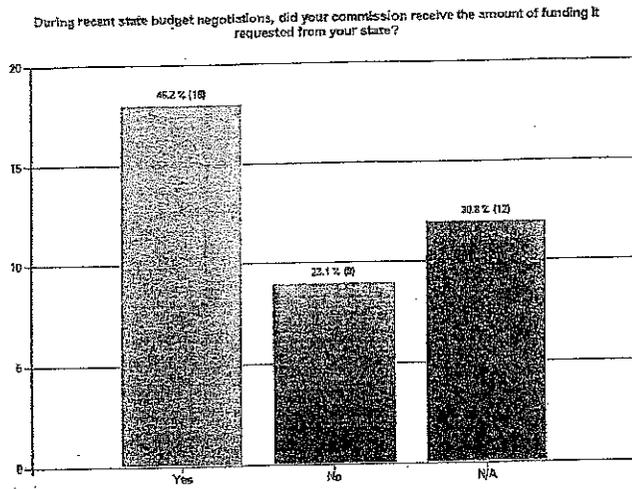


Response	Average	Total	Count
STATE - Dedicated Revenue	\$302,536.15	\$3,932,970	13
STATE - General Funds	\$416,538.59	\$11,246,542	27
STATE - Governor's Initiatives	\$1,796,625.00	\$14,373,000	8
In-Kind Donations	\$99,503.14	\$2,189,069	22
Private Foundations	\$96,386.21	\$1,831,338	19
TOTAL FUNDING	\$631,197.07	\$18,935,912	30

Answered question 37

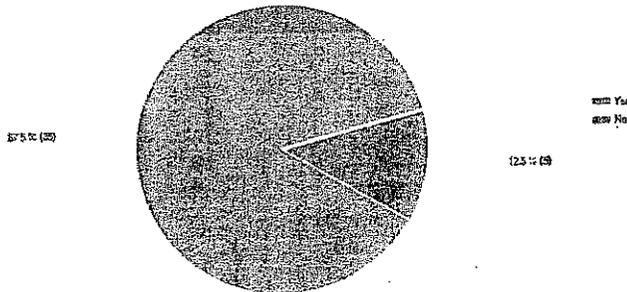
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During recent state budget negotiations, did your commission receive the amount of funding it requested from your state?



In 2011, will your commission request the full commission administrative funding allocation from the Corporation for National & Community Service (CNCS)?

In 2011, will your commission request the full commission administrative funding allocation from the Corporation for National & Community Service (CNCS)? For example, if your formula allotment is \$250,000 will you request \$250,000?



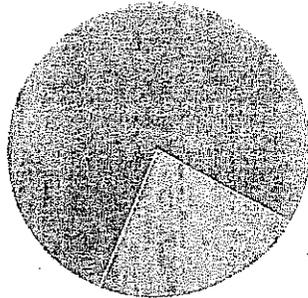
Response	Percent	Count
Yes	87.5%	35
No	12.5%	5

Answered question 40
Skipped question 5

In 2011, did your commission request an administrative funding match waiver from CNCS?

In 2011, did your commission request an administrative funding match waiver from CNCS?

76.9% (38)



23.1% (9)

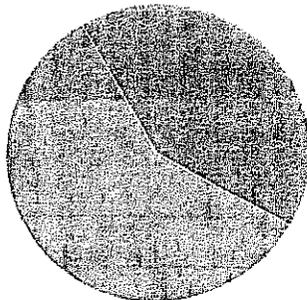
Response	Percent	Count
Yes	23.1%	9
No	76.9%	38

Answered question 39
Skipped question 6

If your commission did request an administrative funding match waiver, did you receive the waiver?

If your commission did request an administrative funding match waiver, did you receive the waiver?

41.7% (5)



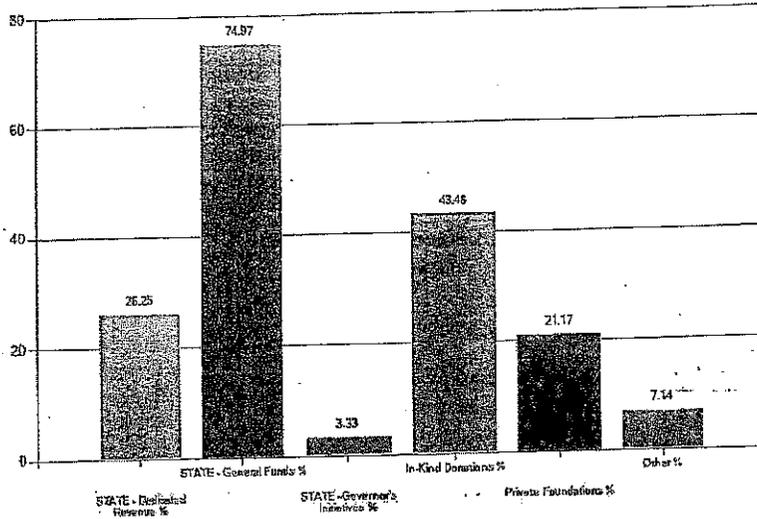
58.3% (7)

Response	Percent	Count
Yes	58.3%	7
No	41.7%	5

Answered question 12
Skipped question 33

Sources of State Commission administrative funding match for 2011 calendar year?

Sources of State Commission Administrative Funding match for 2011 calendar year, as applicable. For example, if your commission received \$80,000 in-kind and \$20,000 dedicated, please put 80 & 20. Please indicate percentage with total of 100 and do not use symbols.



Response	Average	Total	Count
STATE - Dedicated Revenue %	26.25%	315	12
STATE - General Funds %	74.97%	2,174	29
STATE - Governor's Initiatives %	3.33%	20	6
In-Kind Donations %	43.48%	1,087	5
Private Foundations %	21.17%	254	12
Other %	7.14%	50	7

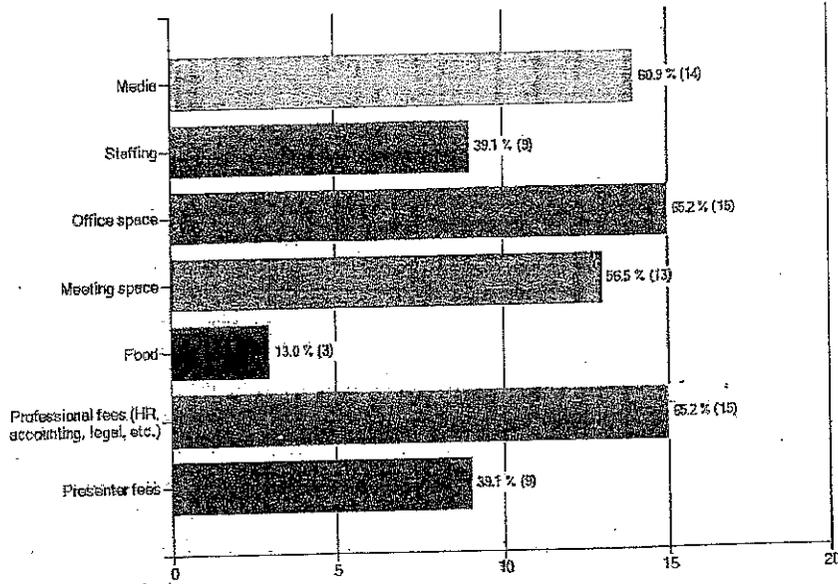
Answered question 39
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STATE - Dedicated Revenue %	STATE - General Funds %	STATE - Governor's Initiatives %	In-Kind Donations %	Private Foundations %	Other %
97%			3%		
	100%				
	100%				
	100%				
	100%				
	1%		99%		
	100%				
	100%				
	100%				
			70%	30%	
	35%		65%		
	14%		85%	1%	
			100%		
			100%		
	90%			10%	
	100%				
	46%		27%	27%	
	85%		15%		

STATE - Dedicated Revenue %	STATE - General Funds %	STATE - Governor's Initiatives %	In-Kind Donations %	Private Foundations %	Other %
	100%				
	75%		25%		
	60%		40%		
	100%				
			100%		
			75%		25%
16%	60%		24%		
	100%				
	70%		30%		
2%	47%		30%	21%	
10%	85%		5%		
	58%		42%		
	19%		81%		
60%				40%	
	100%				
30%	70%				
	79%	20%	1%		
				100%	
100%					
	80%		20%		
			50%	25%	25%

If your commission received in-kind donations, what were the sources?

If your commission received in-kind donations, what were the sources (please check all that apply)



Response	Percent	Count
Media	60.9%	14
Staffing	39.1%	9
Office space	65.2%	15
Meeting space	56.5%	13
Food	13.0%	3
Professional fees	65.2%	15
Presenter fees	39.1%	9
Other (please specify)		15

Answered question 23
Skipped question 22

What other sources of federal support (non CNCS) does your commission receive?

- DHS - Thru the State HS Office
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (US Department of Health and Human Services; US Department of Housing and Urban Development; Troubled Asset Relief Program (US Department of the Treasury)
- OJJDP-150000
- DHS/FEMA
- Childcare Block Grant
- HHS/SCF CNCS/VGF
- OHS

Number of sub-grantees for 2010–2011 program year?

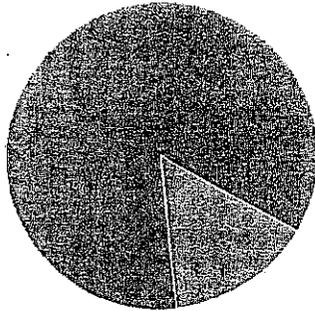
Response	Average	Total	Count
AmeriCorps Formula	11.65	466	40
AmeriCorps Competitive	5.08	193	38
AmeriCorps ED Award Only	0.81	17	21
AmeriCorps Fixed Cost Grants	1.58	30	19
Learn & Serve America CBO	0.91	10	11
Learn & Serve America K-12	5.72	103	18
Learn & Serve Higher Ed	0.00	0	8
Volunteer Generation Fund	3.22	58	18

Answered question 40
Skipped question 5

Does your commission fund any professional corps programs?

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85.0% (34)



15.0% (6)

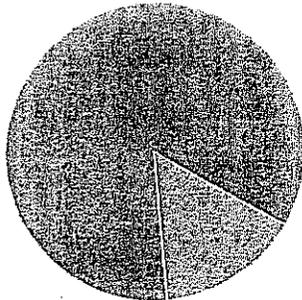
Response	Percent	Count
Yes	15.0%	6
No	85.0%	34

Answered question 40
Skipped question 5

Does your commission fund any "Encore Service" AmeriCorps programs?

Does your commission fund any "Encore Service" AmeriCorps programs?
(Programs that recruit 55 AmeriCorps members)

84.6% (33)



15.4% (6)

Response	Percent	Count
Yes	15.4%	6
No	84.6%	33

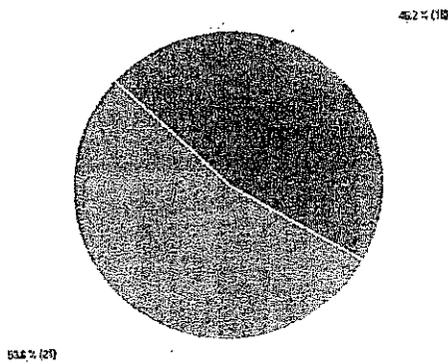
Answered question 39
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Please list other sources of state programming funding. Please list state agency and program name.

- Iowa Department of Elder Affairs funds for RSVP program Iowa Department of Public Health for Iowa Mentoring Partnership Training
- Education -- Mentoring funds, Executive -- Commonwealth Corps
- Dept. HHS for at-risk youth
- Department of Public Health and Human Services
- Employment Security Department for WA Service Corps; Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction for WA Reading Corps; and State Department of Ecology for WA Conservation Corps.
- State Funds for RSVP, Foster Grandparents, State Volunteer Resource Center
- State Department of Education-Travel contract
- Governor's Criminal Justice Division, Health Human Services
- Cal Dept of Veterans Affairs-Veterans Corp California Conservation Corps- State Administrative court System

In 2011, is your commission planning to utilize fixed amount grants?

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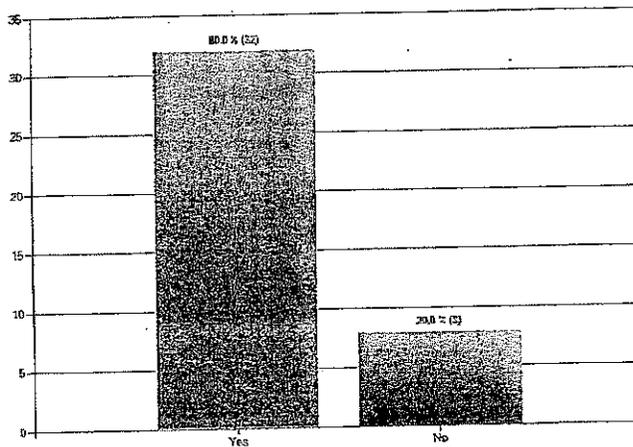


Response	Percent	Count
Yes	53.8%	21
No	46.2%	18

Answered question 39
Skipped question 6

In 2011, did your commission see an increase in AmeriCorps program applications?

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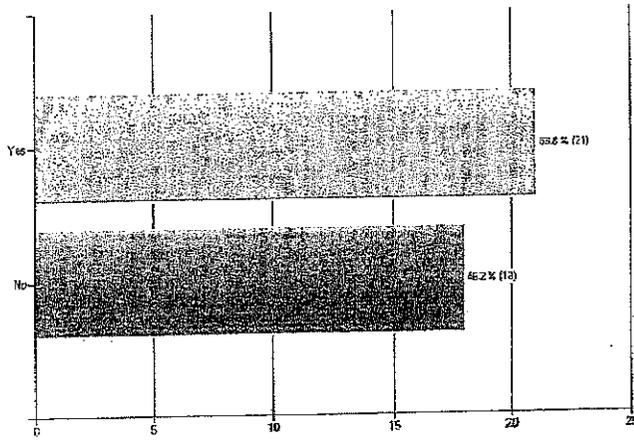


Response	Percent	Count
Yes	80.0%	32
No	20.0%	8

Answered question 40
Skipped question 5

Does your commission conduct one AmeriCorps grant review process a year for both competitive and formula?

