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To amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to expand and improve opportunities for service, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. CLINTON, _____) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to expand and improve opportunities for service, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Serve America Act”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Subtitle A—Service-Learning

- Sec. 111. Youth engagement zones to strengthen communities.
- Sec. 112. Campus of Service.
- Sec. 113. Service-learning impact study.

Subtitle B—Supporting Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship

- Sec. 121. Innovation and entrepreneurship.

Subtitle C—ServeAmerica Corps

- Sec. 131. Corps.

Subtitle D—Civic Health Index

- Sec. 141. Index.

Subtitle E—ServeAmerica and Encore Fellowships

- Sec. 151. ServeAmerica and Encore Fellowships.

Subtitle F—Volunteer Generation Fund; National Service Reserve Corps; Call to Service Campaign

- Sec. 161. Statement of purposes.
- Sec. 162. Establishment of Volunteer Generation Fund.
- Sec. 163. National Service Reserve Corps.
- Sec. 164. Call To Service campaign.

Subtitle G—Conforming Amendments

- Sec. 171. Conforming amendments.

TITLE II—VOLUNTEERS FOR PROSPERITY PROGRAM

- Sec. 201. Findings.
- Sec. 202. Definitions.
- Sec. 203. Office of Volunteers for Prosperity.
- Sec. 204. Authorization of appropriations.

1 **TITLE I—NATIONAL SERVICE**

2 **Subtitle A—Service-Learning**

3 **SEC. 111. YOUTH ENGAGEMENT ZONES TO STRENGTHEN**
4 **COMMUNITIES.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

6 (1) Engaging in service-learning and commu-
7 nity service activities at a young age makes individ-

1 uals more likely to continue to volunteer and engage
2 in service throughout their lives.

3 (2) High-quality service-learning programs keep
4 students engaged in school and increase the likeli-
5 hood that they will graduate.

6 (3) Since its creation, the Learn and Serve
7 America program has allowed over 15,000,000 stu-
8 dents to take part in service-learning activities to
9 improve their communities and schools.

10 (4) Most schools do not offer service-learning
11 activities, but many students, particularly students
12 at risk of dropping out, express an interest in serv-
13 ice-learning.

14 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

15 (1) to provide increased high-quality service-
16 learning opportunities for in-school and out-of-school
17 youth in high-need, low-income communities as a
18 strategy to retain and re-engage youth likely to drop
19 out and youth who have dropped out;

20 (2) to encourage more individuals to engage in
21 lifetimes of service by teaching young people the
22 value of service early in their lives; and

23 (3) to establish youth engagement zones with
24 the goal of involving all secondary school students
25 served by a local educational agency in service-learn-

1 ing to solve a specific community challenge, through
2 a program that can serve as a model for other com-
3 munities.

4 (c) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—Part I of subtitle B of
5 title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990
6 (42 U.S.C. 12521 et seq.) is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subparts B and C as sub-
8 parts C and D, respectively;

9 (2) by redesignating sections 115, 115A, 116,
10 116A, and 116B as sections 114A through 114E,
11 respectively; and

12 (3) by inserting after subpart A the following:

13 **“Subpart B—Youth Engagement Zones to Strengthen**
14 **Communities**

15 **“SEC. 115. GRANT PROGRAM.**

16 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 “(1) COLLEGE-GOING RATE.—The term ‘col-
18 lege-going rate’ means the percentage of high school
19 graduates who enroll in an institution of higher edu-
20 cation in the school year immediately following grad-
21 uation from high school.

22 “(2) GRADUATION RATE.—The term ‘grada-
23 tion rate’ means the graduation rate for public sec-
24 ondary school students, as defined in section
25 1111(b)(2)(C)(vi) of the Elementary and Secondary

1 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
2 6311(b)(2)(C)(vi)).

3 “(3) LOW-INCOME STUDENT.—The term ‘low-
4 income student’ means a student who is eligible to
5 be counted under one of the measures of poverty de-
6 scribed in section 1113(a)(5) of the Elementary and
7 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
8 6313(a)(5)).

9 “(4) OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH.—The term ‘out-
10 of-school youth’ means youth of an appropriate age
11 to attend secondary school who are not currently en-
12 rolled in secondary schools.

13 “(5) YOUTH ENGAGEMENT ZONE.—The term
14 ‘youth engagement zone’ means the area in which a
15 youth engagement zone program is carried out.

16 “(6) YOUTH ENGAGEMENT ZONE PROGRAM.—
17 The term ‘youth engagement zone program’ means
18 a service-learning program in which members of a
19 partnership described in subsection (c) collaborate to
20 provide coordinated school-based or community-
21 based service-learning opportunities, to address a
22 specific community challenge, for secondary school
23 students served by the local educational agency in-
24 volved as described in subsection (d)(2)(B), and for

1 an increasing percentage of out-of-school youth, over
2 5 years.

3 “(b) GENERAL AUTHORITY AND AVAILABILITY OF
4 FUNDS.—

5 “(1) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—Subject to para-
6 graph (3), the Corporation may make grants, on a
7 competitive basis, to eligible partnerships to enable
8 the partnerships to establish and carry out, in youth
9 engagement zones, youth engagement zone programs
10 with secondary school students and with out-of-
11 school youth, in order to carry out projects to im-
12 prove communities involving—

13 “(A) improving student engagement, in-
14 cluding student attendance and student behav-
15 ior, and student academic achievement, gradua-
16 tion rates, and college-going rates, at secondary
17 schools with high concentrations of low-income
18 students;

19 “(B) maintaining and improving local
20 parks, trails, and rivers, assisting in the devel-
21 opment of local recycling programs, or imple-
22 menting initiatives to improve local energy ef-
23 fectively;

24 “(C) improving civic engagement and par-
25 ticipation among individuals of all ages; or

1 “(D) carrying out another activity that fo-
2 cuses on solving a community challenge faced
3 by the community that the eligible partnership
4 involved will serve.

5 “(2) GRANT PERIODS.—The Corporation shall
6 make the grants for periods of 5 years.

7 “(3) GRANT AMOUNTS.—The Corporation shall
8 make such a grant to a partnership in an amount
9 of not less than \$250,000 and not more than
10 \$1,000,000, based on the number of students served
11 by the local educational agency in the partnership.

12 “(c) ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIPS.—To be eligible to re-
13 ceive a grant under this section, a partnership—

14 “(1) shall include—

15 “(A) a community-based agency that has a
16 demonstrated record of success in carrying out
17 service-learning programs with low-income stu-
18 dents, and that meets such criteria as the Chief
19 Executive Officer may establish; and

20 “(B)(i) a local educational agency for
21 which—

22 “(I) a high number or percentage of
23 the students served by the agency, as de-
24 termined by the Corporation, are low-in-
25 come students; and

1 “(II) the graduation rate for the sec-
2 ondary school students served by the agen-
3 cy is less than 70 percent; or

4 “(ii)(I) a State Commission or State edu-
5 cational agency; and

6 “(II) more than 1 local educational agency
7 described in clause (i); and

8 “(2) may include—

9 “(A) a local government agency that is not
10 described in paragraph (1);

11 “(B) the office of the chief executive offi-
12 cer of a unit of general local government; or

13 “(C) an institution of higher education.

14 “(d) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant
15 under this section, a partnership shall submit an applica-
16 tion to the Corporation at such time, in such manner, and
17 containing such information as the Corporation may re-
18 quire, which shall include—

19 “(1) a description of the project to improve the
20 community that the partnership is proposing to
21 carry out, including—

22 “(A) the community challenge the partner-
23 ship seeks to address, and relevant data about
24 the challenge in such community; or

1 “(B) a description of the process the part-
2 nership will use, as part of the youth engage-
3 ment zone program, to identify the community
4 challenge the partnership will seek to address,
5 including how the partnership will use relevant
6 data to identify such challenge;

7 “(2) a description of how the partnership will
8 work with secondary schools served by the local edu-
9 cational agency that is included in such partnership
10 in carrying out the project to assure that—

11 “(A) by the end of the third year of the
12 grant period, a majority of the students in the
13 secondary schools served by the local edu-
14 cational agency will have participated in service-
15 learning activities as part of the project; and

16 “(B) by the end of the fifth year of the
17 grant period—

18 “(i) not less than 90 percent of the
19 students in those schools will have partici-
20 pated in service-learning activities as part
21 of the project; or

22 “(ii) service-learning will be a manda-
23 tory part of the curriculum in all of the
24 secondary schools served by the local edu-
25 cational agency;

1 “(3) a description of the amount of time for
2 which the partnership will seek to have participating
3 individuals participate in service-learning activities
4 as part of the project, and how that time will be
5 structured;

6 “(4) a description of the partnership’s plan to
7 provide high-quality, ongoing service-learning profes-
8 sional development and assistance to educators con-
9 ducting service-learning activities through the youth
10 engagement zone program;

11 “(5) a description of how the partnership will
12 work to—

13 “(A) ensure that out-of-school youth in the
14 community are included as participants in serv-
15 ice-learning activities carried out through the
16 project; and

17 “(B) re-engage out-of-school youth;

18 “(6) a description of how the partnership will
19 work, through the project, to improve student en-
20 gagement, including student attendance and student
21 behavior, and student achievement, graduation rates,
22 and college-going rates, at schools served by the
23 local educational agency that is included in the eligi-
24 ble partnership;

1 “(7) a description of how the partnership will
2 encourage participants to continue to engage in serv-
3 ice after graduation from secondary school; and

4 “(8) a description of how youth in the commu-
5 nity were involved in the development of the pro-
6 posal for the project.

7 “(e) PRIORITY AND GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—

8 “(1) PRIORITY.—In making grants under this
9 section, the Corporation shall give priority to eligible
10 partnerships that serve high percentages or numbers
11 of low-income students.

12 “(2) CONSIDERATION.—In making grants
13 under this section, the Corporation shall take into
14 consideration the relevant data about the challenges
15 in communities that eligible partnerships include in
16 their applications, if the relevant partnerships sub-
17 mit such relevant data under subsection (d)(1)(A).

18 “(3) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—The Corpora-
19 tion shall make the grants to a geographically di-
20 verse set of eligible partnerships, including partner-
21 ships that serve urban, and partnerships that serve
22 rural, communities.

23 “(f) USE OF FUNDS.—

24 “(1) MANDATORY ACTIVITIES.—A partnership
25 that receives a grant under this section shall use the

1 funds made available through the grant to establish
2 and carry out a high-quality youth engagement zone
3 program designed to—

4 “(A) solve specific community challenges;

5 “(B) improve student engagement, includ-
6 ing student attendance and student behavior,
7 and student achievement, graduation rates, and
8 college-going rates in secondary schools;

9 “(C) involve an increasing percentage of
10 secondary school students and out-of-school
11 youth in the community in school-based or com-
12 munity-based service-learning activities each
13 year, with the goal of involving all students in
14 secondary schools served by the local edu-
15 cational agency and involving an increasing per-
16 centage of the out-of-school youth in service-
17 learning activities over the course of 5 years;
18 and

19 “(D) encourage participants to continue to
20 engage in service throughout their lives.

21 “(2) PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES.—A partnership
22 that receives a grant under this section may use the
23 funds made available through the grant for activities
24 described in section 111.

1 “(g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Any requirement of
2 this subpart that applies to a local educational agency in
3 a partnership shall be considered to apply to each local
4 educational agency in the partnership.”.

5 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS AND RES-
6 ERVATIONS.—Section 501(a)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
7 12681(a)(1)) is amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “title I”
9 and inserting “title I (other than subpart B of part
10 I)”;

11 (2) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking “sub-
12 part B” and inserting “subpart C”; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(C) SUBPART B OF PART I.—There is au-
15 thorized to be appropriated to carry out subpart
16 B of part I of subtitle B of title I—

17 “(i) \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2009;

18 “(ii) \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2010;

19 “(iii) \$30,000,000 for fiscal year
20 2011;

21 “(iv) \$40,000,000 for fiscal year
22 2012; and

23 “(v) \$40,000,000 for fiscal year
24 2013.”.

1 **SEC. 112. CAMPUS OF SERVICE.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Providing service-learning courses to indi-
4 viduals who are students in institutions of higher
5 education can make such individuals more likely to
6 engage in service throughout their lives, and better
7 prepared to take on public service careers in the
8 nonprofit sector or government.

9 (2) While many institutions of higher education,
10 in using work-study funds for community service
11 under part C of title IV of the Higher Education
12 Act of 1965, considerably exceed the percentage of
13 such funds required to be used for such service, na-
14 tionally the amount of such funds used for such
15 service has remained relatively constant for the past
16 few years.

17 (3) The public service sector, including non-
18 profit organizations and government, faces many
19 human capital challenges, and institutions of higher
20 education can be a part of efforts to address the
21 challenges.

22 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

23 (1) to identify and recognize institutions of
24 higher education that serve as model Campuses of
25 Service, in terms of engaging students in community
26 service activities, providing service-learning courses,

1 and encouraging or assisting graduates to pursue ca-
2 reers in public service in the nonprofit sector or gov-
3 ernment; and

4 (2) to allow such institutions to increase their
5 ability to encourage or assist more students to pur-
6 sue careers in public service, including public service
7 careers in the nonprofit sector or government.

8 (c) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—Subtitle B of title I of
9 the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42
10 U.S.C. 12521 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
11 the following:

12 **“PART III—CAMPUS OF SERVICE PROGRAM**

13 **“SEC. 119E. CAMPUSES OF SERVICE.**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation, after consulta-
15 tion with the Secretary of Education, may annually des-
16 ignate not more than 30 institutions of higher education
17 as Campuses of Service, from among institutions nomi-
18 nated by State Commissions. An institution that receives
19 the designation shall have an opportunity to apply for
20 funds under subsection (d), and may nominate additional
21 individuals for ServeAmerica Fellowships under section
22 198E, as described in subsection (e).

23 “(b) APPLICATIONS FOR NOMINATION.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible for a nomi-
25 nation to receive designation under subsection (a),

1 and have an opportunity to apply for funds under
2 subsection (d), for a fiscal year, an institution of
3 higher education in a State shall submit an applica-
4 tion to the State Commission at such time, in such
5 manner, and containing such information as the
6 State Commission may require.

7 “(2) CONTENTS.—At a minimum, the applica-
8 tion shall include information specifying—

9 “(A)(i) the number of undergraduate and,
10 if applicable, graduate service-learning courses
11 offered at such institution for the most recent
12 full academic year preceding the fiscal year for
13 which designation is sought; and

14 “(ii) the number and percentage of under-
15 graduate students and, if applicable, the num-
16 ber and percentage of graduate students at
17 such institution who were enrolled in the cor-
18 responding courses described in clause (i), for
19 that preceding academic year;

20 “(B) the percentage of undergraduate stu-
21 dents engaging in and, if applicable, the per-
22 centage of graduate students engaging in activi-
23 ties providing community services, as defined in
24 section 441(c) of the Higher Education Act of
25 1965 (20 U.S.C. 2751(c)), during that pre-

1 ceding academic year, the quality of such activi-
2 ties, and the average amount of time spent, per
3 student, engaged in such activities;

4 “(C) for that preceding academic year, the
5 percentage of Federal work-study funds made
6 available to the institution under part C of title
7 IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
8 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.) that is used to compensate
9 students employed in providing community serv-
10 ices, as so defined, and a description of the ef-
11 forts the institution undertakes to make avail-
12 able to students opportunities to provide such
13 community services and be compensated
14 through such work-study funds;

15 “(D) at the discretion of the institution,
16 information demonstrating the degree to which
17 recent graduates of the institution, and all
18 graduates of the institution, have obtained full-
19 time public service employment in the nonprofit
20 sector or government, with a private nonprofit
21 organization or a Federal, State, or local public
22 agency; and

23 “(E) any programs the institution has in
24 place to encourage or assist graduates of the in-

1 stitution to pursue careers in public service in
2 the nonprofit sector or government.

3 “(c) NOMINATIONS AND DESIGNATION.—

4 “(1) NOMINATION.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A State Commission
6 that receives applications from institutions of
7 higher education under subsection (b) may
8 nominate, for designation under subsection (a),
9 not more than 3 such institutions of higher
10 education, consisting of—

11 “(i) not more than one 4-year public
12 institution of higher education;

13 “(ii) not more than one 4-year private
14 institution of higher education; and

15 “(iii) not more than one 2-year insti-
16 tution of higher education.

17 “(B) SUBMISSION.—The State Commission
18 shall submit to the Corporation the name and
19 application of each institution nominated by the
20 State Commission under subparagraph (A).

21 “(2) DESIGNATION.—The Corporation shall
22 designate, under subsection (a), not more than 30
23 institutions of higher education from among the in-
24 stitutions nominated under paragraph (1). In mak-
25 ing the designations, the Corporation shall, if fea-

1 sible, designate various types of institutions, includ-
2 ing institutions from each of the categories of insti-
3 tutions described in clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) of para-
4 graph (1)(A).

5 “(d) FUNDS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Using sums appropriated
7 under section 501(a)(1)(D), the Corporation shall
8 provide funds to institutions designated under sub-
9 section (c), to be used by the institutions to imple-
10 ment strategies to encourage or assist students from
11 those institutions to pursue careers in public service
12 in the nonprofit sector or government.

13 “(2) PLAN.—To be eligible to receive funds
14 under this subsection, an institution designated
15 under subsection (c) shall submit a plan to the Cor-
16 poration describing how the institution intends to
17 use the funds to encourage or assist those students
18 to pursue those careers.

19 “(3) ALLOCATION.—The Corporation shall de-
20 termine how the funds appropriated under section
21 501(a)(1)(D) for a fiscal year will be allocated
22 among the institutions submitting acceptable plans
23 under paragraph (2). In determining the amount of
24 funds to be allocated to such an institution, the Cor-
25 poration shall consider the number of students at

1 the institution, the quality and scope of the plan
2 submitted by the institution under paragraph (2),
3 and the institution's current (as of the date of sub-
4 mission of the plan) strategies to encourage or assist
5 students to pursue public service careers in the non-
6 profit sector or government.