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Response	Percent	Count
Yes	53.8%	21
No	46.2%	18

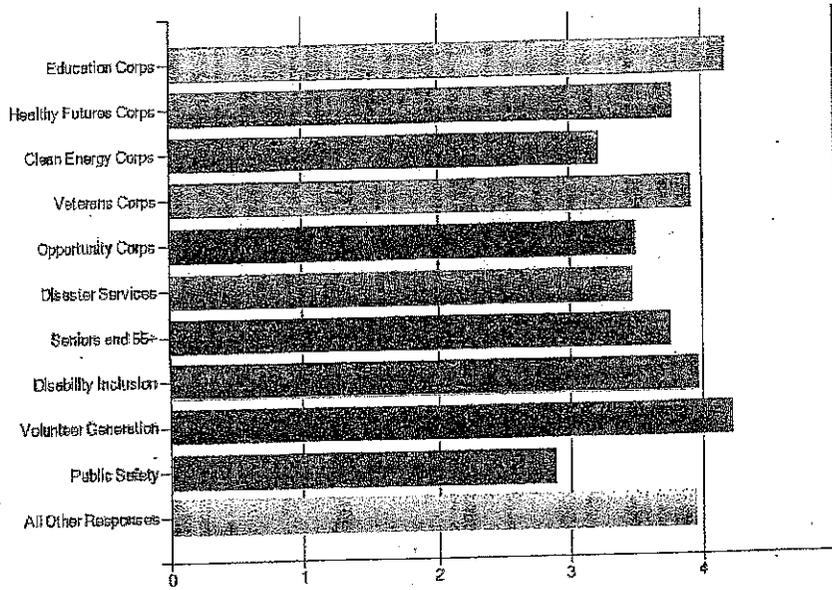
Answered question 39
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Program Priorities

Based on your commission's current state service plan, please list your state's top priorities for community service and volunteer activities

Average Responses

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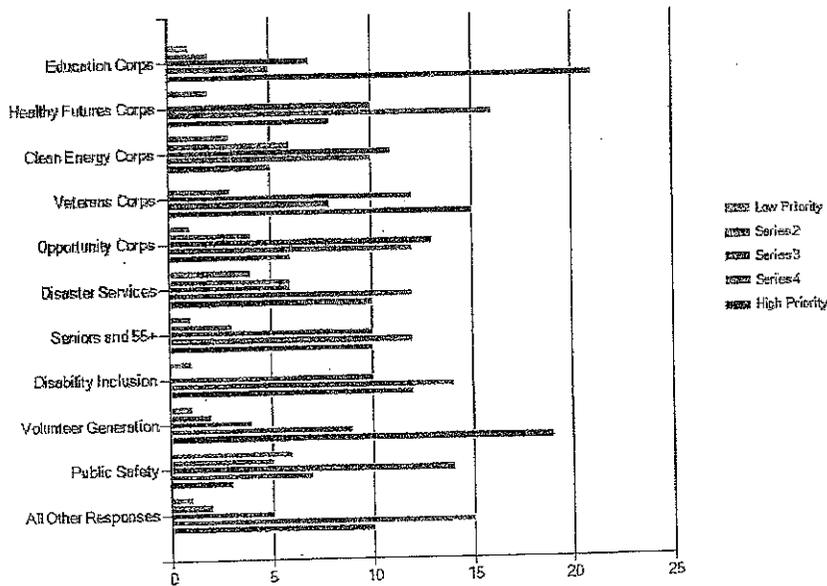
Scale:

0 = Low Priority

5 = High Priority

All Responses

Based on your commission's current state service plan, please list your state's top priorities for community service and volunteer activities.



Data for Top Priorities:

	Low Priority		High Priority		Rating Average	Response Count	
Education Corps	2.8% (1)	5.6% (2)	19.4% (7)	13.9% (5)	58.3% (21)	4.19	36
Healthy Futures Corps	5.6% (2)	0.0% (0)	27.8% (10)	44.4% (16)	22.2% (8)	3.78	36
Clean Energy Corps	8.6% (3)	17.1% (6)	31.4% (11)	28.6% (10)	14.3% (5)	3.23	35
Veterans Corps	0.0% (0)	7.9% (3)	31.6% (12)	21.1% (8)	39.5% (15)	3.92	38
Opportunity Corps	2.8% (1)	11.1% (4)	36.1% (13)	33.3% (12)	16.7% (6)	3.50	36
Disaster Services	10.5% (4)	15.8% (6)	15.8% (6)	31.6% (12)	26.3% (10)	3.47	38
Seniors and 55+	2.8% (1)	8.3% (3)	27.8% (10)	33.3% (12)	27.8% (10)	3.75	36
Disability Inclusion	2.7% (1)	0.0% (0)	27.0% (10)	37.8% (14)	32.4% (12)	3.97	37
Volunteer Generation	2.9% (1)	5.7% (2)	11.4% (4)	25.7% (9)	54.3% (19)	4.23	35
Public Safety	17.1% (6)	14.3% (5)	40.0% (14)	20.0% (7)	8.6% (3)	2.89	35
Youth Engagement	3.0% (1)	6.1% (2)	15.2% (5)	45.5% (15)	30.3% (10)	3.94	33

Answered question 39
Skipped question 6

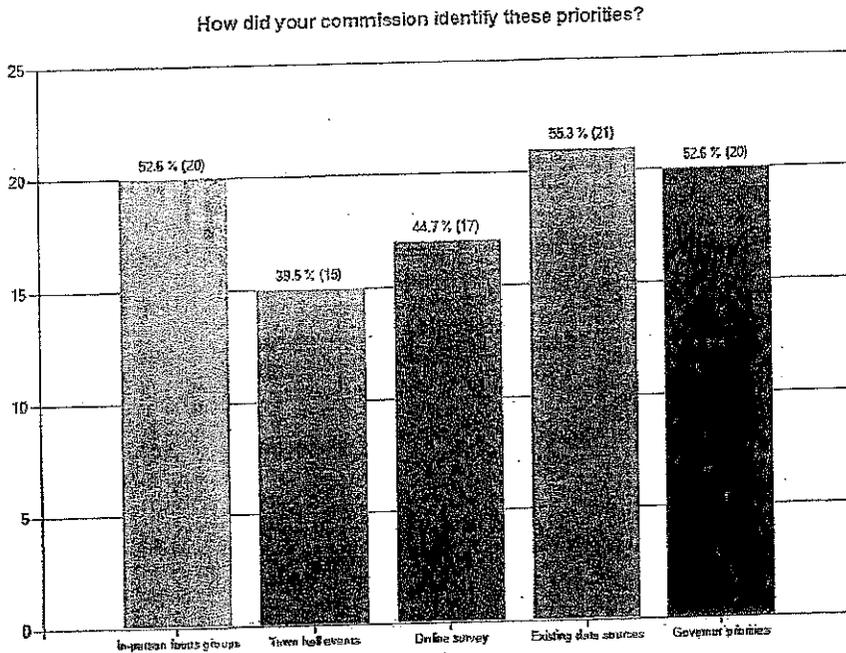
Other responses:

- Youth Corps & Green Corps are specific legislative priorities
- Unmet Human Needs – Homelessness
- The 2011-2013 State Service Plan will be finalized by the Commission Board in July. Strategic planning has placed many of the
- CNCS strategic focus areas strongly in the SSP with the new directions reflected from input during the 2010 state Listening Tour.
- cultural diversity, improving literacy, job readiness
- Early Childhood

Other responses for commission top priorities:

- Reducing Domestic Violence
- please note there has been a change in administration-so priorities will shift

How did your commission identify these priorities?



Response	Percent	Count
In-person focus groups	52.6%	20
Town hall events	39.5%	15
Online survey	44.7%	17
Existing data sources	55.3%	21
Governor priorities	52.6%	20
Other (please specify)		6

Answered question 38

Skipped question 7

Other Responses:

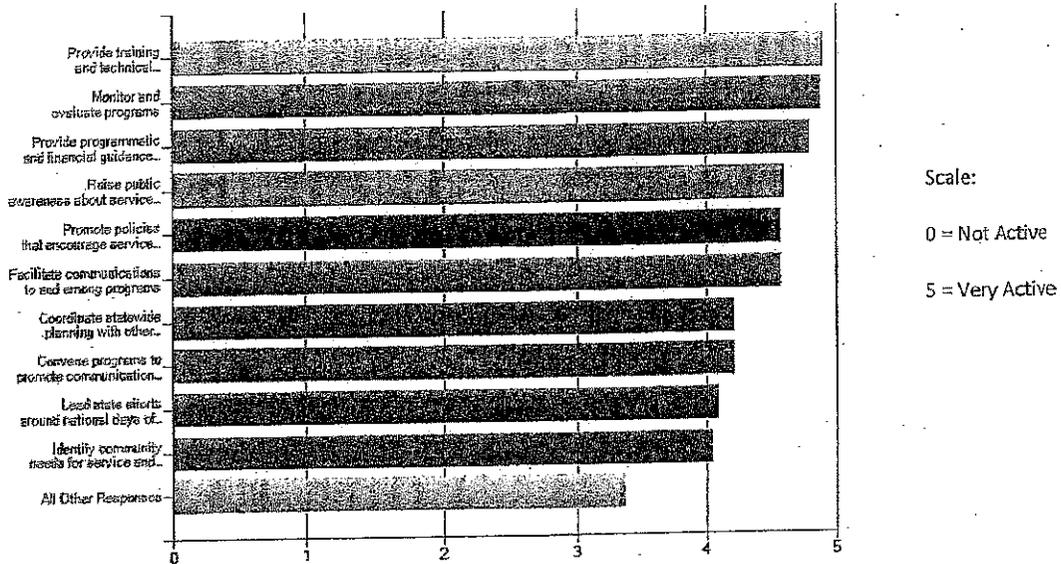
- Legislative Priorities CNCS Priorities Commissioner Input
- A comprehensive, structured, statewide needs assessment was conducted in 2009.
- Anti Poverty Programming
- In-depth Commissioner strategic planning session.
- Staff and Commissioner strategic planning sessions in partial alliance with governor input and CNCS guidance/priorities.
- Six month strategic planning process that led to adoption of new 3-year plan in 2010.

Commission Roles & Activities

To illuminate the role that your commission plays in your state, please rate the extent of your commission's involvement in the following activities to advance national and community service and volunteerism.

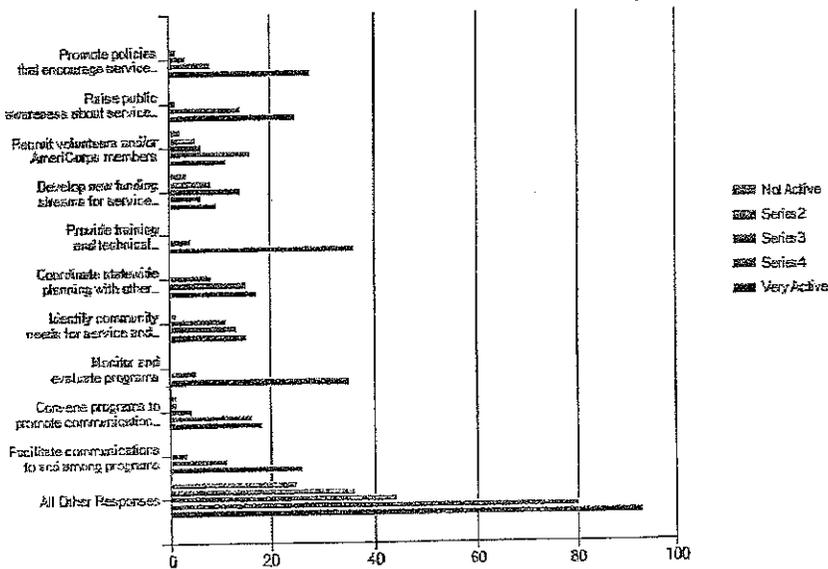
Average Response:

To illuminate the role that your commission plays in your state, please rate the extent of your commission's involvement in the following activities to advance national and community service and volunteerism.



All Responses:

To illuminate the role that your commission plays in your state, please rate the extent of your commission's involvement in the following activities to advance national and community service and volunteerism.



Data for the role of commissions:

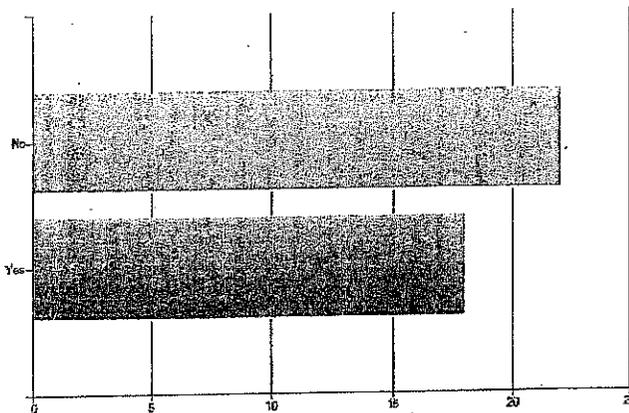
	Not Active				Very Active	Rating Average	Response Count
Promote policies that encourage service and volunteerism	0.0% (0)	2.5% (1)	7.5% (3)	20.0% (8)	70.0% (28)	4.58	40
Raise public awareness about service and volunteerism	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	2.5% (1)	35.0% (14)	62.5% (25)	4.60	40
Recruit volunteers and/or AmeriCorps members	5.0% (2)	12.5% (5)	15.0% (6)	40.0% (16)	27.5% (11)	3.73	40
Develop new funding streams for service and volunteerism	7.5% (3)	20.0% (8)	35.0% (14)	15.0% (6)	22.5% (9)	3.25	40
Provide training and technical assistance to programs	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	10.0% (4)	90.0% (36)	4.90	40
Coordinate statewide planning with other agencies/organizations	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	20.0% (8)	37.5% (15)	42.5% (17)	4.23	40
Identify community needs for service and volunteer programs	0.0% (0)	2.5% (1)	27.5% (11)	32.5% (13)	37.5% (15)	4.05	40
Monitor and evaluate programs	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	12.5% (5)	87.5% (35)	4.88	40
Convene programs to promote communication and collaboration	2.5% (1)	2.5% (1)	10.0% (4)	40.0% (16)	45.0% (18)	4.23	40
Facilitate communications to and among programs	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	7.5% (3)	27.5% (11)	65.0% (26)	4.58	40
Administer planning grants	20.0% (8)	15.0% (6)	12.5% (5)	30.0% (12)	22.5% (9)	3.20	40
Provide programmatic and financial guidance and advice to programs	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	2.5% (1)	15.0% (6)	82.5% (33)	4.80	40
Lead state efforts around national days of service (MLK, GYSD)	0.0% (0)	7.5% (3)	17.5% (7)	32.5% (13)	42.5% (17)	4.10	40
Research volunteer landscape across state	5.0% (2)	17.5% (7)	25.0% (10)	32.5% (13)	20.0% (8)	3.45	40

Enhance the data collection and reporting of volunteer efforts across state	5.0% (2)	15.0% (6)	20.0% (8)	35.0% (14)	25.0% (10)	3.60	40
Manage volunteers or donations in the event of a disaster	30.0% (12)	25.0% (10)	7.5% (3)	17.5% (7)	20.0% (8)	2.73	40
New program development and outreach	2.6% (1)	10.5% (4)	26.3% (10)	39.5% (15)	21.1% (8)	3.66	38

Answered question 40
Skipped question 5

Does your commission, through a governor or state-level initiative, use service as a strategy to address issues in your state?