7 “(e) ADDITIONAL SERVE AMERICA FELLOWSHIPS.—
8 An institution designated as a Campus of Service may
9 nominate additional individuals (relative to the number
10 that other institutions may nominate) for ServeAmerica
11 Fellowships under section 198E.”.

12 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
13 501(a)(1) of the National and Community Service Act of
14 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(1)), as amended by section
15 111(d), is further amended—

16 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “subpart
17 B of part I” and inserting “subpart B of part I and
18 part III”; and

19 (2) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(D) PART III.—There is authorized to be
21 appropriated to carry out part III of subtitle B
22 of title I \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years
23 2009 through 2013.”.

1 **SEC. 113. SERVICE-LEARNING IMPACT STUDY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle B of title I of the Na-
3 tional and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
4 12521 et seq.), as amended by section 112(e), is further
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 **“PART IV—SERVICE-LEARNING IMPACT STUDY**

7 **“SEC. 119F. STUDY AND REPORT.**

8 “(a) STUDY.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall
10 enter into a contract with an entity that is not oth-
11 erwise a recipient of financial assistance under this
12 subtitle, to conduct a 10-year longitudinal study on
13 the impact of the activities carried out under this
14 subtitle.

15 “(2) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study, the
16 entity shall consider the impact of service-learning
17 activities carried out under this subtitle on students
18 participating in such activities, including in par-
19 ticular examining the degree to which the activi-
20 ties—

21 “(A) improved student academic achieve-
22 ment;

23 “(B) improved student engagement;

24 “(C) improved graduation rates; and

25 “(D) improved the degree to which the
26 participants in the activities engaged in subse-

1 quent national service, volunteering, or other
2 service activities.

3 “(3) ANALYSIS.—In carrying out such study,
4 the entity shall examine the impact of the service-
5 learning activities on the 4 factors described in sub-
6 paragraphs (A) through (D) of paragraph (2), ana-
7 lyzed in terms of how much time participants were
8 engaged in service-learning activities.

9 “(4) BEST PRACTICES.—The entity shall collect
10 information on best practices concerning using serv-
11 ice-learning activities to improve the 4 factors.

12 “(b) REPORT.—The entity shall submit a report to
13 the Corporation containing the results of the study and
14 the information on best practices. The Corporation shall
15 submit such report to the Committee on Education and
16 Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee
17 on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

18 “(c) CONSULTATION AND DISSEMINATION.—On re-
19 ceiving the report, the Corporation shall consult with the
20 Secretary of Education to review the results of the study,
21 and to identify best practices concerning using service-
22 learning activities to improve the 4 factors described in
23 subparagraphs (A) through (D) of subsection (a)(2). The
24 Corporation shall disseminate information on the identi-
25 fied best practices.”.

1 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
2 501(a)(1) of the National and Community Service Act of
3 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(1)), as amended by section
4 112(d), is further amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “subpart
6 B of part I and part III” and inserting “subpart B
7 of part I, and parts III and IV”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(D) PART IV.—There are authorized to
10 be appropriated to carry out part IV of subtitle
11 B of title I such sums as may be necessary for
12 each of fiscal years 2009 through 2013.”.

13 **Subtitle B—Supporting Social**
14 **Innovation and Entrepreneurship**

15 **SEC. 121. INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the National and Com-
17 munity Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12511 et seq.) is
18 amended—

19 (1) by redesignating subtitles F through I as
20 subtitles H through K; and

21 (2) by inserting after subtitle E the following:

1 **“Subtitle F—Social Innovation and**
2 **Entrepreneurship**

3 **“PART I—COMMISSION ON CROSS SECTOR**
4 **SOLUTIONS**

5 **“SEC. 167. COMMISSION.**

6 “(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
7 ings:

8 “(1) Nonprofit organizations play a significant
9 role in addressing national and local challenges that
10 impact economically disadvantaged individuals.

11 “(2) Innovative nonprofit organizations often
12 serve as a research and development engine for the
13 social service sector, identifying effective solutions to
14 national and local challenges.

15 “(3) Despite the important role effective non-
16 profit organizations play in addressing national and
17 local challenges, such organizations face administra-
18 tive and efficiency barriers in maximizing their work
19 with businesses and the government, and limited re-
20 sources are available to help such organizations in-
21 crease their capacity to deliver services more effec-
22 tively, efficiently, on a larger scale, and with greater
23 accountability.

24 “(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

1 “(1) to examine and recommend ways in which
2 the Federal Government can interact more effi-
3 ciently and effectively with nonprofit organizations,
4 philanthropic organizations, and business to achieve
5 better outcomes with regard to addressing national
6 and local challenges, accountability, and utilization
7 of resources;

8 “(2) to provide advice to the President and
9 Congress regarding new, more effective ways for the
10 Federal Government to address national and local
11 challenges in partnership with the nonprofit sector;
12 and

13 “(3) to support research that will advance the
14 impact and effectiveness of the nonprofit sector and
15 the way that the Federal Government interacts with
16 such sector.

17 “(c) ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.—

18 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a
19 commission to be known as the Commission on
20 Cross-Sector Solutions to America’s Problems (in
21 this section referred to as the ‘Commission’).

22 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—

23 “(A) COMPOSITION.—The Commission
24 shall be composed of 21 members, of whom—

1 “(III) business, including a busi-
2 ness with experience working with a
3 startup enterprise and a business with
4 experience working with the nonprofit
5 sector;

6 “(IV) philanthropy, including the
7 specific philanthropic challenges in
8 urban and rural areas and in areas
9 that are philanthropically under-
10 served;

11 “(V) volunteering, including ef-
12 fective volunteer management; and

13 “(VI) qualitative and quantitative
14 social science research.

15 “(ii) OTHER QUALIFICATIONS.—The
16 Commission shall include, among the mem-
17 bers appointed under subparagraph (A)(i),
18 a wide range of individuals, including
19 young people, and individuals from diverse
20 economic, racial, ethnic, and religious
21 backgrounds, and individuals from diverse
22 geographic areas.

23 “(C) QUALIFICATIONS OF CONGRESSIONAL
24 APPOINTEES.—

1 “(i) EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE.—
2 Subject to subparagraph (D)(ii), the Com-
3 mission shall include members appointed
4 under clauses (ii) through (v) of subpara-
5 graph (A) who, to the extent practicable,
6 collectively have extensive experience or are
7 experts in the matters described in sub-
8 paragraph (B)(i).

9 “(ii) OTHER QUALIFICATIONS.—The
10 Commission shall include, among the mem-
11 bers appointed under clauses (ii) through
12 (v) of subparagraph (A), a wide range of
13 individuals with the qualifications de-
14 scribed in subparagraph (B)(ii).

15 “(D) LIMITATIONS.—

16 “(i) CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIR-
17 PERSON.—The President shall select a
18 Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson, who
19 may not be members of the same political
20 party, from among the members of the
21 Commission appointed under subparagraph
22 (A).

23 “(ii) GENERAL MEMBERSHIP.—Mem-
24 bers appointed under subparagraph (A)
25 shall include not more than 11 members

1 who are members of the same political
2 party.

3 “(E) EX OFFICIO MEMBERS.—Heads of
4 Federal agencies, appointed to the Commission
5 by the President, whose work concerns the non-
6 profit sector shall serve as ex officio nonvoting
7 members of the Commission.

8 “(F) DATE.—The appointments of the
9 members of the Commission shall be made not
10 later than May 31, 2009.

11 “(3) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Members appointed
13 under paragraph (2)(A) shall be appointed for
14 terms of 2 years.

15 “(B) EXCEPTION.—The appointing offi-
16 cer—

17 “(i) under paragraph (2)(A)(i) shall
18 designate 4 of the initial members ap-
19 pointed under that paragraph to serve
20 terms of 3 years;

21 “(ii) under paragraph (2)(A)(ii) shall
22 designate 2 of the initial members ap-
23 pointed under that paragraph to serve
24 terms of 3 years;

1 “(iii) under paragraph (2)(A)(iii) shall
2 designate 1 of the initial members ap-
3 pointed under that paragraph to serve
4 terms of 3 years;

5 “(iv) under paragraph (2)(A)(iv) shall
6 designate 1 of the initial members ap-
7 pointed under that paragraph to serve
8 terms of 3 years; and

9 “(v) under paragraph (2)(A)(v) shall
10 designate 2 of the initial members ap-
11 pointed under that paragraph to serve
12 terms of 3 years.

13 “(4) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Commis-
14 sion shall not affect its powers, but shall be filled in
15 the same manner as the original appointment.

16 “(5) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 30
17 days after the date on which all voting members of
18 the Commission have been appointed, the Commis-
19 sion shall hold its first meeting.

20 “(6) MEETINGS.—The Commission shall meet
21 at the call of the Chairperson, not less than 3 times
22 a year.

23 “(7) QUORUM.—A majority of the voting mem-
24 bers of the Commission shall constitute a quorum,

1 but a lesser number of voting members may hold
2 hearings.

3 “(d) DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.—

4 “(1) STUDY.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall
6 conduct a thorough study of all matters relating
7 to ways in which the Federal Government can
8 work more efficiently and effectively with non-
9 profit organizations and philanthropic organiza-
10 tions to assist the organizations described in
11 this subparagraph, and the Federal Govern-
12 ment, in achieving better outcomes with regard
13 to addressing pressing national and local chal-
14 lenges, and improving accountability and utili-
15 zation of resources, and relating to assisting the
16 Federal Government, such organizations, and
17 business in improving their collaboration to
18 achieve such outcomes.

19 “(B) MATTERS STUDIED.—The matters
20 studied by the Commission shall include—

21 “(i) ways in which the Federal Gov-
22 ernment interacts with nonprofit organiza-
23 tions, philanthropic organizations, and
24 business to address national and local chal-
25 lenges;

1 “(ii) ways in which businesses collabo-
2 rate with nonprofit organizations and phil-
3 anthropic organizations, and any barriers
4 to maximizing the effectiveness of those
5 collaborations in addressing national and
6 local challenges;

7 “(iii) public and nonprofit sector
8 human capital challenges, including spe-
9 cific upcoming human capital needs facing
10 the nonprofit sector and such needs facing
11 the government sector, the causes of needs
12 described in this clause, and ways in which
13 nonprofit organizations and governments
14 can address the challenges jointly;

15 “(iv) ways in which government poli-
16 cies could be improved to foster nonprofit
17 organization accountability;

18 “(v) systems for streamlining the
19 process for nonprofit organizations to ob-
20 tain Federal grants and contracts, and
21 eliminating unnecessary requirements re-
22 lating to that process;

23 “(vi) barriers for smaller nonprofit or-
24 ganizations to participate in Federal Gov-
25 ernment programs;

1 “(vii) the degree to which, and ways
2 in which, social entrepreneurs are identi-
3 fying innovative ways of addressing na-
4 tional and local challenges;

5 “(viii) ways in which the Federal Gov-
6 ernment can help build the capacity of ef-
7 fective social entrepreneurs and effective
8 nonprofit organizations, including the ca-
9 pacity of the entrepreneurs and organiza-
10 tions to replicate programs that provide ef-
11 fective ways of addressing national and
12 local challenges;

13 “(ix) ways in which the Federal Gov-
14 ernment supports social service sector re-
15 search and development, whether there is a
16 need to increase such support, and, if so,
17 how such support may be increased;

18 “(x) ways in which the Federal Gov-
19 ernment can partner with nonprofit organi-
20 zations after an emergency or disaster to
21 address the needs of the community in-
22 volved; and

23 “(xi) ways in which the Federal Gov-
24 ernment can make more data available
25 about the nonprofit sector, as the Federal

1 Government does for the business and gov-
2 ernment sectors.

3 “(2) GRANTS.—The Commission shall provide
4 advice to the President and Congress regarding the
5 establishment of grants to build the capacity of the
6 nonprofit sector, to support research on the sector,
7 and to model innovative effective ways for the Fed-
8 eral Government to address national and local chal-
9 lenges by supporting social entrepreneurship and en-
10 abling nonprofit organizations to replicate and ex-
11 pand effective solutions to national and local chal-
12 lenges.

13 “(3) ADVICE TO THE PRESIDENT AND CON-
14 GRESS.—The Commission shall advise the President
15 and Congress on matters concerning the nonprofit
16 sector and social entrepreneurship.

17 “(4) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after
18 the first meeting of the Commission, the Commis-
19 sion shall submit a report to Congress, which shall
20 contain a detailed statement of the findings of the
21 Commission resulting from the study described in
22 paragraph (1), and the advice provided under para-
23 graphs (2) and (3). The report shall contain rec-
24 ommendations resulting from the study.

1 “(5) ADVICE ON IMPLEMENTATION.—At the re-
2 quest of Congress or the head of any Federal de-
3 partment or agency, the Commission shall provide
4 advice on the implementation of any of the rec-
5 ommendations contained in the report.

6 “(e) POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.—

7 “(1) HEARINGS.—The Commission may hold
8 such hearings, sit and act at such times and places,
9 take such testimony, and receive such evidence as
10 the Commission considers advisable to carry out this
11 section.

12 “(2) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGEN-
13 CIES.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission may
15 secure directly from any Federal agency such
16 information as the Commission considers nec-
17 essary to carry out this Act.

18 “(B) AGENCY COOPERATION.—Upon re-
19 quest of the Chairperson of the Commission,
20 the head of any Federal agency shall furnish in-
21 formation requested under this paragraph to
22 the Commission.

23 “(3) POSTAL SERVICES.—The Commission may
24 use the United States mails in the same manner and

1 under the same conditions as other agencies of the
2 Federal Government.

3 “(4) GIFTS.—The Commission may accept, use,
4 and dispose of gifts or donations of services or prop-
5 erty.

6 “(f) COMMISSION PERSONNEL MATTERS.—

7 “(1) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—The members of the
8 Commission shall serve without compensation for
9 their work on the Commission. Notwithstanding sec-
10 tion 1342 of title 31, United States Code, the Chief
11 Executive Officer of the Corporation may accept the
12 voluntary and uncompensated services of members of
13 the Commission. The members of the Commission
14 shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem
15 in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for em-
16 ployees of agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57
17 of title 5, United States Code, while away from their
18 homes or regular places of business in the perform-
19 ance of services for the commission.

20 “(2) STAFF.—Any Corporation for National
21 and Community Service employee may be detailed to
22 the Commission without reimbursement, and such
23 detail shall be without interruption or loss of civil
24 service status or privilege.

1 “(g) TERMINATION OF THE COMMISSION.—The
2 Commission shall terminate in 6 years.

3 “(h) AVAILABILITY.—Any sums appropriated to
4 carry out this section shall remain available, without fiscal
5 year limitation, until expended.

6 **“PART II—COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS FUNDS PILOT**
7 **PROGRAM**

8 **“SEC. 167A. FUNDS.**

9 “(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

10 “(1) Social entrepreneurs and other nonprofit
11 community organizations are developing innovative
12 and effective solutions to national and local chal-
13 lenges.

14 “(2) Increased public and private investment in
15 replicating and expanding proven effective solutions
16 developed by social entrepreneurs and other non-
17 profit community organizations, could allow those
18 entrepreneurs and organizations to replicate and ex-
19 pand proven initiatives in communities.

20 “(3) A network of Community Solutions Funds
21 could leverage Federal investments to increase State,
22 local, business, and philanthropic resources to rep-
23 licate and expand proven solutions to tackle specific
24 identified community challenges.

25 “(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

1 “(1) to recognize and increase the impact of so-
2 cial entrepreneurs and other nonprofit community
3 organizations in tackling national and local chal-
4 lenges;

5 “(2) to stimulate the development of a network
6 of Community Solutions Funds that will increase
7 private and public investment in nonprofit commu-
8 nity organizations that are effectively addressing na-
9 tional and local challenges to allow such organiza-
10 tions to replicate and expand successful initiatives;

11 “(3) to assess the effectiveness of such Funds
12 in—

13 “(A) leveraging Federal investments to in-
14 crease State, local, business, and philanthropic
15 resources to address national and local chal-
16 lenges; and

17 “(B) providing resources to replicate and
18 expand effective initiatives; and

19 “(4) to strengthen the infrastructure to invest
20 in, and replicate and expand, initiatives with effec-
21 tive solutions to national and local challenges.

22 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 “(1) COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION.—The term
24 ‘community organization’ means a nonprofit organi-

1 zation that carries out innovative, effective initiatives
2 to address community challenges.

3 “(2) COVERED ENTITY.—The term ‘covered en-
4 tity’ means—

5 “(A) an existing grantmaking institution
6 (existing as of the date on which the institution
7 applies for a grant under this section); or

8 “(B) a partnership between—

9 “(i) such an existing grantmaking in-
10 stitution; and

11 “(ii) an additional grantmaking insti-
12 tution, a State Commission, or a chief ex-
13 ecutive officer of a unit of general local
14 government.

15 “(3) ISSUE AREA.—The term ‘issue area’
16 means an area described in subsection (f)(3).

17 “(d) PROGRAM.—The Corporation shall establish a
18 Community Solutions Fund grant program to make
19 grants on a competitive basis to eligible entities to assist
20 the entities in paying for the cost of providing national
21 leveraging capital for Community Solution Funds.

22 “(e) PERIODS; AMOUNTS.—The Corporation shall
23 make such grants for periods of 5 years, and may renew
24 the grants for additional periods of 5 years, in amounts

1 of not less than \$1,000,000 and not more than
2 \$10,000,000 per year.