Does your commission, through a governor or state-level initiative, use service as a strategy to address issues in your state? For example - Yes: governor has placed a priority on an issue important to your state and their administration. Is your commission working to develop programs that would address this issue through a strategic and impactful approach?



Response	Percent	Count
No	55.0%	22
Yes	45.0%	18

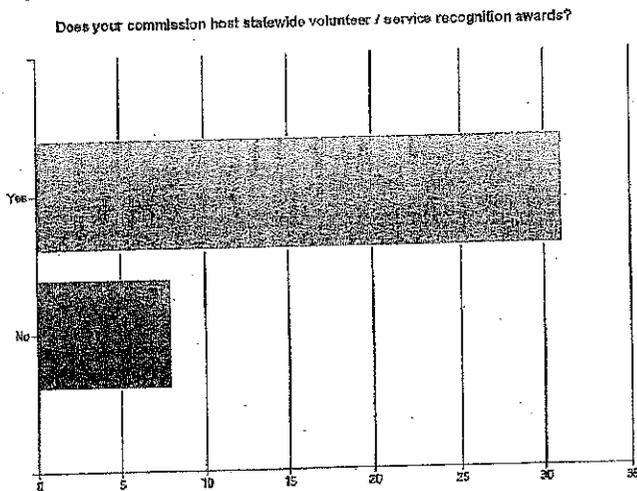
Answered question 40
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If yes, please specify the service programs and issues addressed:

- Currently, we have not been engaged in a regular discussion with the Governor's Office about his priorities. However, we do anticipate that we would support Governor's initiatives through service, as we have with past Governor's Offices.
- Education-based programs
- The Lt Governor's Third Grade Literacy Action Plan - the commission is directly involved in the internal policy group and is directly involved in implementing two critical components of the the plan: Community Conversations (statewide outreach) and Civic Engagement (volunteer mobilization). Education and literacy programs will be featured as priority service areas in the upcoming NOFA.
- Guam Volunteer Center and Anti Poverty programming across all AmeriCorps programs and partners.
- Youth physical activity using Kaboom materials. Not a formal initiative, but services to veterans are a priority.
- We were doing this until CNCS prematurely ended our VISTA project that was focused on this.
- Volunteerism. Strengthen existing volunteer infrastructure through web-based support, social media, training and recognition.
- Education litter abatement
- Mentor Michigan - addressing the need around education and drop-out prevention
- Utah Literacy Initiative—helping children read at grade level
- Establish outreach to disadvantaged youth, ie youth aging out of foster care, juvenile justice
- Childhood hunger—we serve on committees, but don't lead efforts.

- Ready Montana initiatives to engage citizens in service through emergency preparedness -- Winter Ready Montana (includes Warm Hearts Warm Homes weatherization of low income homes by AmeriCorps members), Fire Ready Montana First Lady garden project in 4th grade classrooms to promote community level service learning
- Veterans Issues - Established a Vet Corps program last year and initiated an evaluation on the barriers to service for veterans and others with disabilities. Puget Sound Restoration - Puget Sound Corps legislation passed and much of the environmental restoration efforts directed to WA Conservation Corps at Dept of Ecology. Rural Economic Development - WA Commission was awarded a AmeriCorps Planning Grant with the focus on rural development strategies.
- New Governor, but anticipate this in the future.
- Minnesota Reading Corps- Age 3 to grade 3 literacy

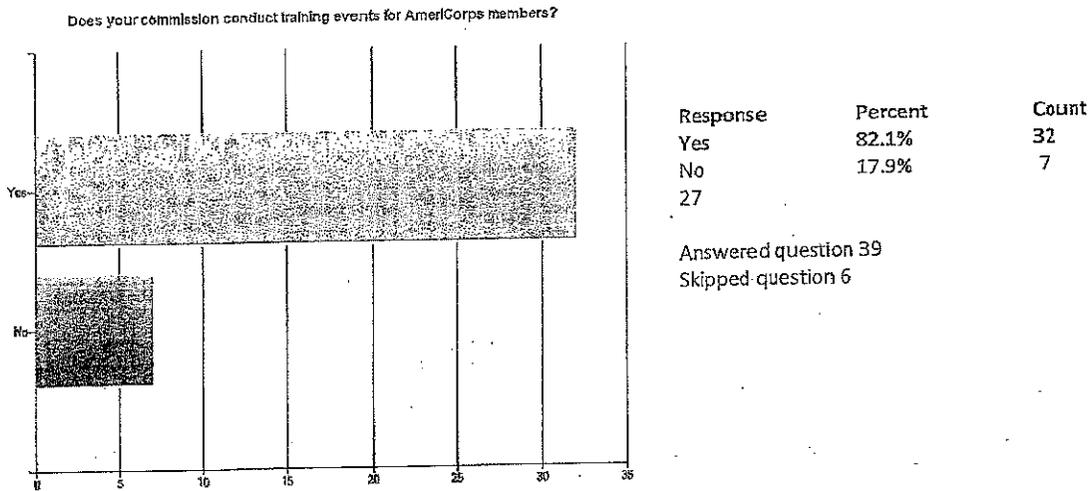
Does your commission sponsor a statewide conference on national service and volunteerism?



Response	Percent	Count
No	33.3%	13
Yes	66.7%	26

Answered question 39
Skipped question 6

Does your commission conduct training events for AmeriCorps members?



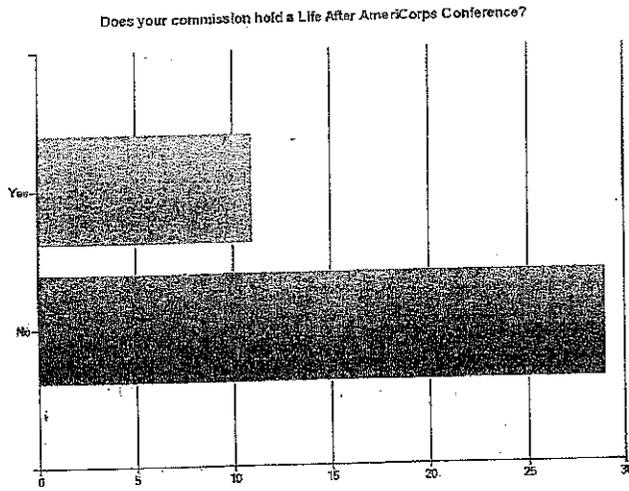
If yes, please list some examples of the member trainings your commission offers:

- Mountain State Leaders
- Iowa National Service Leadership Institute for National service members Volunteer Reception Center Training for staff and members of national service programs Volunteer Management, Life After AmeriCorps, etc. for members at regional or statewide conference
- Georgia Leadership Council – GCSV provided leadership, communications and program improvement training
- Annual AmeriCorps Kickoff; Annual AmeriCorps New Project Director Training, Annual AmeriCorps Project Director Training; Conference Calls/Webinars as needed.
- Opening Ceremonies; Mid-Year Member Retreat
- Civic Reflection Statewide Service Conference Leadership Media Relations and Community Outreach Life After AmeriCorps (co-sponsorship)
- Orientation Member documentation and time sheet Resume and Work Place Readiness CERT (2 day) Red Cross Rugged Outdoor Physical Experiential System R.O.P.E.S. (3 day)
- Opening Day has training and civic engagement opportunities
- Varies. Training for all members takes place 2Xper year
- CERT, CPR/First Aid, Member Orientation, Life After AmeriCorps, Nickel & Dimed Book Club (poverty focus)
- Assist in pre-service orientation for AmeriCorps members. Coordinate training for members at the statewide conference.
- Volunteer management.
- Life after AmeriCorps
- AmeriCorps Member Celebration, Leader Corps trainings
- Member pre-conference day in conjunction with the statewide conference
- Spotlight conference on Volunteers provides training for volunteers and management ie grant writing, team building
- Entry Level--citizenship, "big picture of AmeriCorps", conflict management, teambuilding; Advanced Level--using your education award, life after AmeriCorps, financial literacy, interview skills
- 4 Day Kick-Off, Northwest Service Symposium, Life After AmeriCorps, regional trainings as needed
- The Commission only does one (as a matter of policy - we require programs to train members), the mid-Winter AmeriCorps conference brings together all AmeriCorps*S/N, VISTA, and program staff. Presentations are by members, for members.
- Leader Corps Training
- Variety of AmeriCorps issues, nonprofit capacity, volunteer management, rural and tribal issues
- NW National Service Symposium (best practices), NW Leader Corps (advanced leadership development), AmeriCorps Launch - Disaster Response Training, and have supported regional Life After AmeriCorps conferences.
- Disability inclusion to assist with volunteer generation
- Disaster Preparedness, 2-1-1 Training, Disability Inclusion

If yes, please list some examples of the member trainings your commission offers (continued):

- Policies / procedures, strategic goals for service and beyond, and other specific venues as required.
- Training Leadership Council members
- Member Opening Event and Member Closing Event

Does your commission hold a Life-After-AmeriCorps Conference?



Response	Percent	Count
Yes	27.5%	11
No	72.5%	29

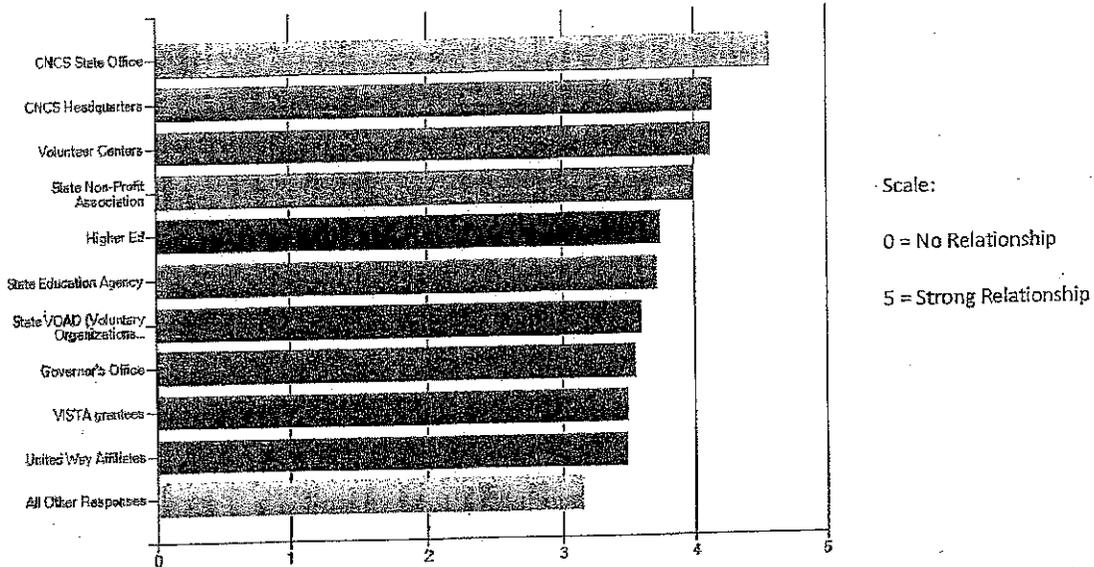
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Commission Relationships

Please indicate the relationship of the following organizations and agencies to your commission.

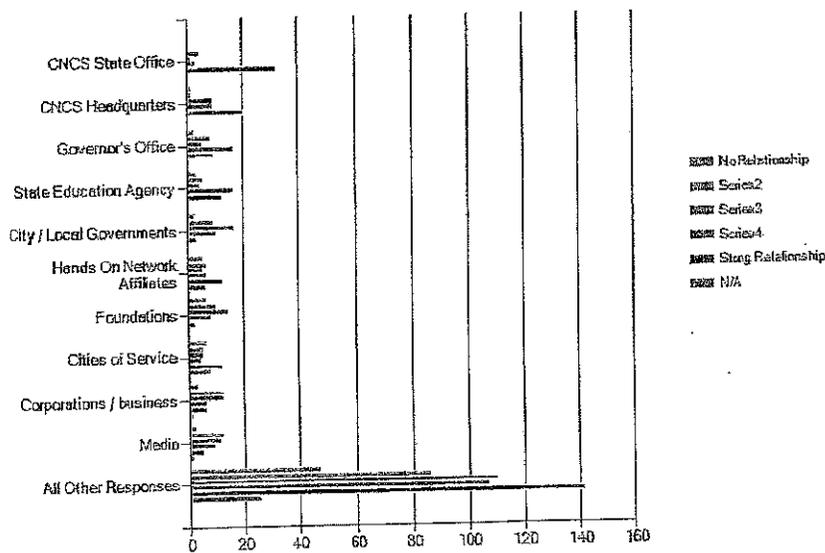
Average response:

We are interested in learning about the Commission's relationships with different organizations and agencies. Please indicate the relationship of the following organizations and agencies to your commission. (Check all that apply)



All responses:

We are interested in learning about the Commission's relationships with different organizations and agencies. Please indicate the relationship of the following organizations and agencies to your commission. (Check all that apply)



	No Relationship				Strong Relationship	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
CNCS State Office	0.0% (0)	10.0% (4)	2.5% (1)	7.5% (3)	80.0% (32)	0.0% (0)	4.58	40
CNCS Headquarters	2.5% (1)	2.5% (1)	22.5% (9)	22.5% (9)	50.0% (20)	0.0% (0)	4.15	40
Governor's Office	5.0% (2)	20.0% (8)	12.5% (5)	40.0% (16)	22.5% (9)	0.0% (0)	3.55	40
State Legislature	7.7% (3)	17.9% (7)	30.8% (12)	20.5% (8)	23.1% (9)	0.0% (0)	3.33	39
State Education Agency	7.5% (3)	12.5% (5)	10.0% (4)	40.0% (16)	30.0% (12)	0.0% (0)	3.73	40
City / Local Governments	5.0% (2)	22.5% (9)	40.0% (16)	25.0% (10)	7.5% (3)	0.0% (0)	3.08	40
Volunteer Centers	2.6% (1)	7.7% (3)	15.4% (6)	20.5% (8)	51.3% (20)	2.6% (1)	4.13	39
Hands On Network Affiliates	12.5% (5)	15.0% (6)	12.5% (5)	15.0% (6)	30.0% (12)	15.0% (6)	3.41	40
Foundations	15.0% (6)	25.0% (10)	35.0% (14)	20.0% (8)	5.0% (2)	0.0% (0)	2.75	40
State Non-Profit Association	0.0% (0)	5.1% (2)	20.5% (8)	20.5% (8)	30.8% (12)	23.1% (9)	4.00	39
Cities of Service	15.0% (6)	12.5% (5)	12.5% (5)	10.0% (4)	30.0% (12)	20.0% (8)	3.34	40
Corporations / business	7.5% (3)	30.0% (12)	30.0% (12)	15.0% (6)	15.0% (6)	2.5% (1)	3.00	40
Media	5.0% (2)	30.0% (12)	27.5% (11)	22.5% (9)	12.5% (5)	2.5% (1)	3.08	40
Higher Ed	2.5% (1)	12.5% (5)	25.0% (10)	25.0% (10)	32.5% (13)	2.5% (1)	3.74	40
VISTA grantees	2.5% (1)	12.5% (5)	30.0% (12)	32.5% (13)	15.0% (6)	7.5% (3)	3.49	40