3 “(f) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant
4 under this section, an entity shall—

5 “(1) be a covered entity;

6 “(2) be focused on—

7 “(A) serving a specific local geographical
8 area; or

9 “(B) addressing a specific issue area, in
10 geographical areas that have the highest need
11 in that issue area, as demonstrated by statistics
12 concerning that need;

13 “(3) be focused on improving measurable out-
14 comes relating to—

15 “(A) education for economically disadvan-
16 taged students in public schools;

17 “(B) child and youth development;

18 “(C) reductions in poverty or increases in
19 economic opportunity for economically dis-
20 advantaged individuals;

21 “(D) health, including access to health
22 care and health education;

23 “(E) resource conservation and local envi-
24 ronmental quality;

1 “(F) individual or community energy effi-
2 ciency;

3 “(G) civic engagement; or

4 “(H) reductions in crime;

5 “(4) make data-driven decisions about subgrant
6 awards and internal policies;

7 “(5) have well-articulated processes for assess-
8 ing community organizations for subgrants; and

9 “(6) have appropriate policies, as determined by
10 the Corporation, that protect against conflict of in-
11 terest, self-dealing, and other improper practices.

12 “(g) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant
13 under subsection (d) for national leveraging capital, an eli-
14 gible entity shall submit an application to the Corporation
15 at such time, in such manner, and containing such infor-
16 mation as the Corporation may specify, including, at a
17 minimum—

18 “(1) an assurance that the eligible entity will—

19 “(A) use the funds received through that
20 capital in order to make subgrants to commu-
21 nity organizations that will use the funds to
22 replicate or expand proven initiatives in low-in-
23 come communities;

24 “(B) in making decisions about subgrants
25 for communities, consult with a diverse cross

1 section of community representatives in the de-
2 cisions, including individuals from the public,
3 nonprofit private, and for-profit private sectors;
4 and

5 “(C) make subgrants of a sufficient size
6 and scope to enable the community organiza-
7 tions to build their capacity to manage initia-
8 tives, and sustain replication or expansion of
9 the initiatives;

10 “(2) an assurance that the eligible entity will
11 not make any subgrants to the parent organizations
12 of the eligible entity, a subsidiary organization of the
13 parent organization, or, if the eligible entity applied
14 for funds under this section as a partnership, any
15 member of the partnership;

16 “(3) an identification of, as appropriate—

17 “(A) the specific local geographical area
18 referred to in subsection (f)(2)(A) that the eli-
19 gible entity is proposing to serve; or

20 “(B) geographical areas referred to in sub-
21 section (f)(2)(B) that the eligible entity is likely
22 to serve;

23 “(4)(A) information identifying the issue areas
24 in which the eligible entity will work to improve
25 measurable outcomes;

1 “(B) statistics on the needs related to those
2 issue areas in, as appropriate—

3 “(i) the specific local geographical area de-
4 scribed in paragraph (3)(A); or

5 “(ii) the geographical areas described in
6 paragraph (3)(B), including statistics dem-
7 onstrating that those geographical areas have
8 the highest need in the specific issue area that
9 the eligible entity is proposing to address; and

10 “(C) information on the specific measurable
11 outcomes related to the issue areas involved that the
12 eligible entity will seek to improve;

13 “(5) information describing the process by
14 which the eligible entity selected, or will select, com-
15 munity organizations to receive the subgrants, to en-
16 sure that the community organizations—

17 “(A) are institutions with proven initia-
18 tives, with track records of achieving specific
19 outcomes related to the measurable outcomes
20 for the eligible entity;

21 “(B) articulate measurable outcomes for
22 the use of the subgrant funds that are con-
23 nected to the measurable outcomes for the eligi-
24 ble entity;

1 “(C) will use the funds to replicate or ex-
2 pand their initiatives;

3 “(D) provide a well-defined plan for repli-
4 cating or expanding the initiatives funded;

5 “(E) can sustain the initiatives after the
6 subgrant period concludes through reliable pub-
7 lic revenues, earned income, or private sector
8 funding;

9 “(F) have strong leadership and financial
10 and management systems;

11 “(G) are committed to the use of data col-
12 lection and evaluation for improvement of the
13 initiatives;

14 “(H) will implement and evaluate innova-
15 tive initiatives, to be important contributors to
16 knowledge in their fields; and

17 “(I) will meet the requirements for pro-
18 viding matching funds specified in subsection
19 (k);

20 “(6) information about the eligible entity, in-
21 cluding its experience managing collaborative initia-
22 tives, or assessing applicants for grants and evalu-
23 ating the performance of grant recipients for out-
24 come-focused initiatives, and any other relevant in-
25 formation;

1 “(7) a commitment to meet the requirements of
2 subsection (i) and a plan for meeting the require-
3 ments, including information on any funding that
4 the eligible entity has secured to provide the match-
5 ing funds required under that subsection;

6 “(8) a description of the eligible entity’s plan
7 for providing technical assistance and support, other
8 than financial support, to the community organiza-
9 tions that will increase the ability of the community
10 organizations to achieve their measurable outcomes;

11 “(9) information on the commitment, institu-
12 tional capacity, and expertise of the eligible entity
13 concerning—

14 “(A) collecting and analyzing data required
15 for evaluations, compliance efforts, and other
16 purposes;

17 “(B) supporting relevant research; and

18 “(C) submitting regular reports to the Cor-
19 poration, including information on the initia-
20 tives of the community organizations, and the
21 replication or expansion of such initiatives; and

22 “(10) a commitment to use data and evalua-
23 tions to continuously improve the initiatives funded
24 by the eligible entity.

1 “(h) SELECTION CRITERIA.—In selecting eligible en-
2 tities to receive grants under this section, the Corporation
3 shall—

4 “(1) select eligible entities on a competitive
5 basis;

6 “(2) select eligible entities on the basis of the
7 quality of their selection process, as described in
8 subsection (g)(5), the capacity of the eligible entities
9 to manage Community Solutions Funds, and the po-
10 tential of the eligible entities to sustain the Funds
11 after the conclusion of the grant period; and

12 “(3) include among the grant recipients eligible
13 entities that propose to provide subgrants to commu-
14 nity organizations serving rural low-income commu-
15 nities.

16 “(i) MATCHING FUNDS FOR GRANTS.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation may not
18 make a grant to an eligible entity under this section
19 for a Community Solutions Fund unless the entity
20 agrees that, with respect to the cost described in
21 subsection (d) for that Fund, the entity will make
22 available matching funds in an amount not less than
23 \$1 for every \$1 of funds provided under the grant.

24 “(2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—

1 “(A) TYPE AND SOURCES.—The eligible
2 entity shall provide the matching funds in cash.
3 The eligible entity shall provide the matching
4 funds from State, local, or private sources,
5 which may include State or local agencies, busi-
6 nesses, private philanthropic organizations, or
7 individuals.

8 “(B) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES INCLUDING
9 STATE COMMISSIONS OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT
10 OFFICES.—

11 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In a case in which
12 a State Commission, a local government
13 office, or both entities are a part of the eli-
14 gible entity, the State involved, the local
15 government involved, or both entities, re-
16 spectively, shall contribute not less than 30
17 percent and not more than 50 percent of
18 the matching funds.

19 “(ii) LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE.—
20 In this subparagraph, the term ‘local gov-
21 ernment office’ means the office of the
22 chief executive officer of a unit of general
23 local government.

24 “(3) REDUCTION.—The Corporation may re-
25 duce by 50 percent the matching funds required by

1 paragraph (1) for an eligible entity serving a com-
2 munity (such as a rural low-income community) that
3 the eligible entity can demonstrate is significantly
4 philanthropically underserved.

5 “(j) SUBGRANTS.—

6 “(1) SUBGRANTS AUTHORIZED.—An eligible en-
7 tity receiving a grant under this section is author-
8 ized to use the funds made available through the
9 grant to award subgrants on a competitive basis
10 to—

11 “(A) community organizations serving low-
12 income communities within the specific local
13 geographical area referred to in subsection
14 (f)(2)(A); or

15 “(B) community organizations addressing
16 a specific issue area referred to in subsection
17 (f)(2)(B), in low-income communities in geo-
18 graphical areas referred to in that subsection.

19 “(2) PERIODS; AMOUNTS.—The eligible entity
20 shall make such subgrants for periods of not less
21 than 3 and not more than 5 years, and may renew
22 the grants for such periods, in amounts of not less
23 than \$100,000.

24 “(3) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive a
25 subgrant from an eligible entity under this section,

1 including receiving a payment for that subgrant each
2 year, a community organization shall submit an ap-
3 plication to an eligible entity that serves the specific
4 local geographical area, or geographical areas, that
5 the community organization proposes to serve, at
6 such time, in such manner, and containing such in-
7 formation as the eligible entity may require, includ-
8 ing—

9 “(A) a description of the initiative the
10 community organization carries out and plans
11 to replicate or expand using funds received
12 from the eligible entity, and how the initiative
13 relates to the issue areas identified under sub-
14 section (g)(4)(A) in which the eligible entity has
15 committed to work;

16 “(B) data on the measurable outcomes the
17 community organization has improved, and in-
18 formation on the measurable outcomes the com-
19 munity organization seeks to improve by repli-
20 cating or expanding an initiative, which shall be
21 among the measurable outcomes the eligible en-
22 tity is seeking to improve as identified under
23 subsection (g)(4)(C);

24 “(C) an identification of the community in
25 which the community organization proposes to

1 carry out an initiative, which shall be within the
2 specific local geographical area referred to in
3 subsection (f)(2)(A) or the geographical areas
4 referred to in subsection (f)(2)(B), that the eli-
5 gible entity serves;

6 “(D) a description of how the community
7 organization uses data to analyze and improve
8 its initiatives;

9 “(E) specific evidence of how the commu-
10 nity organization will meet the requirements for
11 providing matching funds specified in sub-
12 section (k);

13 “(F) a description of how the community
14 organization will sustain the replicated or ex-
15 panded initiative after the conclusion of the
16 subgrant period; and

17 “(G) any other information the eligible en-
18 tity may require, including information nec-
19 essary for the eligible entity to fulfill its obliga-
20 tions under subsection (g)(5).

21 “(k) MATCHING FUNDS FOR SUBGRANTS.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity may not
23 make a subgrant to a community organization under
24 this section for an initiative described in subsection
25 (j)(3)(A) unless the organization agrees that, with

1 respect to the cost of carrying out that initiative, the
2 organization will make available, on an annual basis,
3 matching funds in an amount not less than \$1 for
4 every \$1 of funds provided under the subgrant. If
5 the community organization fails to make such
6 matching funds available for a fiscal year, the eligi-
7 ble entity shall not make payments for the remain-
8 ing fiscal years of the subgrant period, notwith-
9 standing any other provision of this part.

10 “(2) TYPES AND SOURCES.—The community
11 organization shall provide the matching funds in
12 cash. The community organization shall provide the
13 matching funds from State, local, or private sources,
14 which may include funds from State or local agen-
15 cies, or private sector funding.

16 “(1) NATIONAL FUNCTIONS.—

17 “(1) CORPORATION.—The Corporation shall
18 enter into a contract with an independent entity (re-
19 ferred to in this subsection as a ‘national con-
20 tractor’) to evaluate the eligible entities, and the ini-
21 tiatives supported by the eligible entities.

22 “(2) NATIONAL CONTRACTOR.—

23 “(A) RESEARCH AND REPORTS.—

24 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The national con-
25 tractor shall collect data and conduct or

1 support research with respect to the eligi-
2 ble entities, and the initiatives supported
3 by the eligible entities, to determine the
4 success of the program carried out under
5 this section in replicating and expanding
6 initiatives, including—

7 “(I) the success of the replicated
8 or expanded initiatives in improving
9 measurable outcomes; and

10 “(II) the success of the program
11 in increasing philanthropic invest-
12 ments in philanthropically-under-
13 served communities.

14 “(ii) REPORTS.—The national con-
15 tractor shall submit reports to Congress
16 and the Corporation including—

17 “(I) the data collected and the
18 results of the research;

19 “(II) information on lessons
20 learned about best practices from the
21 activities carried out under this sec-
22 tion, to improve those activities; and

23 “(III) a list of all eligible entities
24 and community organizations receiv-
25 ing funds under this section.

1 “(B) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The na-
 2 tional contractor shall provide technical assist-
 3 ance to the eligible entities that receive grants
 4 under this section.

5 “(C) KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT.—The
 6 national contractor shall maintain a clearing-
 7 house for information on best practices result-
 8 ing from initiatives supported by the eligible en-
 9 tities.

10 “(D) RESERVATION.—Of the funds appro-
 11 priated under section 501(a)(5)(B) for a fiscal
 12 year, not more than 5 percent may be used to
 13 carry out this subsection.

14 **“PART III—INNOVATION FELLOWSHIPS PILOT**
 15 **PROGRAM**

16 **“SEC. 167B. PROGRAM.**

17 “(a) GRANTS.—The Corporation shall make grants,
 18 on a competitive basis, to individuals to pay for the Fed-
 19 eral share of carrying out projects in which the individuals
 20 establish innovative nonprofit organizations to address na-
 21 tional and local challenges.

22 “(b) AMOUNTS, PERIODS, AND NUMBER OF
 23 GRANTS.—The Corporation shall make the grants for pe-
 24 riods of 2 years. The Corporation shall make the grants
 25 in amounts of not more than \$100,000. The Corporation

1 shall make not more than 25 grants under subsection (a)
2 in a fiscal year.

3 “(c) PAYMENTS.—The Corporation shall make the
4 grant awards through annual payments, for the 2 years
5 of the grant periods.

6 “(d) ELIGIBLE APPLICANT.—To be eligible to apply
7 for a grant under this section, an individual shall—

8 “(1) have completed at least 1 term or period
9 of service as a participant in a national service pro-
10 gram under subtitle C or G, as a participant in a
11 program under subtitle E or section 198E, or as a
12 volunteer in a program under part A of title I of the
13 Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C.
14 4951 et seq.); or

15 “(2) be a veteran, as defined in section 101 of
16 title 38, United States Code.

17 “(e) INITIAL APPLICATION.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a
19 grant under this section, and a payment for the first
20 year of the grant period, an individual shall submit
21 an application to the Corporation at such time, in
22 such manner, and containing such information as
23 the Corporation may require.

24 “(2) CONTENTS.—At a minimum, the applica-
25 tion shall include—

1 “(A) a description of the national or local
2 challenge that the individual seeks to address
3 through the project involved;

4 “(B) a description of the project the indi-
5 vidual is proposing or the organization the indi-
6 vidual is proposing to establish through the
7 project, including information describing why
8 the individual’s proposal to address the chal-
9 lenge is innovative;

10 “(C) information describing how the indi-
11 vidual proposes to address the challenge at the
12 community level; and

13 “(D) information describing the location of
14 the project and the community the individual
15 proposes to serve through the project, including
16 relevant data about the challenge in that com-
17 munity.

18 “(f) SUBSEQUENT APPLICATION.—To be eligible to
19 receive a payment for the second year of the grant period,
20 the individual shall submit to the Corporation—

21 “(1) a report on the actions taken by the indi-
22 vidual, and, if applicable, the nonprofit organization
23 established using funds provided under this section,
24 to carry out the project; and

1 “(2) information describing how the individual
2 will comply with the non-Federal share requirement
3 described in subsection (g) for the second year of the
4 grant period.

5 “(g) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of the
7 cost of carrying out a project under this section shall
8 be—

9 “(A) 100 percent for the first year of the
10 grant period; and

11 “(B) 50 percent for the second year of the
12 grant period.

13 “(2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The individual
14 may provide the non-Federal share of the cost in
15 cash or in kind, fairly evaluated, including plant,
16 equipment, or services. The individual may provide
17 the non-Federal share from State, local, or private
18 sources.

19 “(h) CONSIDERATION.—In reviewing applications,
20 the Corporation shall take into consideration the likelihood
21 that a project proposed to serve a community, if success-
22 ful, will be replicable in other communities.

23 “(i) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Corporation may
24 reserve 15 percent of the funds appropriated to carry out
25 this section to provide technical assistance to individuals

1 and nonprofit organizations carrying out projects under
2 this section.”.

3 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
4 501(a) of the National and Community Service Act of
5 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)) is amended by adding at the
6 end the following:

7 “(5) SUBTITLE F.—There are authorized to be
8 appropriated—

9 “(A) to carry out section 167, such sums
10 as may be necessary for each of fiscal years
11 2009 through 2013;

12 “(B) to carry out section 167A,
13 \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2009, \$60,000,000
14 for fiscal year 2010, \$70,000,000 for fiscal year
15 2011, \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2012, and
16 \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2013, and such
17 sums as may be necessary for each subsequent
18 fiscal year; and

19 “(C) to carry out section 167B,
20 \$3,500,000 for fiscal year 2009, and
21 \$5,000,000 for each subsequent fiscal year.”.

22 **Subtitle C—ServeAmerica Corps**

23 **SEC. 131. CORPS.**

24 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Since 1993, over 500,000 individuals have
2 served in national service positions, meeting unmet
3 human, educational, environmental, and public safe-
4 ty needs of the United States.

5 (2) Full- and part-time national service can ef-
6 fectively promote an ethic of service and volun-
7 teering, and former national service participants are
8 likely to remain engaged in national service, and
9 participate in community and public service.

10 (3) Focused national service efforts can effec-
11 tively tackle pressing national challenges, such as
12 improving education for low-income students, in-
13 creasing energy conservation, and improving the
14 health, well-being, and economic opportunities of the
15 neediest individuals in the Nation.

16 (4) An increasing number of individuals in the
17 United States who are retiring or age 50 or older in-
18 dicate an interest in service, with almost 60 percent
19 of such individuals indicating that they would con-
20 sider taking jobs now or in the future to serve their
21 communities.

22 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

23 (1) to provide opportunities by 2013 for
24 250,000 individuals annually to participate in a year
25 of service, by providing funding for an additional

1 175,000 individuals (in addition to the 75,000 indi-
2 viduals already participating) each year to so partici-
3 pate, and to continue growing national service in the
4 future;

5 (2) to focus national service in the areas of na-
6 tional need such service has the capacity to address,
7 such as improving education for low-income stu-
8 dents, increasing energy conservation, improving ac-
9 cess to health care for, and the health status of, in-
10 dividuals in medically underserved populations, and
11 creating new economic opportunities for low-income
12 individuals; and

13 (3) to encourage “encore service” and draw on
14 the talents and experience of individuals age 50 and
15 older, by providing better opportunities and incen-
16 tives for individuals of that age to serve.