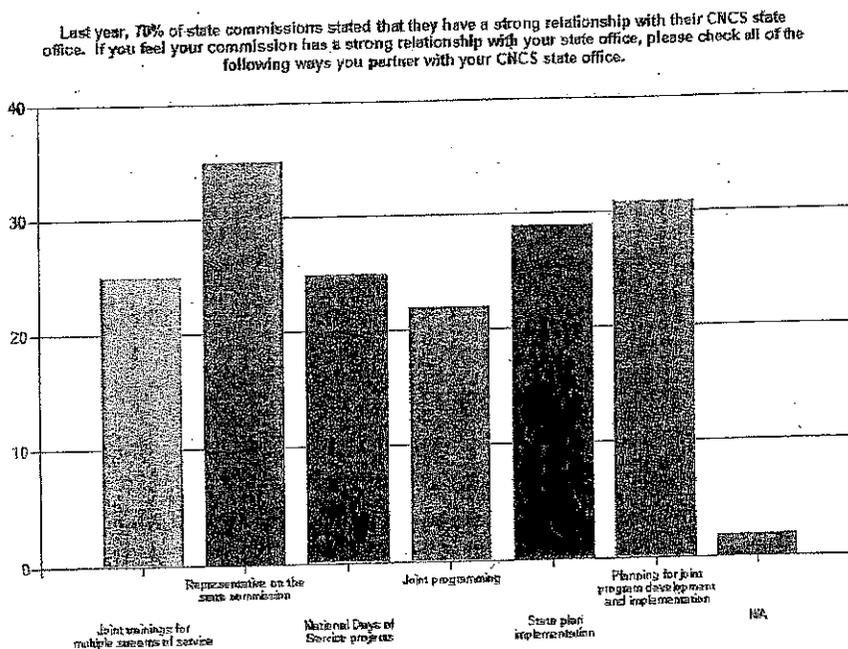
Senior Corps sponsors	7.5% (3)	17.5% (7)	30.0% (12)	15.0% (6)	27.5% (11)	2.5% (1)	3.38	40
Learn and Serve sub-grantees	17.5% (7)	27.5% (11)	7.5% (3)	12.5% (5)	27.5% (11)	7.5% (3)	3.05	40
United Way Affiliates	5.0% (2)	17.5% (7)	25.0% (10)	30.0% (12)	22.5% (9)	0.0% (0)	3.48	40
National Direct AmeriCorps Grantees	2.5% (1)	25.0% (10)	27.5% (11)	30.0% (12)	15.0% (6)	0.0% (0)	3.30	40
State VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster)	7.5% (3)	15.0% (6)	20.0% (8)	22.5% (9)	32.5% (13)	2.5% (1)	3.59	40
SEMA (State Emergency Management Agency)	15.0% (6)	15.0% (6)	10.0% (4)	20.0% (8)	30.0% (12)	10.0% (4)	3.39	40
FEMA Regional VAL (Voluntary Agency Liaison)	22.5% (9)	15.0% (6)	20.0% (8)	12.5% (5)	27.5% (11)	2.5% (1)	3.08	40
CNCS Disaster Services Unit	25.0% (10)	27.5% (11)	15.0% (6)	7.5% (3)	20.0% (8)	5.0% (2)	2.68	40

If you have any special collaboration and/or best practices with any of the groups listed above and would like to share with your peers, please use this space:

- Statewide conference in partnership with non-profit association Learn & Serve statewide collaborative group (Iowa Coalition for the Integration of Service-Learning) with the State Education Agency and Campus Compact United Way Affiliates and Volunteer Centers for use of Volunteer Solutions statewide - cost and information sharing
- Working with SEMA in Georgia to develop disaster recovery programs
- The Joplin disaster has fostered new relationships with the Commission. No best practices to share at this time, but as time goes on, I'm sure we will have lots to share.
- Special Collaborations include: 1) Partnership with Mile High United Way, El Pomar Foundation and others engaged in a collaborative, public-private partnership to implement the Lt Governor's Third Grade Literacy Action Plan; 2) National Service Resource Team, a national service collaborative effort of NCCC, the State Office, Learn and Serve, and the State Commission to identify community need and coordinate (to the extent possible) the allocation and delivery of national service resources from all streams of service to meet critical needs, especially in rural and remote areas of the state; 3) National service "mapping project" to locate all national service programs and the presence of national service members in the state; 4) Joint participation and planning for special Commission activities such as state and national days of service, the Governor's Service Awards, AmeriCorps Week activities, the state service conference, and the state service plan; 5) MOU with AARP to promote Commission activities and promote volunteerism by and for adults age 55 and older; 6) Joint Resolution with the State Commission on Aging to partner on programs that support civic engagement and "aging well" strategies for older adults.

- Strong partnership with emerging statewide Non-profit association
- The Arkansas Service Commission (ASC) convenes quarterly meetings of all national directs and state CNCS office and other partners in volunteerism and service to plan days of service and work jointly on issues impacting the state. The CNCS state office, City Year and ASC each 'chair' 9/11, MLK and AmeriCorps week. We also invite all these groups to attend our trainings and events.
- We also partner frequently with higher ed Institute for Nonprofit Management. Through our statewide certification program for volunteer management instructors, our partnerships are also extensive with volunteer manager affiliate programs, as well as national ALIVE.
- Commission is in-state administrator/manager for CNCS field office of a VISTA project. The field office is piloting a model in the tri-state region (ME, NH, VT) in which the Commissions manage sites selected by CNCS.
- Strong relation with education community
- CNCS State Office and our State Commission meet quarterly in person to discuss items such as State Service Plan updates, joint training opportunities, disability/inclusion efforts since the funding is now cross-stream, and so on.
- Partnership with Volunteer Centers in process of assessing the development of a centralized State Volunteer entity outside of state government.

Last year, 70% of state commissions stated that they have a strong relationship with their CNCS state office. If you feel your commission has a strong relationship with your state office, please check all of the following ways you partner with your CNCS state office.



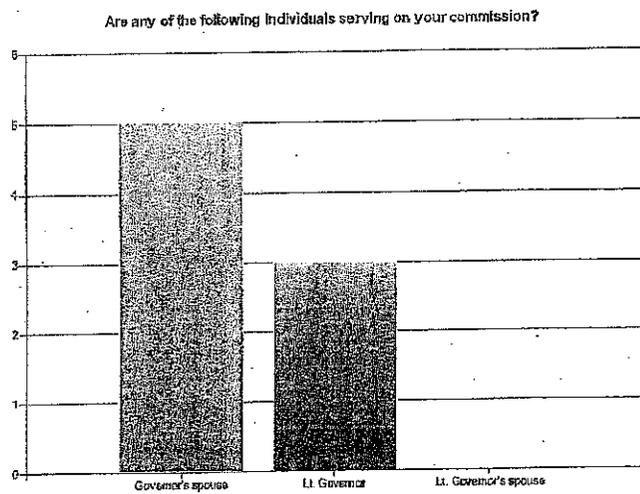
Response	Percent	Count
Joint trainings for multiple streams of service	25%	25
Representative on the state commission	35%	35
National Days of Service projects	25%	25
Joint programming	22%	22
State plan implementation	29%	29
Planning for joint program development and implementation	31%	31
N/A	5.4%	2

Answered question 37
Skipped question 8

Other relationship with CNCS state office:

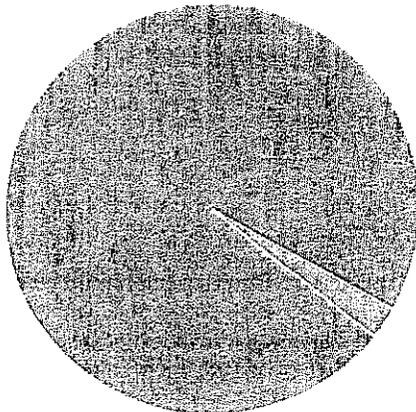
- Joint training
- Planning to do conference together. Are often together at recruitment fairs. Share responsibilities for service days.
- Since state office is small and budgets fluctuate, the partnerships can feel uneven and restricted by regulation.
- Opening Ceremony in the fall
- Reminder that there isn't a "State office" in Northern New England – it is Tri State. So we have worked with them to connect all the national service grantees together in the Maine National Service Council which meets quarterly.
- Could be better with coordinating on VISTA placement
- Communication with new state director; this is an area of marked improvement
- Co-location of state office and commission office; joint legislative outreach and education.

Are any of the following individuals serving on your commission?



Is your commission collaborating with any Social Innovation Fund grantees in your state?

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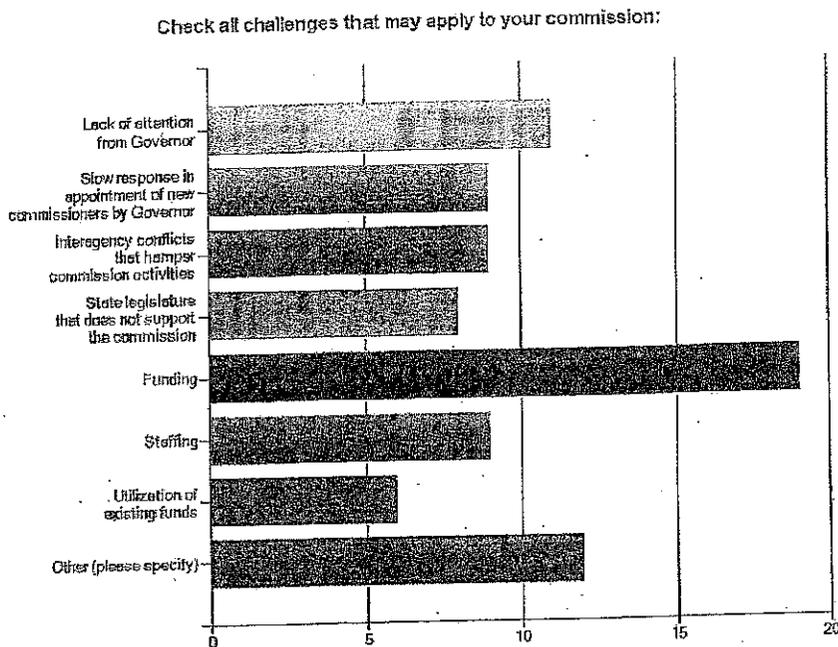


Response	Percent	Count
Yes	2.6%	1
No	97.4%	38

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Commission Challenges

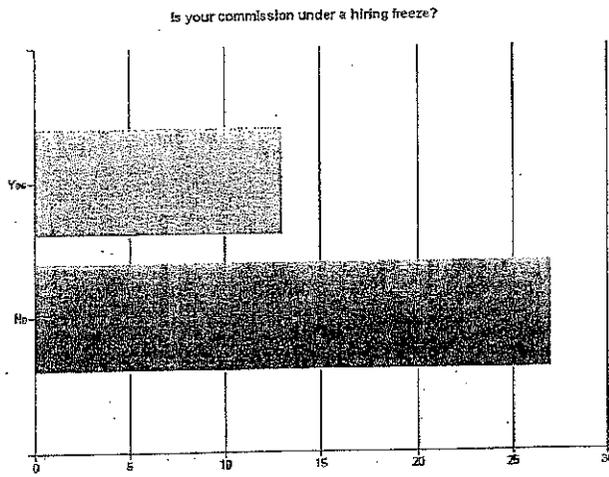
Check all challenges that may apply to your commission:



Other:

- Administrative challenges that distract (or take time away from) the initiatives of the commission New policies that hamper our ability to communicate effectively with the state legislature Delays in passing of the state budget
- The Colorado Commission receives no state funding and relies on in-kind and small foundation grant funds to achieve administrative match requirements. Although the Commissioners themselves are actively involved in supporting this effort by soliciting in-kind sponsorships, in-kind donations and grant funds, their fund development activities are bounded by the limits of their own individual professional and employment obligations. Commission staff are 100% federally funded and are prohibited from performing fund development activities. The Colorado Commission is developing a long-term, sustainable solution to the match issue.
- Recommendation to have our state commission under the governor's office and not under the Department of Labor.
- Engagement of Commissioners; education/outreach to elected officials (state, local and Congressional)
- As a new commission, we are still learning many things.
- CNCS seems to target and eliminate successful programs such as our 48 slot VISTA project.
- New Governor still getting acclimated to who we are and our value.
- Funding at state level for match
- The state is in a hard hiring freeze, travel is difficult to get approved.
- State government reorganization.
- Greatest challenge is explaining the complicated national service web so that others understand how they can be a part of it.
- The Governor has visited programs, participated in swearing in ceremonies; but other engagement does not exist. The First Lady has taken the lead in volunteer recognition with the State Commission and the Governor spends time with each award recipient.

Is your commission under a hiring freeze?

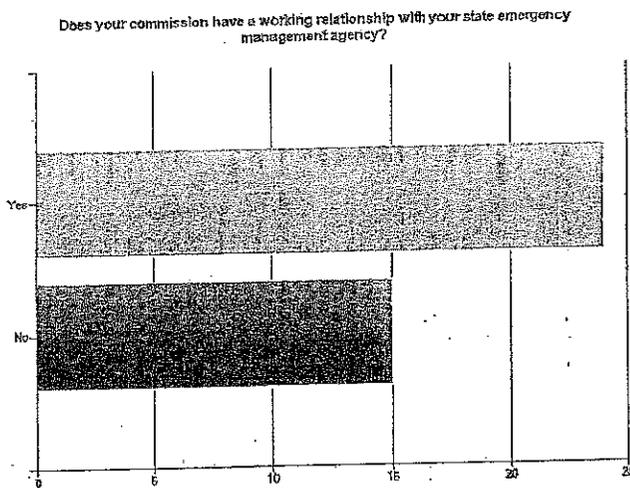


Response	Percent	Count
Yes	32.5%	13
No	67.5%	27

Answered question 40
Skipped question 5

Disaster Preparedness & Response

Does your commission have a working relationship with your state emergency management agency?