17 (c) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—Title I of the National
18 and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12511
19 et seq.), as amended by section 121, is further amended
20 by inserting after subtitle F the following:

21 **“Subtitle G—ServeAmerica Corps**

22 **“SEC. 168. CORPS.**

23 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 “(1) 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING
25 CENTER.—The term ‘21st century community learn-

1 ing center’ has the meaning given the term ‘commu-
2 nity learning center’, as defined in section 4201 of
3 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
4 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7171).

5 “(2) CLEAN ENERGY SERVICE CORPS.—The
6 term ‘Clean Energy Service Corps’ means the par-
7 ticipants who improve performance on clean energy
8 indicators through the grants funded under sub-
9 section (c)(3).

10 “(3) CLEAN ENERGY SERVICE CORPS FUND.—
11 The term ‘Clean Energy Service Corps Fund’ means
12 the Clean Energy Service Corps Fund established
13 under subsection (b)(3).

14 “(4) CLEAN ENERGY INDICATORS.—The term
15 ‘clean energy indicators’ means—

16 “(A) number of housing units of low-in-
17 come households weatherized or retrofitted to
18 improve energy efficiency;

19 “(B) annual energy costs (to determine
20 savings in those costs) at facilities where par-
21 ticipants have provided service;

22 “(C) number of national parks, State
23 parks, city parks, county parks, forest pre-
24 serves, or trails or rivers owned or maintained

1 by the Federal Government or a State, that are
2 cleaned or improved;

3 “(D) another indicator relating to clean
4 energy that the Corporation, in consultation
5 with the Administrator of the Environmental
6 Protection Agency and the Secretary of Energy,
7 establishes for a given year; and

8 “(E) a local indicator (applicable to a par-
9 ticular eligible entity and on which an improve-
10 ment in performance is needed) relating to
11 clean energy, proposed by that eligible entity in
12 an application submitted to, and approved by, a
13 State Commission or the Corporation under
14 this section.

15 “(5) COLLEGE-GOING RATE.—The term ‘col-
16 lege-going rate’ means the percentage of high school
17 graduates who enroll in an institution of higher edu-
18 cation in the school year immediately following grad-
19 uation from high school.

20 “(6) EDUCATION CORPS.—The term ‘Education
21 Corps’ means the participants who improve perform-
22 ance on education indicators through the grants
23 funded under subsection (c)(1).

1 “(7) EDUCATION CORPS FUND.—The term
2 ‘Education Corps Fund’ means the Education Corps
3 Fund established under subsection (b)(1).

4 “(8) EDUCATION INDICATORS.—The term ‘edu-
5 cation indicators’ means—

6 “(A) student engagement, including stu-
7 dent attendance and student behavior;

8 “(B) student academic achievement;

9 “(C) high school graduation rates;

10 “(D) college-going rates for high school
11 graduates;

12 “(E) college persistence rates for high
13 school graduates;

14 “(F) an additional indicator relating to im-
15 proving education for students that the Cor-
16 poration, in consultation with the Secretary of
17 Education, establishes for a given year; and

18 “(G) a local indicator (applicable to a par-
19 ticular eligible entity and on which an improve-
20 ment in performance is needed) relating to im-
21 proving education for students, proposed by
22 that eligible entity in an application submitted
23 to, and approved by, a State Commission or the
24 Corporation under this section.

1 “(9) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
2 tity’ means an entity that—

3 “(A) is a nonprofit organization with a
4 proven record of improving, or a promising
5 strategy to improve, performance on appro-
6 priate indicators described in this subsection;

7 “(B) meets the eligibility requirements to
8 receive a grant under subtitle C; and

9 “(C) if the entity is seeking to receive (or
10 has received) a grant directly under subsection
11 (c), is seeking to carry out (or is carrying out)
12 a national service program in 2 or more States.

13 “(10) ENCORE SERVICE PROGRAM.—The term
14 ‘encore service program’ means a program, carried
15 out by an eligible entity under subsection (c), that—

16 “(A) involves a significant number of par-
17 ticipants age 50 or older in the program; and

18 “(B) takes advantage of the skills and ex-
19 perience that such participants offer in the de-
20 sign and implementation of the program.

21 “(11) HEALTHY FUTURES CORPS.—The term
22 ‘Healthy Futures Corps’ means the participants who
23 improve performance on health indicators through
24 the grants funded under subsection (c)(2).

1 “(12) HEALTHY FUTURES CORPS FUND.—The
2 term ‘Healthy Futures Corps Fund’ means the
3 Healthy Futures Corps Fund established under sub-
4 section (b)(2).

5 “(13) HEALTH INDICATORS.—The term ‘health
6 indicators’ means—

7 “(A) access to health care among economi-
8 cally disadvantaged individuals and individuals
9 who are members of medically underserved popu-
10 lations;

11 “(B) access to health care for uninsured
12 individuals, including such individuals who are
13 economically disadvantaged children;

14 “(C) participation, among economically
15 disadvantaged individuals and individuals who
16 are members of medically underserved popu-
17 lations, in disease prevention and health pro-
18 motion initiatives, particularly those with a
19 focus on addressing common health conditions,
20 addressing chronic diseases, and decreasing
21 health disparities;

22 “(D) health literacy of patients;

23 “(E) an additional indicator, relating to
24 improving or protecting the health of economi-
25 cally disadvantaged individuals and individuals

1 who are members of medically underserved pop-
2 ulations, that the Corporation, in consultation
3 with the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
4 ices and the Director of the Centers for Disease
5 Control and Prevention, establishes for a given
6 year; and

7 “(F) a local indicator (applicable to a par-
8 ticular eligible entity and on which an improve-
9 ment in performance is needed) relating to im-
10 proving or protecting the health of economically
11 disadvantaged individuals and individuals who
12 are members of medically underserved popu-
13 lations, proposed by that eligible entity in an
14 application submitted to, and approved by, a
15 State Commission or the Corporation under
16 this section.

17 “(14) HIGH SCHOOL.—The term ‘high school’
18 means a public school, including a public high
19 school, that provides high school education, as deter-
20 mined by State law.

21 “(15) MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED AREA.—The
22 term ‘medically underserved area’ means an urban
23 or rural area designated by the Secretary of Health
24 and Human Services as an area with a shortage of
25 personal health services.

1 “(16) MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED POPU-
2 LATION.—The term ‘medically underserved popu-
3 lation’ has the meaning given the term in section
4 330(b)(3) of the Public Health Service Act (42
5 U.S.C. 254b(b)(3)).

6 “(17) OPPORTUNITY CORPS.—The term ‘Op-
7 portunity Corps’ means the participants who im-
8 prove performance on opportunity indicators through
9 the grants funded under subsection (c)(4).

10 “(18) OPPORTUNITY CORPS FUND.—The term
11 ‘Opportunity Corps Fund’ means the Opportunity
12 Corps Fund established under subsection (b)(4).

13 “(19) OPPORTUNITY INDICATORS.—The term
14 ‘opportunity indicators’ means—

15 “(A) financial literacy among economically
16 disadvantaged individuals;

17 “(B) housing units built or improved for
18 economically disadvantaged individuals or low-
19 income families;

20 “(C) economically disadvantaged individ-
21 uals with access to job training and other skill
22 enhancement;

23 “(D) economically disadvantaged individ-
24 uals with access to information about job place-
25 ment services;

1 “(E) an additional indicator relating to im-
2 proving economic opportunity for economically
3 disadvantaged individuals that the Corporation,
4 in consultation with the Secretary of Health
5 and Human Services and the Secretary of
6 Labor, establishes for a given year; and

7 “(F) a local indicator (applicable to a par-
8 ticular eligible entity and on which an improve-
9 ment in performance is needed) relating to im-
10 proving economic opportunity for economically
11 disadvantaged individuals, proposed by that eli-
12 gible entity in an application submitted to, and
13 approved by, a State Commission or the Cor-
14 poration under this section.

15 “(20) POVERTY LINE.—The term ‘poverty line’
16 has the meaning given the term in section 673 of the
17 Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C.
18 9902).

19 “(21) STUDENT.—The term ‘student’ means a
20 public elementary school or public secondary school
21 student.

22 “(b) FUNDS AND AVAILABILITY.—

23 “(1) EDUCATION CORPS FUND.—The Corpora-
24 tion shall establish an account to be known as the
25 Education Corps Fund.

1 “(2) HEALTHY FUTURES CORPS FUND.—The
2 Corporation shall establish an account to be known
3 as the Healthy Futures Corps Fund.

4 “(3) CLEAN ENERGY SERVICE CORPS FUND.—
5 The Corporation shall establish an account to be
6 known as the Clean Energy Service Corps Fund.