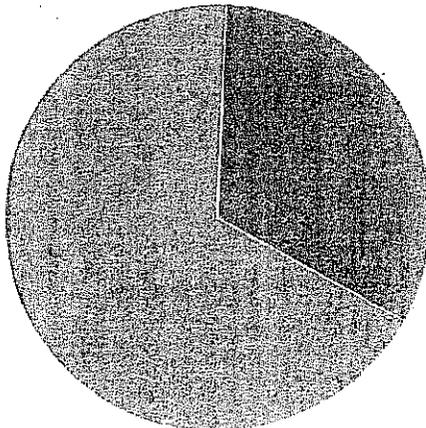


Response	Percent	Count
Yes	61.5%	24
No	38.5%	15

Answered question 39
Skipped question 6

Does your commission's program portfolio include programs that support disaster preparedness and response?

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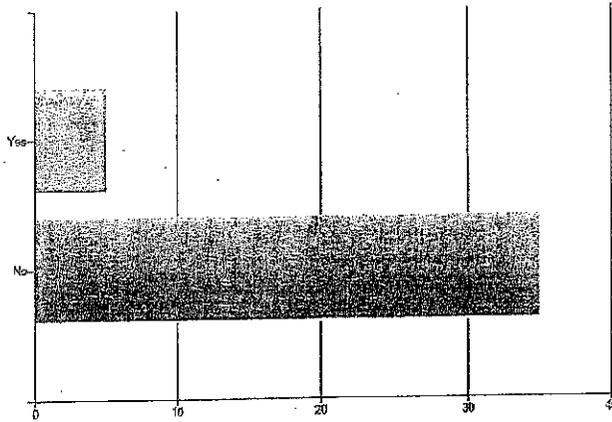
6229 Yes
6228 No

Response	Percent	Count
Yes	67.5%	27
No	32.5%	13

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Skipped question 5

Does your commission receive any funding from your state emergency management agency or office of homeland security?

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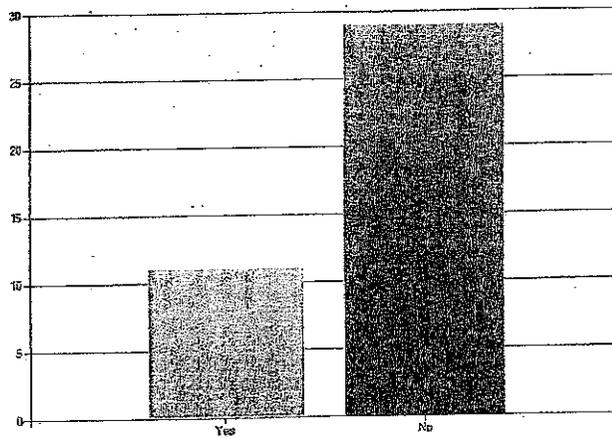


Response	Percent	Count
Yes	12.5%	5
No	87.5%	35

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Is your commission involved with Citizen Corps?

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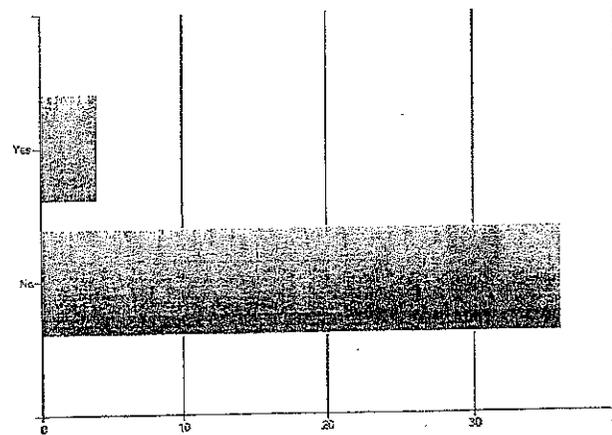


Response	Percent	Count
Yes	27.5%	11
No	72.5%	29

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Skipped question 5

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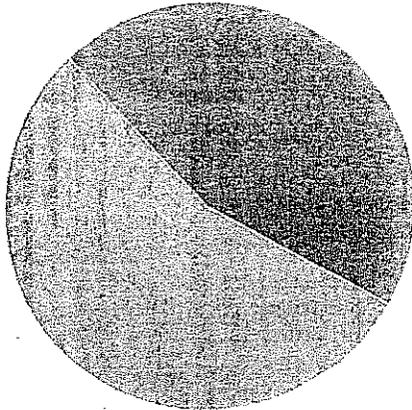


Response	Percent	Count
Yes	10.0%	4
No	90.0%	36

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Do you have a member of your staff tasked with coordinating disaster activities for your commission?

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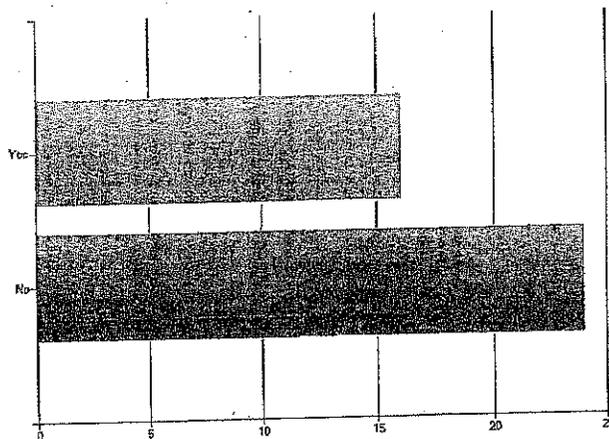


Response	Percent	Count
Yes	55.0%	22
No	45.0%	18

Answered question 40
Skipped question 5

Is your commission written into your state emergency plan?

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Response	Percent	Count
Yes	40.0%	16
No	60.0%	24

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If yes, what are its identified responsibilities?

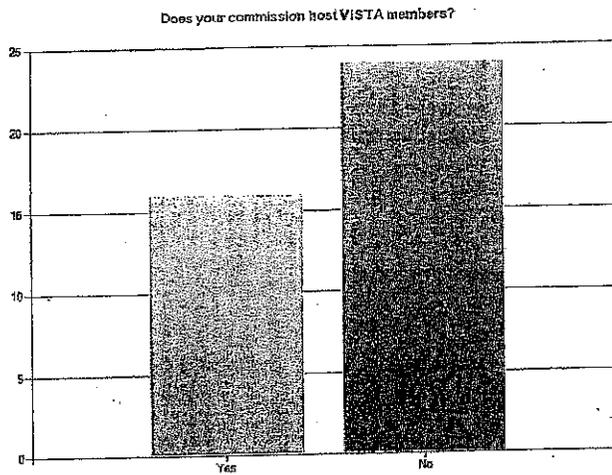
- Statewide volunteer coordination
- Volunteer coordination
- ESF-6 (Secondary); ESF-14 (Primary)
- It's not specific. The state agency where we are located is written into the plan.
- Coordination of emergent volunteer reception centers.
- Volunteer and donations mgt
- Commission is contained within the state agency. We are covered by the agency's plan.
- Management of spontaneous volunteers, member of the Donations and Volunteer Management Team
- Volunteer coordination -- MCCS co-chairs the Donations Management Team with senior emergency management official at MEMA
- Lead for ESF-14: Volunteer and Donation Management
- Participate with volunteer turnout connect national service members to need
- We provide the 2-1-1 Call in for disasters and train AmeriCorps members for deployment.
- Under the umbrella of the Delaware Health and Social Services COOP
- POC for national service programs Unaffiliated Volunteer Portal call center
- Volunteer management and donations management

Commission Staffing

How many FULL-TIME staff (35 hours or more per week) does the Commission employ?
Average: 7.2

How many PART-TIME staff (less than 35 hours per week) does the Commission employ?
Average: 1.4

Does your commission host VISTA members?

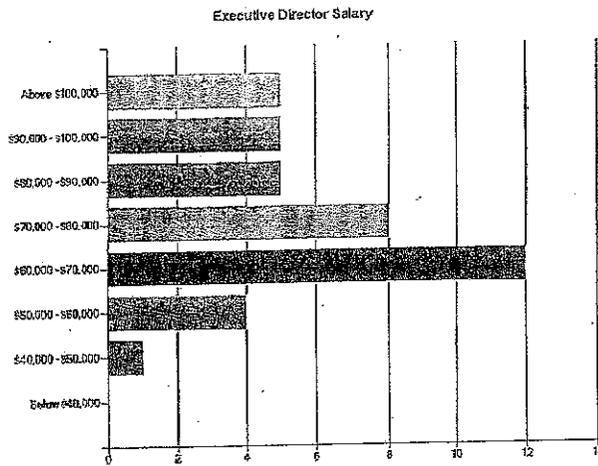


Response	Percent	Count
Yes	40.0%	16
No	60.0%	24

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If yes, how many are currently serving?
Average: 3.43

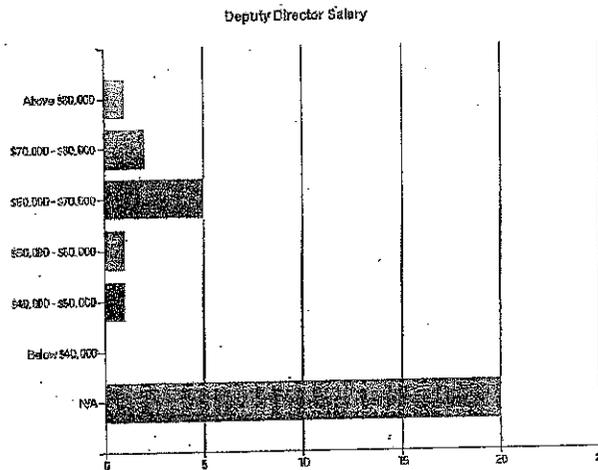
Executive Director Salary



Response	Percent	Count
Above \$100,000	12.5%	5
\$90,000 - \$100,000	12.5%	5
\$80,000 - \$90,000	12.5%	5
\$70,000 - \$80,000	20.0%	8
\$60,000 - \$70,000	30.0%	12
\$50,000 - \$60,000	10.0%	4
\$40,000 - \$50,000	2.5%	1
Below \$40,000	0.0%	0

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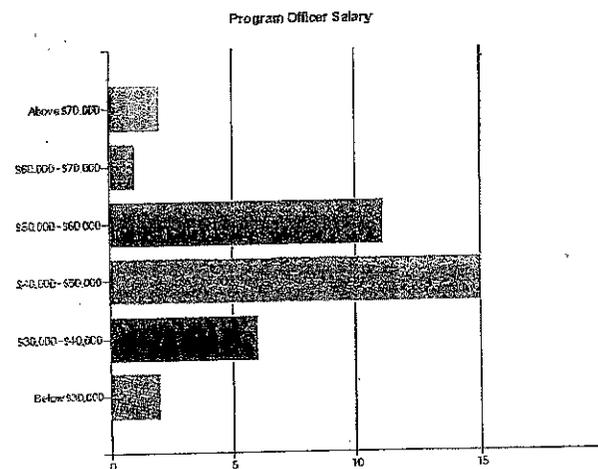
Deputy Director Salary



Response	Percent	Count
Above \$80,000	3.3%	1
\$70,000 - \$80,000	6.7%	2
\$60,000 - \$70,000	16.7%	5
\$50,000 - \$60,000	3.3%	1
\$40,000 - \$50,000	3.3%	1
Below \$40,000	0.0%	0
N/A	66.7%	20

Answered question 30
Skipped question 15

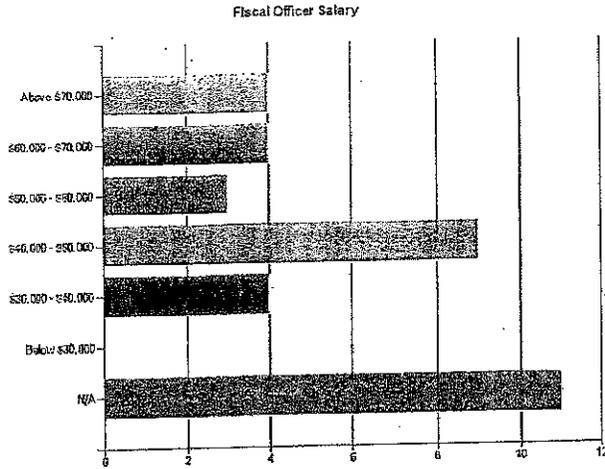
Program Officer Salary



Response	Percent	Count
Above \$70,000	5.4%	2
\$60,000 - \$70,000	2.7%	1
\$50,000 - \$60,000	29.7%	11
\$40,000 - \$50,000	40.5%	15
\$30,000 - \$40,000	16.2%	6
Below \$30,000	5.4%	2

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Skipped question 8

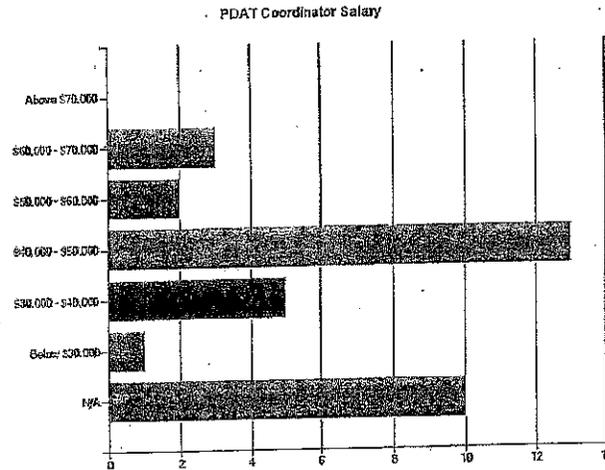
Fiscal Officer Salary



Response	Percent	Count
Above \$70,000	11.4%	4
\$60,000 - \$70,000	11.4%	4
\$50,000 - \$60,000	8.6%	3
\$40,000 - \$50,000	25.7%	9
\$30,000 - \$40,000	11.4%	4
Below \$30,000	0.0%	0
N/A	31.4%	11

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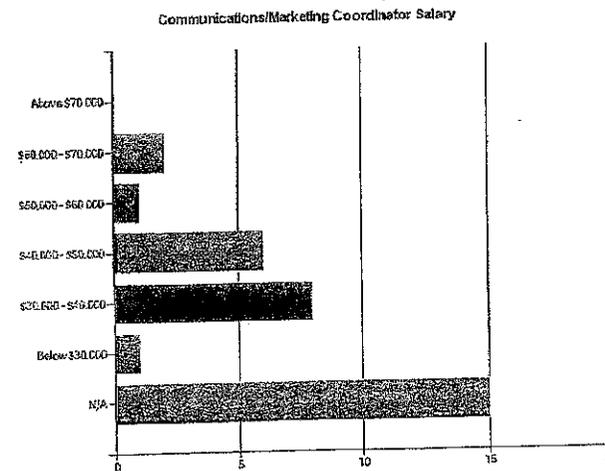
PDAT Coordinator Salary



Response	Percent	Count
Above \$70,000	0.0%	0
\$60,000 - \$70,000	8.8%	3
\$50,000 - \$60,000	5.9%	2
\$40,000 - \$50,000	38.2%	13
\$30,000 - \$40,000	14.7%	5
Below \$30,000	2.9%	1
N/A	29.4%	10

Answered question 34
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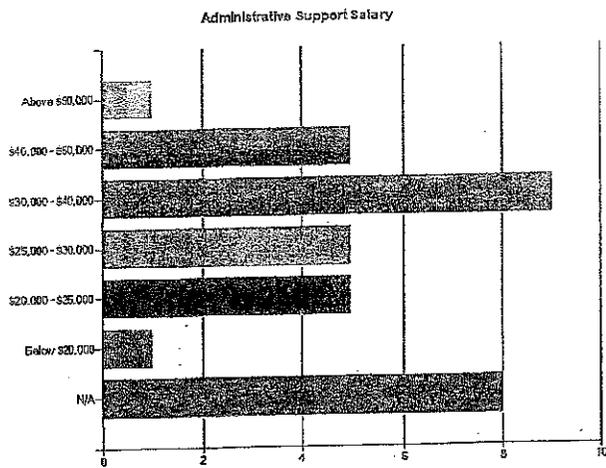
Communications/Marketing Coordinator Salary



Response	Percent	Count
Above \$70,000	0.0%	0
\$60,000 - \$70,000	6.1%	2
\$50,000 - \$60,000	3.0%	1
\$40,000 - \$50,000	18.2%	6
\$30,000 - \$40,000	24.2%	8
Below \$30,000	3.0%	1
N/A	45.5%	15

Answered question 33
Skipped question 12

Administrative Support Salary



Response	Percent	Count
Above \$50,000	2.9%	1
\$40,000 - \$50,000	14.7%	5
\$30,000 - \$40,000	26.5%	9
\$25,000 - \$30,000	14.7%	5
\$20,000 - \$25,000	14.7%	5
Below \$20,000	2.9%	1
N/A	23.5%	8

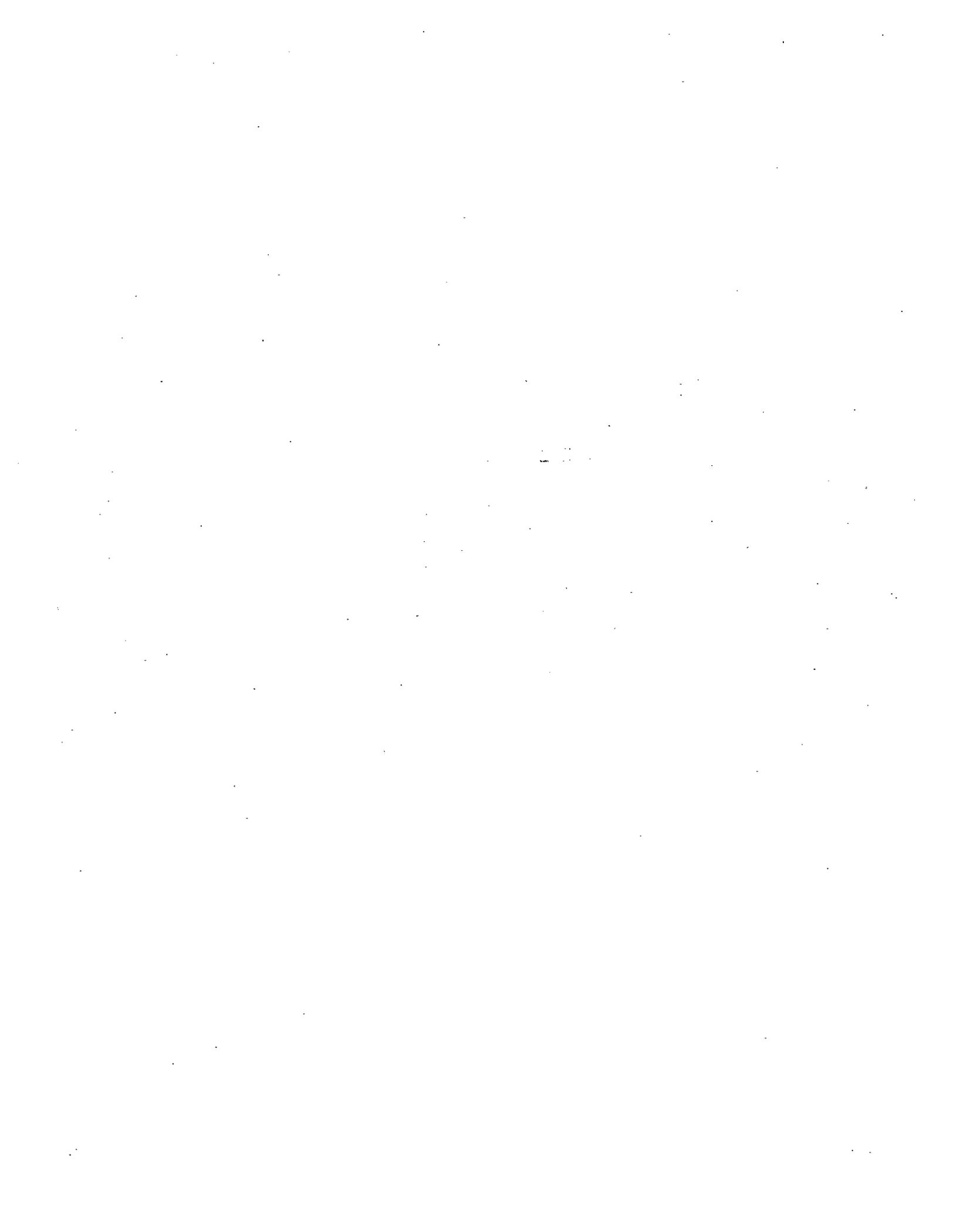
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Abstract: Minnesota Reading Corps: Accelerating PreK-3 Reading Proficiency

ServeMinnesota, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is the eligible applicant and lead partner in *Minnesota Reading Corps: Accelerating PreK-3 Reading Proficiency*, a US Department of Education Investing in Innovation (i3) Validation Grant application. It is requesting \$14.5 million over four years to expand the Minnesota Reading Corp model to 130,000 students in 13 states and districts; to thus improve PreK-3 reading proficiency among high-need students; and to support school- and system-level adoption of the Minnesota Reading Corps assessment and data-informed instructional practices to improve literacy instruction for all students.

The Minnesota Reading Corps is a proven model of delivering assessments aligned to standards, data-informed instruction and on-going monitoring that has significantly improved reading proficiency for Minnesota's high-need students in PreK through 3rd grade. As such, it addresses Absolute Priority 3: Innovations that Complement the Implementation of High Standards and High Quality Assessments. The model is innovative in that it provides Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) with trained AmeriCorps members, master coaches and other public-private resources that help translate standards and information from assessment into effective classroom practices. The proposed expansion of the model to 12 additional states (13 in total) is timely in that the LEA partners are adopting Common Core Standards and need to align their assessment tools and practices with these new standards.

The Minnesota Reading Corps model addresses Competitive Priority 5: Innovations for Improving Early Learning Outcomes by providing a seamless system of literacy acquisition for students from age 3 to grade 3 that is correlated with the standardized testing required by No Child Left Behind. This model introduces assessments and data-informed instruction to Head Start and other pre-school environments that do not currently use these practices. It provides teachers with benchmark assessment data regarding the progress of students deemed unlikely to pass their 3rd grade standardized tests well before the 3rd grade – allowing sufficient time for effective intervention that moves student outcomes toward standards. Further, the Minnesota Reading Corps improves alignment, collaboration and transitions by providing data that allows Kindergarten teachers to plan effective instructional supports for incoming high-need students.

The Minnesota Reading Corps also addresses Competitive Priority 9: To Improve Productivity. It provides trained staff and tools for data entry, analysis and related coaching at no charge to the schools, freeing classroom teachers to focus their time on core instruction. It has been found to reduce special needs referrals by 10% – a significant per-student savings that can be redirected elsewhere in the system. As part of this proposal it also seeks to build a data warehouse to consolidate data collection from three sources to one; reduce double-entry; and facilitate ServeMinnesota's ability to quickly analyze, share and act on data that informs reading instruction, enhances the model and supports replication.

The Minnesota Reading Corps model has been recognized as an effective strategy and incorporated in Minnesota's Race to the Top program; in statewide literacy blueprints for both Colorado and Wisconsin; and in numerous studies including *Building a Grad Nation: Progress and Challenge in Ending the High School Dropout Epidemic (2012)*. ServeMinnesota partners with LEAs and pre-school agencies to deploy AmeriCorps members into classrooms to

implement literacy instruction that is grounded in the proven science of how children age 3 to 3rd grade *best* learn to read. Each month, ServeMinnesota Master Coaches provide AmeriCorps Members, school-designated Internal Coaches and teachers with on-site coaching in using formative assessment data to inform instruction and literacy practice. This ongoing focus on the use of data maximizes the learning benefits to children in three ways: First, members are instructed to identify and deliver targeted research-based interventions to address the specific literacy needs of each student. Second, there is a defined and monitored quality-control mechanism to ensure that the program model and its key components are implemented with fidelity. And third, it advances the system change needed at these sites to adopt the whole school research-based reform aspects of the Minnesota Reading Corps model: Engaging partner sites and their staff in professional development that improves their capacity to fully integrate a data-based problem-solving approach to improving early literacy outcomes.

The project goals and objectives are to expand the model and so to improve reading proficiency among 130,000 high-need students PreK-3 in 13 states. ServeMinnesota seeks to sustain and invest in future innovations in its program by creating a Reading Innovation Center as part of this application. The proposed Reading Innovation Center will use technology to support centralized, on-going Research & Development, field testing and evaluation, training and dissemination, and data collection and analysis. At the end of the four-year grant period, ServeMinnesota expects to have completed an experimental study that examines whether and in what way the Minnesota Reading Corps inspires greater adoption of evidence-based assessment and data strategies in partner schools, and to have established the Reading Innovation Center to share research and data, convene stakeholders, and advance the educational goal of having all children ready by 3rd grade.

Official partners include a consortium of LEAs in Washington, DC, Colorado, Massachusetts, North Dakota and Texas (Cohort 1), and Iowa, Michigan, Louisiana, Ohio, South Carolina, Delaware and Rhode Island (Cohort 2). Expansion in Minnesota will concentrate on bringing the Minnesota Reading Corps to Priority Schools to serve the most at-risk students in the state; official partners here will include the Minnesota State Department of Education a consortium of LEAs Other Partners include the Association for State Commissions, which will provide technical assistance and support; State Service Commissions in each expansion state, which will provide project direction, administration and fund development for the program in each state; the University of Texas at Austin, which will manage the expansion of the program with fidelity in that state; and the Educational Commission of the States, which will assist in dissemination, replication and technical assistance.

ServeMinnesota's unique public-private partnership suggests a sustainable long-term funding model: It leverages US Corporation for National and Community Service AmeriCorps funding for committed, long-term volunteers to serve in classrooms; advocates for permanent state funding (and is currently a line item in the Minnesota Education budget); and attracts significant private support, including \$1.5 million from Target and the United Way in 2011.

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**129th General Assembly
 Regular Session
 2011-2012**

H. B. No. 548

Representative Pillich

Cosponsors: Representatives Foley, Fedor, Antonio, Milkovich, Yuko

A BILL

To amend sections 121.40 and 121.403, to enact sections 121.4011, 121.4012, 121.4013, 121.4014, 121.4015, and 121.4016 of the Revised Code to establish the Ohio Service Corps Intern Program, and to make an appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 121.40 and 121.403 be amended and sections 121.4011, 121.4012, 121.4013, 121.4014, 121.4015, and 121.4016 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 121.40. (A) There is hereby created the Ohio commission on service and volunteerism consisting of twenty-one voting members including the superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee, the chancellor of the Ohio board of regents or the chancellor's designee, the director of youth services or the director's designee, the director of aging or the director's designee, the chairperson of the committee of the house of representatives dealing with education or the chairperson's designee, the chairperson of the committee of the senate dealing with education or the chairperson's designee, and fifteen members who shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate and who shall serve terms of office of three years. The appointees shall include educators, including teachers and administrators; representatives of youth organizations; students and parents; representatives of organizations engaged in volunteer program development and management throughout the state, including youth and conservation programs; and representatives of business, government, nonprofit organizations, social service agencies, veterans organizations, religious organizations, or philanthropies that support or encourage volunteerism within the state. The director of the governor's office of faith-based and community initiatives shall serve as a nonvoting ex officio member of the commission. Members of the commission shall receive no compensation, but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

(B) The commission shall appoint an executive director for the commission, who shall be in the unclassified civil service. The governor shall be informed of the appointment of an executive director before such an appointment is made. The executive director shall supervise the commission's activities and report to the commission on the progress of those activities. The executive director shall do all things necessary for the efficient and effective implementation of the duties of the commission.

The responsibilities assigned to the executive director do not relieve the members of the commission from final responsibility for the proper performance of the requirements of this section.

(C) The commission or its designee shall do all of the following:

(1) Employ, promote, supervise, and remove all employees as needed in connection with the performance of its duties under this section and may assign duties to those employees as necessary to achieve the most efficient performance of its functions, and to that end may establish, change, or abolish positions, and assign and reassign duties and responsibilities of any employee of the commission. Personnel employed by the commission who are subject to Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code shall retain all of their rights and benefits conferred pursuant to that chapter. Nothing in this

chapter shall be construed as eliminating or interfering with Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code or the rights and benefits conferred under that chapter to public employees or to any bargaining unit.

(2) Maintain its office in Columbus, and may hold sessions at any place within the state;

(3) Acquire facilities, equipment, and supplies necessary to house the commission, its employees, and files and records under its control, and to discharge any duty imposed upon it by law. The expense of these acquisitions shall be audited and paid for in the same manner as other state expenses. For that purpose, the commission shall prepare and submit to the office of budget and management a budget for each biennium according to sections 101.532 and 107.03 of the Revised Code. The budget submitted shall cover the costs of the commission and its staff in the discharge of any duty imposed upon the commission by law. The commission shall not delegate any authority to obligate funds.

(4) Pay its own payroll and other operating expenses from line items designated by the general assembly;

(5) Retain its fiduciary responsibility as appointing authority. Any transaction instructions shall be certified by the appointing authority or its designee.

(6) Establish the overall policy and management of the commission in accordance with this chapter;

(7) Assist in coordinating and preparing the state application for funds under sections 101 to 184 of the "National and Community Service Act of 1990," 104 Stat. 3127 (1990), 42 U.S.C.A. 12411 to 12544, as amended, assist in administering and overseeing the "National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993," P.L. 103-82, 107 Stat. 785, and the americorps program in this state, and assist in developing objectives for a comprehensive strategy to encourage and expand community service programs throughout the state;

(8) Assist the state board of education, school districts, the chancellor of the board of regents, and institutions of higher education in coordinating community service education programs through cooperative efforts between institutions and organizations in the public and private sectors;

(9) Assist the departments of natural resources, youth services, aging, and job and family services in coordinating community service programs through cooperative efforts between institutions and organizations in the public and private sectors;

(10) Suggest individuals and organizations that are available to assist school districts, institutions of higher education, and the departments of natural resources, youth services, aging, and job and family services in the establishment of community service programs and assist in investigating sources of funding for implementing these programs;

(11) Assist in evaluating the state's efforts in providing community service programs using standards and methods that are consistent with any statewide objectives for these programs and provide information to the state board of education, school districts, the chancellor of the board of regents, institutions of higher education, and the departments of natural resources, youth services, aging, and job and family services to guide them in making decisions about these programs;

(12) Assist the state board of education in complying with section 3301.70 of the Revised Code and the chancellor of the board of regents in complying with division (B)(2) of section 3333.043 of the Revised Code;

(13) Advise, assist, consult with, and cooperate with, by contract or otherwise, agencies and political subdivisions of this state in establishing a statewide system for volunteers pursuant to section 121.404 of the Revised Code;

(14) Establish and administer the Ohio service corps internship program.

(D) The commission shall in writing enter into an agreement with another state agency to serve as the commission's fiscal agent. Before entering into such an agreement, the commission shall inform the governor of the terms of the agreement and of the state agency designated to serve as the commission's fiscal agent. The fiscal agent shall be responsible for all the commission's fiscal matters and financial transactions, as specified in the agreement. Services to be provided by the fiscal agent include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Preparing and processing payroll and other personnel documents that the commission executes as the appointing authority;

(2) Maintaining ledgers of accounts and reports of account balances, and monitoring budgets and allotment plans in consultation with the commission; and

(3) Performing other routine support services that the fiscal agent considers appropriate to achieve efficiency.

(E)(1) The commission, in conjunction and consultation with the fiscal agent, has the following authority and responsibility relative to fiscal matters:

- (a) Sole authority to draw funds for any and all federal programs in which the commission is authorized to participate;
 - (b) Sole authority to expend funds from their accounts for programs and any other necessary expenses the commission may incur and its subgrantees may incur; and
 - (c) Responsibility to cooperate with and inform the fiscal agent fully of all financial transactions.
- (2) The commission shall follow all state procurement, fiscal, human resources, statutory, and administrative rule requirements.
- (3) The fiscal agent shall determine fees to be charged to the commission, which shall be in proportion to the services performed for the commission.
- (4) The commission shall pay fees owed to the fiscal agent from a general revenue fund of the commission or from any other fund from which the operating expenses of the commission are paid. Any amounts set aside for a fiscal year for the payment of these fees shall be used only for the services performed for the commission by the fiscal agent in that fiscal year.
- (F) The commission may accept and administer grants from any source, public or private, to carry out any of the commission's functions this section establishes.

Sec. 121.403. (A) The Ohio commission on service and volunteerism may do any of the following:

- (1) Accept monetary gifts or donations;
 - (2) Sponsor conferences, meetings, or events in furtherance of the commission's purpose described in section 121.40 of the Revised Code and charge fees for participation or involvement in the conferences, meetings, or events;
 - (3) Sell promotional items in furtherance of the commission's purpose described in section 121.40 of the Revised Code.
- (B) All monetary gifts and donations, funds from the sale of promotional items, contributions received from the issuance of Ohio "volunteer" license plates pursuant to section 4503.93 of the Revised Code, and any fees paid to the commission for conferences, meetings, or events sponsored by the commission shall be deposited into the Ohio commission on service and volunteerism gifts and donations fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury. Moneys in the fund may be used only as follows:
- (1) To pay operating expenses of the commission, including payroll, personal services, maintenance, equipment, and subsidy payments;
 - (2) To support commission programs promoting volunteerism and community service in the state;
 - (3) To support the Ohio service corps internship program;
 - (4) As matching funds for federal grants.

Sec. 121.4011. The Ohio commission on service and volunteerism shall establish and administer an Ohio service corps internship program. The program shall be designed to encourage recent Ohio college graduates to remain in Ohio after graduation, to enable recent Ohio college graduates to gain knowledge and experience in the services provided to Ohio residents by Ohio nonprofit corporations, and to assist recent Ohio college graduates to retire student loan debt. Under the program, the commission shall employ eligible recent Ohio college graduates and place them in nonprofit corporate internships that are participating in the program.

Sec. 121.4012. An individual who meets all of the following qualifications is eligible to be an Ohio service corps intern:

- (A) Is a resident of this state;
- (B) Is eighteen years of age or older; and

(C) Received, within the twelve months preceding the filing of an application for employment, an associate or baccalaureate degree from a state university or college as defined in division (A)(1) of section 3345.12 of the Revised Code, a community college established under Chapter 3354, of the Revised Code, a state community college established under Chapter 3358, of the Revised Code, a university branch established under Chapter 3355, of the Revised Code, or a technical college established under Chapter 3357, of the Revised Code.

Sec. 121.4013. A nonprofit corporation that has a nonprofit corporate internship in this state that meets standards established by rule may apply to the Ohio commission on service and volunteerism to have its nonprofit corporate internship participate in the Ohio service corps internship program. The commission shall review and approve or disapprove the application under standards and according to procedures prescribed by rule.

Sec. 121.4014. An eligible individual may apply to the Ohio commission on service and volunteerism for an Ohio service corps corporate internship. The commission shall review and approve or disapprove the applications under standards and according to procedures prescribed by rule.

Sec. 121.4015. The Ohio commission on service and volunteerism shall place an Ohio service corps intern in a suitable nonprofit corporate internship that is participating in the Ohio service corps internship program. An Ohio service corps intern is not an employee of the nonprofit corporation providing the nonprofit corporate internship in which the intern has been placed.

An Ohio service corps intern is a state employee, and shall be paid directly by warrant of the director of budget and management. An Ohio service corps intern is in the unclassified service. An Ohio service corps intern is entitled to leave, workers compensation, and all other benefits to which state employees are entitled. An Ohio service corps intern is a state employee pending placement in a nonprofit corporate internship and during any interval between placements.

An Ohio service corps intern is entitled to annual compensation of eighteen thousand dollars. The compensation shall be adjusted annually on the first day of January. The adjustment equals the percentage increase in the national consumer price index between the first day of September in the preceding year and the first day of September in the year preceding that year.

An Ohio service corps intern who has an outstanding student loan is entitled, upon completion of each year of service as an intern, to payment of an amount on behalf of the intern to the holder of the loan toward retirement of the loan.

Sec. 121.4016. The Ohio commission on service and volunteerism shall adopt rules under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for the Ohio service corps internship program that provide the following:

(A) Procedures and forms according to which an eligible individual shall apply to the commission for an Ohio service corps internship;

(B) Standards and procedures according to which the commission shall review and approve or deny an application for an Ohio service corps internship;

(C) Procedures and forms according to which a nonprofit corporation shall apply to the commission to have a nonprofit corporate internship participate in the Ohio service corps internship program;

(D) Standards that a nonprofit corporate internship shall meet to fulfill the purposes of the Ohio service corps internship program;

(E) Standards and procedures for reviewing and approving or disapproving applications for participation of a nonprofit corporate internship in the Ohio service corps internship program;

(F) Standards governing the operation of nonprofit corporate internships to ensure they fulfill the purposes of the Ohio service corps internship program, and standards governing and procedures for determining the length of nonprofit corporate internships as they relate to the nonprofit corporate internship and to the purposes of the Ohio service corps internship program;

(G) Standards and procedures ensuring that an Ohio service corps intern is placed in a nonprofit corporate internship that fulfills the purposes of the Ohio service corps internship program as they relate to the intern;

(H) Standards and procedures for terminating the placement and employment of an Ohio service corps intern who is not conscientiously participating in the Ohio service corps internship program;

(I) Standards and procedures for placing an Ohio service corps intern in another, suitable nonprofit corporate internship if a nonprofit corporate internship in which the intern has been placed ends;

(J) Standards and procedures for administration of the student loan repayment component of the Ohio service corps internship program, including standards and procedures for determining and verifying the amount of an Ohio service corps intern's outstanding student loan, for identifying and verifying the holder of the loan, for determining the amount to be paid annually on behalf of an intern to the holder of the loan toward retirement of the loan, and for accounting for amounts that have been paid toward the intern's student loan to the holder of the loan by the commission on the intern's behalf; and

(K) Standards or procedures pertaining to any other subject that is necessary if the Ohio service corps internship program is to achieve its purposes.

The amount of a student loan payment on behalf of an Ohio service corps intern shall not exceed twelve thousand dollars per year. The length of an Ohio service corps internship shall be not less than two nor more than three years. A nonprofit corporate internship participating in the Ohio service corps internship program shall be located in this state.

Section 2. That existing sections 121.40 and 121.403 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

Section 3. All items in this section are hereby appropriated as designated out of any money in the state treasury to the credit of the designated fund. For all appropriations made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 2012 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2013. The appropriations made in this act are in addition to any other appropriations made for the FY 2012-FY 2013 biennium.

Appropriations

CSV COMMISSION ON SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM

General Revenue Fund

GRF 866401 Ohio Service Corps	\$	0	\$	1,000,000
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund	\$	0	\$	1,000,000
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$	0	\$	1,000,000

OHIO SERVICE CORPS

The foregoing appropriation item 866401, Ohio Service Corps, shall be used to administer and implement the Ohio Service Corps Program, which is created under section 121.4011 of the Revised Code.

Section 4. Within the limits set forth in this act, the Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation made in this act, and shall determine the form and manner in which appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from appropriations contained in this act shall be accounted for as though made in the main operating appropriations act of the 129th General Assembly.

The appropriations made in this act are subject to all provisions of the main operating appropriations act of the 129th General Assembly that are generally applicable to such appropriations.

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OHIO COMMISSION ON SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM

***Formula Funding
Summary and
Recommendations***
Ohio AmeriCorps Programs

2012-2013

To: Commissioners of the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism
From: William Hall, Executive Director
Mary Cannon, Program Development and Evaluation Officer
Re: Ohio AmeriCorps Formula Funding Summary and Recommendations for Program
Years 2012-2013
Date: June 14, 2012

We are pleased to share with you the recommendations for the expenditure of the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism Formula allocation for program years 2012-2013. The following pages summarize the funding and review process, applicants and Formula recommendations.

Total Ohio appropriations for program years 2012-2013 from the Corporation for National and Community Service is \$6,650,676. Six Ohio organizations successfully secured \$2,779,306 in Competitive funds. Enclosed is a recommendation for Formula allocations of \$3,851,176 to support 15 programs that will allow, at minimum, 338 individuals the opportunity to serve as AmeriCorps*State members.

Throughout this highly competitive process, we remained concentrated on high quality proposals that have a clear focus with aligned performance measures and are meeting critical needs in communities. Additionally, we have continued our attention on the member service roles to ensure that individuals will have a significantly positive, life-changing experience while having a direct impact on and with service recipients.

Ohio AmeriCorps Program Funding Priorities

Funding priorities have been identified through the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) and will be a focus of the ServeOhio AmeriCorps grant program. The following are the priority areas:

1. Education
2. Economic Opportunity
3. Healthy Futures
4. Veterans and Military Families
5. Environmental Stewardship
6. Disaster Services

CNCS establishes the national priorities for AmeriCorps State & National funding and is responsible for the evolution of these priorities to meet current challenges. It is recognized that these priorities will change depending on the administration and/or current realities facing the country.

Funding Criteria

ServeOhio must maintain flexibility, yet be intentional and strategic about funding programs that meet local and statewide needs and relevant issues within state and national priorities. The following criteria will guide the Ohio AmeriCorps funding process:

1. Programs focusing on measureable outcomes, that can be replicated or brought to scale, and address the difficult and often challenging issues facing Ohioans;

2. Innovative strategies and programs that engage more citizens in national service and volunteerism, providing opportunities to solve real world problems;
3. Program models that leverage private and public resources;
4. Programs that focus on service as a solution and instilling the ethic of service in AmeriCorps members and volunteers.
5. Organizations that have the capacity, commitment, and administrative leadership to effectively develop, implement, and evaluate an AmeriCorps program;
6. Programs that engage citizens where they live and gather so as to reduce the participation barriers of time and transportation; and
7. The allocation of all Formula funds and maximizing opportunities to be successful in the national Competitive funding process.

The ServeOhio Planning and Development Committee will review the current portfolio, performance measures being addressed, and identify potential gaps where opportunities could be further explored and cultivated with organizations.

Application Review Process

The Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism (ServeOhio) received New, Re-compete and Continuation applications for Operational funds and new applications for Planning grant funds. The review process is generally the same for all Competitive and Formula applications, with exceptions noted below. Questions about the ServeOhio grant review process should be directed to Mary Cannon, Program Development and Evaluation Office (PDEO) at 614-728-5177 or mary.cannon@serveohio.gov.

1. Applicant submits a complete proposal, including budget and budget narrative by the stated deadline, following directions for the appropriate grant (New, Re-compete, Continuation; Planning).
2. All applications are reviewed by the PDEO to ensure that they have met the minimum qualifications to move to the next stage in the process. Four primary areas are reviewed: (1) the application was submitted by the stated deadline; (2) directions were followed for the appropriate grant and all narrative sections, budget and budget narrative are complete; (3) a minimum of 20 MSY's are proposed for Operational grants; and (4) the budget does not exceed the maximum cost per MSY of \$13,300.00.
3. New and Re-competing Operational grants are grouped by focus/priority areas and assigned to a panel of peer reviewers. A panel generally consists of two to three individuals with expertise, experience, and/or knowledge in the field of the proposed focus/priority area. Planning grants are grouped and reviewed together.
4. All grant applications (Continuation, New, Re-competing and Planning) are reviewed by staff of ServeOhio, including (at minimum) the Program Development and Evaluation Officer, a Compliance Officer and Grants Officer.
5. Peer reviewers convene on a conference call at a designated time to discuss each application, in detail. The call is facilitated by a ServeOhio staff member (staff have submitted their feedback prior to the calls). Discussion is summarized and is included with individual peer review feedback for each grant applicant.

6. ServeOhio staff convenes to discuss each application and provide strengths and weaknesses.
7. A Clarification Period occurs allowing for additional/clarifying information, if requested. A request for clarification does not guarantee an application will or will not be approved for funding.
8. Based upon all information collected, strengths and weaknesses are identified, applications are ranked and a presentation is made to the Commissioners of the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism at their public meeting. The Commission members have the opportunity to discuss each application and vote to approve or not approve the recommendations presented.
9. Important considerations: (a) scores on applications are one factor in the overall decision-making process, not the determining factor; (b) comments and written feedback, beyond the score, carry significant weight in the process; (c) compliance with regulations and policies by current grantees does not automatically mean continued funding; and (d) clarification requests, if applicable, are made of applicants before final submission to the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS).

The following organizations were funded through the National Competitive process; all programs remain in the Ohio portfolio and are administered through the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism. These programs were approved to be forwarded to the national competition at the January 2012 Commission meeting.

AMVETS Career Center (\$259,979.00; 25 members; 20 MSY) – Veterans/Military Families

The AMVETS Career Center AmeriCorps program engages AmeriCorps members and volunteers to translate their technical skills and leadership abilities to gain employment; educate employers about the benefits of hiring veterans; and assisting veterans with career assessments, training opportunities, and developing tools such as resumes, cover letters, job search techniques, and interviewing skills.

Children's Hunger Alliance (\$272,735.00; 30 members; 21.12 MSY) – Healthy Futures

The Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities (HKHC) AmeriCorps program addresses the needs of at-risk children in Ohio to improve their nutritional intake, decrease food insecurity, reduce obesity rates and increase health related education. Members teach nutrition education and physical activity programming to children attending afterschool programming in Akron, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus and Dayton.

City Year, Inc. - Cleveland (\$625,000.00; 50 members; 50 MSY) - Education

City Year Cleveland is a full-time, team-based AmeriCorps program serving 1,200 students in five public schools in Cleveland through in- and out-of-school programs. The 50 members, ages 17-24, provide targeted and school-wide interventions in literacy, math, attendance, and behavior to students identified as at-risk to drop out. 200 below-grade level students will be enrolled in our targeted Academic Program and 50% of those who complete will demonstrate improvement in their academic performance.

City Year, Inc. - Columbus (\$468,000.00; 36 members; 36 MSY) – Education

City Year is a full-time, team-based AmeriCorps program serving low-income children in public schools in neighborhoods in Franklin County, Ohio. Our AmeriCorps members, ages 17-24, provide targeted and school-wide interventions in literacy, math, attendance and behavior to students in grades

3-9 who are identified as at risk to drop out. Below-grade level students will be enrolled in our targeted Academic Program and those who complete tutoring will show significant academic improvement.

Ohio Association of Second Harvest Food Banks (\$373,766.00; 30 members; 30 MSY) – Economic Opportunity

HarvestCorps members fight "food insecurity" – hunger – by connecting Ohioans in need to critical support programs such as SNAP (Food Stamps) and the EITC, as well as increasing capacity at Ohio's Foodbanks to serve the ever-growing numbers of those in need.

Ohio College Access Network (\$779,826.00; 60 members; 60 MSY) – Education

The Ohio College Access Network (OCAN) is comprised of local college access organizations operating in nearly every area of Ohio. The goal of the network is to position local organizations through funding, advocacy and support to provide economic opportunity through college completion for Ohio students. OCAN proposes to boost local member organizations' ability through AmeriCorps members serving as college access advisors to low-income, minority, and first-generation college students in Ohio.

**Programs Not Selected By CNCS for Competitive Funding
Requests Totaled \$730,415.00**

The Ohio State University (\$197,707.00; 90 members; 19.26 MSY) - Education

OSU Kid Corps is designed to help at risk preschoolers enter school prepared to succeed. The program focuses specifically on enhancing preschoolers' cognitive development for pre-literacy competence and on providing experiences that foster the positive interactions with other children that are needed for the development of pro-social skills and the ability to control one's own behavior. The program is also designed to support families' involvement in their children's educational experiences.

Teach for America Ohio (\$152,000.00; 80 members; 80 MSY) – Education

Teach For America-Ohio provides a critical source of well-trained teachers who are helping break the local cycle of educational inequity. AmeriCorps members teach for two years in low-income schools in Northeast and Southwest Ohio, going above and beyond traditional expectations to help their students achieve at high levels. At the end of the 2012-13 school year, these AmeriCorps members will have significantly improved educational outcomes for over 3,000 students and set in motion their own individual careers that will have a long-term impact on expanding educational opportunity for low income students.

United Way of Greater Toledo (\$380,708.00; 46 members; 30 MSY) – Education

United Way AmeriCorps is a collaborative effort to assist the critical problem of children at risk of not graduating. Members will serve as Graduation Coaches and Volunteer Mobilizers in resolving barriers to graduation by directly supporting the students and their network in the implementation of individualized graduation plans, participation on the Graduation Action Team, and the recruitment of volunteers for opportunities directly related to education mobilization goals.

Applicant Summaries for the 2012-2013 Ohio AmeriCorps Formula Funding
(* Denotes an Applicant Recommended for Formula Funding)

Formula Snapshot

Total Applications Received - 28

- 10 Continuation
- 6 Planning
- 12 Operational; included 4 Re-competes and 1 Fixed-amount

Total Formula Requests

- \$5,561,935
- 407.63 MSY

Proposals Peer and/or Staff Reviewed

- 6 Planning
- 10 Operational (included all Re-competes and Fixed-amount)
- Continuation requests were only staff reviewed
- 18 Peer Reviewers served on 7 teams

Planning Grant Applicants

Crawford County Education-Economic Development Partnership - \$49,926

This planning grant will be utilized to develop an AmeriCorps program, which will engage AmeriCorps members to actuate a county-wide, neighborhood-based Volunteer Program as a key component of the Crawford: 20/20 Vision in the two Cities and five Villages of Crawford County, Ohio.

Dress for Success Warren-Youngstown - \$49,971

The mission of Dress for Success Warren-Youngstown is to promote low-income women's economic and social status through career development, job retention, and the promotion of self-sufficiency.

Franklinton Gardens - \$52,607

This planning grant will be utilized to plan an AmeriCorps program which will engage AmeriCorps members with urban farming in the neighborhood of Franklinton, in Columbus, Ohio. Members will work in a service oriented role to increase healthy food access in Franklinton, which is an impoverished food desert, by working to expand the capacity of Franklinton Gardens, a pre-existing non-profit urban farm.

Nehemiah Youth Leadership Council - \$51,513

Nehemiah Youth Leadership Council will use the planning grant to plan, develop, and prepare for the service implementation of evidence based youth development activities. These activities will reduce academic and economic barriers faced by Lorain County youths.

Trumbull County's Own Diamonds in the Rough - \$50,000

The mission of Trumbull County's Own Diamonds In The Rough is to promote and inspire pro-social friendships, strong interpersonal skills, and instill a sense of hope in the future for female youth and women in the Trumbull County area.

Unified Health Solutions - \$52,500

The UHS' Corps Solutions of Dayton (CSD) AmeriCorps Program will engage members by addressing unmet community health needs: access to health care, preventive health care, health literacy, healthy lifestyles and reducing childhood obesity. At-risk low health status minority youth and adults in the economically depressed Dayton area will be the primary focus.

New Operational Applicants

Mercy Health Partners - \$295,080

AmeriCorps Serving Northwest Ohio (ASNO) will utilize members in the focus area of Healthy Futures in Toledo, Ohio to provide health education and care coordination to low-income families focusing on the importance of well care for adults as well as immunizations for children ages 0-18.

***Ohio Association of Community Colleges (\$287,842; 22 members; 22 MSY) – Education**

Twenty-two AmeriCorps members will provide hands-on guidance and assistance to 2,200 first-time community college students on ten campuses in Ohio. At the end of the three-year project period, it is expected that those served will demonstrate higher credit hour accumulation, higher persistence rates, and higher college completion rates compared to those not provided intensive college completion coaching.

Ohio Campus Compact - \$399,000

Ohio Campus Compact AmeriCorps members will work with college campuses across Ohio to generate new community volunteers by engaging students, faculty, and staff in community service and service-learning while also developing new campus-community partnerships.

***Ohio Reading Corps Initiative – (\$532,000.00; 40 members; 40 MSY) - Education**

Develop a statewide Ohio Reading Corps in partnership with the Ohio Department of Education to provide prevention and intervention literacy services to students age 3 to grade 3 for school readiness and improved academic performance.

***Ohio State University Extension (\$266,000; 20 members; 20 MSY) – Economic Opportunity**

Ohio is one of the "hardest hit" states in the country for mortgage delinquencies and foreclosures, indicating the large number of homeowners at risk of losing their home. While foreclosure is a problem statewide, the fastest growth in foreclosure rates is found in Ohio's rural areas. Our objective for this grant application is to provide housing counseling designed to improve the long-term security of economically vulnerable homeowners and new homebuyers in rural Ohio.

***Richland County Job and Family Services (\$133,000.00; 10 members; 10 MSY) - Education**

AmeriCorps members will leverage volunteers to provide early education and Pre-K support in the form of implementing literacy interventions to economically disadvantaged students and children in the Richland County community.

Teach for America-Ohio - \$152,000.00

Teach For America-Ohio provides a critical source of well-trained teachers who are helping break the local cycle of educational inequity. AmeriCorps members teach for two years in low-income schools in Northeast and Southwest Ohio, going above and beyond traditional expectations to help their students achieve at high levels. At the end of the 2012-13 school year, these AmeriCorps members will have significantly improved educational outcomes for over 3,000 students.

Re-Compete Applicants

Family and Community Services of Portage County - \$155,119

POWERcorps is an AmeriCorps program of Family & Community Services. POWERcorps provides recreational, social and leisure activities to teens and adults with Developmental Disabilities in Portage County, Ohio.

National Church Residences - \$169,000

AmeriCorps Members will engage economically disadvantaged youth and adults in job readiness and out-of-school time programming in eight communities in Columbus, Ohio. The Program will leverage volunteers in service to support job readiness training, youth programming, and community service projects.

***Ohio University (\$260,000.00; 20 members; 20 MSY) – Healthy Futures**

The ComCorps program's AmeriCorps members and volunteers implement activities that promote health, prevent disease and improve access to medical care. ComCorps along with site partners address unmet health needs, specifically to increase access to evidence-based nutrition education, increase access to healthy fresh food, and increase access to preventative and primary health care services and programs with an end outcome to reduce or maintain BMIs in school-aged children, and protect children from childhood illness and reduce barriers to learning.

***Urban Appalachian Council (\$211,600.00; 22 members; 20 MSY) – Education and Healthy Futures**

For the Urban Appalachian Council's Project ACE (AmeriCorps Community Education), twenty-two AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 400 volunteers to provide adult education tutoring and school-based health education and service sites around Cincinnati, Ohio. At the end of the twelve month period, 150 people will have received a GED, along with life skills and job readiness training, and 600 students will have received health education and services.

Continuation Applicants

***American Red Cross of Greater Columbus (\$250,250.00; 20 members; 20 MSY) – Disaster**

Preparedness

The American Red Cross (ARC), a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement, will provide relief to victims of disasters and help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies in Central Ohio. AmeriCorps members deliver educational programs, recruit and engage volunteers, and raise awareness of proper emergency response strategies.

***Big Brothers Big Sisters Association of Central Ohio (\$266,000.00; 20 members; 20 MSY) -**

Education

Project Mentor is an initiative of Columbus City Schools (CCS) and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio to provide thousands of at-risk CCS students with valuable mentoring relationships. The goal of Project Mentor is that through strong mentoring relationships students demonstrate improvement in developmental assets and life skills that lead to better academic performance and greater success in life; specifically, at least 70% of youth participants will report improvements in at least one of six outcome areas (academic performance, attitudes towards risk, educational expectations, parental trust, scholastic efficacy and social acceptance).

Columbus Housing Partnership, Inc. - \$207,318

Housing is a platform for academic achievement and family wellbeing. CHP's AmeriCorps Program provides direct support to residents at CHP's Community Learning Centers. Members are responsible for the facilitation of Out of School Time Programming (OSTP) to 125 children and interaction with residents.

Council on Rural Service Programs - \$266,000

Council on Rural Services and AmeriCorps Members will prepare vulnerable youth and young adults to successfully join the workforce and maintain economic self-sufficiency. AmeriCorps for Entrepreneurial Success, through utilization of Junior Achievement and career and post-secondary education exploration, will equip participants to create and operate social enterprises.

***Literacy Cooperative (\$257,074.00; 22 members; 20 MSY) – Education**

NEO Literacy Corps helps bridge literacy service delivery gaps by placing AmeriCorps members at nonprofits in Cuyahoga County that provide a broad range of literacy services. Members serve in direct service and volunteer coordinator capacities, enabling host organizations to expand their reach by offering new programs and serving more clients.

***Montgomery County Educational Service Center (\$259,992.00; 20 members; 20 MSY) – Education**

The Mentoring Collaborative of Montgomery County (MCMC) with the oversight of the Montgomery County Educational Service Center (MCESC) will design and implement a program, that will address the AmeriCorps priorities of helping children and youth achieve success in school and prevent them from dropping out before high school graduation. The objective of the new initiative will be to increase the number of at risk youth (mentees) receiving mentoring services in Montgomery County.

***Ohio Historical Society (\$259,343; 20 members; 20 MSY) – Economic Opportunity**

The Ohio Historical Society and its statewide partners developed the Ohio History Service Corps to promote sustainable community development and job creation. Ohio History Service Corps consists of the Local History Corps: to initiate educational programming & regional special events; and the Historic Preservation Corps: to inventory historic buildings, support community revitalization and assist local preservation initiatives.

***Partnerships Make a Difference, Inc. (\$107,787.00; 25 members; 8.13 MSY) – Education**

"Growing Together" is designed to support K-12 school improvement/reform, enhance student success, increase the number of civically engaged youth, and address critical local and global issues and needs. This will be accomplished through the expansion of service-learning, a highly effective instructional strategy that connects community service with the school curriculum.

***Rural Action, Inc. (\$167,552.00; 14 members; 14 MSY) – Environmental Stewardship**

Rural Action seeks to build on a successful two year AmeriCorps program in Appalachian Ohio's acid-mine damaged waterways and their communities called the Ohio Stream RestoreCorps. AmeriCorps members will focus on four persistent issues in watersheds -- dead streams, a trash filled environment, lack of access, and long term stewardship by residents. AmeriCorps members can energize residents who have lost hope and make resource restoration a bigger part of the region's renewal.

***United Way of Greater Toledo (\$389,067.00; 41 members; 30 MSY) – Education**

United Way AmeriCorps is a collaborative effort to assist the critical problem of children at risk of not graduating. Members will serve as Graduation Coaches and Volunteer Mobilizers in resolving barriers to graduation by directly supporting the students and their network in the implementation of

individualized graduation plans, participation on the Graduation Action Team, and the recruitment of volunteers for opportunities directly related to education mobilization goals.

***YWCA of Columbus** (\$203,669.00; 22 members; 16.5 MSY) – Opportunity

YWCA Columbus is dedicated to eliminating racism and empowering women. Our AmeriCorps Program addresses two critical problems that our community faces: a 30% increase in demand for the emergency shelter of homeless families, 70% of which are African-American, and an elevated need for anti-racism/anti-bullying programs to combat these often co-occurring incidents. AmeriCorps members will serve YWCA Family Center Youth Programs, Aftercare, Volunteer Support, and Race Against Racism areas.