7 “(4) OPPORTUNITY CORPS FUND.—The Cor-
8 poration shall establish an account to be known as
9 the Opportunity Corps Fund.

10 “(c) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—

11 “(1) EDUCATION CORPS.—

12 “(A) GRANTS.—The Corporation may use
13 the amounts made available for the Education
14 Corps Fund to make grants under this para-
15 graph to State Commissions and eligible enti-
16 ties, as described in paragraph (5).

17 “(B) PROGRAMS.—The Corporation shall
18 make the grants to pay for the Federal share
19 of the cost of carrying out full- or part-time na-
20 tional service programs that are consistent with
21 subtitle C and that improve performance on
22 education indicators, through the service of the
23 participants in the programs.

24 “(2) HEALTHY FUTURES CORPS.—

1 “(A) GRANTS.—The Corporation may use
2 the amounts made available for the Healthy
3 Futures Corps Fund to make grants under this
4 paragraph to State Commissions and eligible
5 entities, as described in paragraph (5).

6 “(B) PROGRAMS.—The Corporation shall
7 make the grants to pay for the Federal share
8 of the cost of carrying out full- or part-time na-
9 tional service programs that are consistent with
10 subtitle C and that improve performance on
11 health indicators, through the service of the
12 participants in the programs.

13 “(3) CLEAN ENERGY SERVICE CORPS.—

14 “(A) GRANTS.—The Corporation may use
15 the amounts made available for the Clean En-
16 ergy Service Corps Fund to make grants under
17 this paragraph to State Commissions and eligi-
18 ble entities, as described in paragraph (5).

19 “(B) PROGRAMS.—The Corporation shall
20 make the grants to pay for the Federal share
21 of the cost of carrying out full- or part-time na-
22 tional service programs that are consistent with
23 subtitle C and that improve performance on
24 clean energy indicators, through the service of
25 the participants in the programs.

1 “(4) OPPORTUNITY CORPS.—

2 “(A) GRANTS.—The Corporation may use
3 the amounts made available for the Opportunity
4 Corps Fund to make grants under this para-
5 graph to State Commissions and eligible enti-
6 ties, as described in paragraph (5).

7 “(B) PROGRAMS.—The Corporation shall
8 make the grants to pay for the Federal share
9 of the cost of carrying out full- or part-time na-
10 tional service programs that are consistent with
11 subtitle C and that improve performance on op-
12 portunity indicators, through the service of the
13 participants in the programs.

14 “(5) FORMULA AND COMPETITIVE GRANTS.—
15 For purposes of making grants under paragraph (1),
16 (2), (3), or (4), the Corporation shall carry out the
17 following:

18 “(A) FORMULA GRANTS.—

19 “(i) GRANTS TO CERTAIN STATES.—

20 “(I) IN GENERAL.—From $33\frac{1}{3}$
21 percent of the amount available in the
22 Fund described in that paragraph for
23 a fiscal year (after the Corporation
24 makes the reservation described in
25 subsection (i)), the Corporation shall

1 make grants (including financial as-
2 sistance and a corresponding allot-
3 ment of approved national service po-
4 sitions). The Corporation shall make
5 the grants to the State Commission of
6 each of the several States, the District
7 of Columbia, and the Commonwealth
8 of Puerto Rico that has an application
9 approved by the Corporation under
10 subsection (e), from allotments de-
11 scribed in subclause (II).

12 “(II) ALLOTMENT.—The amount
13 allotted as a grant to each such State
14 under subclause (I) for a fiscal year
15 shall be equal to the amount that
16 bears the same ratio to that $33\frac{1}{3}$ per-
17 cent of the amount available in that
18 Fund for that fiscal year as the popu-
19 lation of the State bears to the total
20 population of the several States, the
21 District of Columbia, and the Com-
22 monwealth of Puerto Rico.

23 “(ii) GRANTS TO CERTAIN TERRI-
24 TORIES AND POSSESSIONS.—

1 “(I) IN GENERAL.—From 1 per-
2 cent of the amount available in the
3 Fund described in that paragraph for
4 a fiscal year (after the Corporation
5 makes the reservation described in
6 subsection (i)), the Corporation shall
7 make grants (including financial as-
8 sistance and a corresponding allot-
9 ment of approved national service po-
10 sitions). The Corporation shall make
11 the grants to the State Commission
12 for each of the United States Virgin
13 Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and
14 the Commonwealth of the Northern
15 Mariana Islands that has an applica-
16 tion approved by the Corporation
17 under subsection (e), from allotments
18 described in subclause (II).

19 “(II) ALLOTMENT.—The amount
20 allotted as a grant to each such State
21 under subclause (I) for a fiscal year
22 shall be equal to the amount that
23 bears the same ratio to that 1 percent
24 of the amount available in that Fund
25 for that fiscal year as the population

1 of the State bears to the total popu-
2 lation of the States referred to in sub-
3 clause (I).

4 “(iii) GRANTS TO INDIAN TRIBES.—

5 “(I) IN GENERAL.—From 1 per-
6 cent of the amount available in the
7 Fund described in that paragraph for
8 a fiscal year (after the Corporation
9 makes the reservation described in
10 subsection (i)), the Corporation shall
11 make grants (including financial as-
12 sistance and a corresponding allot-
13 ment of approved national service po-
14 sitions) to Indian tribes that have ap-
15 plications approved by the Corpora-
16 tion under subsection (e). The funds
17 allotted for such grants shall be allot-
18 ted by the Corporation on a competi-
19 tive basis in accordance with the re-
20 spective needs of the Indian tribes.

21 “(II) APPLICATION.—For pur-
22 poses of this subtitle, other than this
23 subparagraph, a reference to a State
24 Commission shall be considered to in-
25 clude a reference to the governing

1 body of an Indian tribe, and a ref-
2 erence to a State shall be considered
3 to include a reference to an Indian
4 tribe or the geographic area in which
5 the tribe resides. The Corporation
6 shall have authority to issue standards
7 to apply the provisions of this subtitle
8 (other than this subparagraph) to In-
9 dian tribes.

10 “(iv) EFFECT OF FAILURE TO
11 APPLY.—If a State or Indian tribe fails to
12 apply for, or fails to give notice to the Cor-
13 poration of its intent to apply for, an allot-
14 ment under this subparagraph, the Cor-
15 poration shall use the amount that would
16 have been allotted under this subparagraph
17 to the State or Indian tribe—

18 “(I) to make grants (including fi-
19 nancial assistance and a cor-
20 responding allotment of approved na-
21 tional service positions) to other eligi-
22 ble entities that propose to carry out
23 national service programs in the State
24 on behalf of the Indian tribe; and

1 “(II) after making grants under
2 subclause (I), to make a reallocation
3 to other States and Indian tribes that
4 have applications approved by the
5 Corporation under subsection (e).

6 “(B) COMPETITIVE GRANTS.—From the
7 remainder of the amount available in that Fund
8 for that fiscal year, the Corporation shall make
9 grants (including such assistance and cor-
10 responding allotment), on a competitive basis,
11 to State Commissions and eligible entities that
12 have such approved applications.

13 “(6) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise
15 expressly provided in this section and subtitle
16 D, the terms and conditions of grants made
17 under this subsection shall be consistent with
18 the provisions of subtitle C concerning terms
19 and conditions of grants made under section
20 121(a). Those terms and conditions shall apply
21 with respect to grants and allotments requested,
22 national service positions and national service
23 programs proposed, and applications submitted,
24 under this section.

1 “(B) INVESTMENT IN NATIONAL SERV-
2 ICE.—For purposes of applying the provisions
3 of part I of subtitle C under this subsection,
4 sections 122(e), 125, and 126 shall not apply.

5 “(C) APPLICATION, APPROVAL, AND ALLO-
6 CATION.—State Commissions and eligible enti-
7 ties shall apply for the grants, and the grants
8 (and the financial assistance and approved na-
9 tional service positions made available through
10 the grants) shall be allocated among State
11 Commissions and eligible entities, in a manner
12 consistent with this section. Except as otherwise
13 provided in this section, subsections (a) through
14 (d) of section 129, subsections (a) through (d),
15 and (g), of section 130, subsections (a)(1) and
16 (f) of section 131, and subsections (a), (b), (d),
17 and (e) of section 133 shall not apply to such
18 applications and allocations.

19 “(D) NATIONAL SERVICE PARTICIPANTS.—
20 Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
21 section and subtitle D, the terms and conditions
22 that apply to participants in programs carried
23 out under such grants (including provisions re-
24 lating to participant eligibility, selection, terms
25 of service, and benefits) shall be consistent with

1 the provisions of subtitle C concerning terms
2 and conditions that apply to participants in
3 programs under subtitle C.

4 “(7) NUMBER OF POSITIONS.—The Corporation
5 shall—

6 “(A) establish or increase the number of
7 positions that are approved as approved na-
8 tional service positions under this subtitle dur-
9 ing each of fiscal years 2009 through 2013;

10 “(B) establish the number of the approved
11 positions as 25,000 for fiscal year 2009; and

12 “(C) increase the number of the approved
13 positions to—

14 “(i) 50,000 for fiscal year 2010;

15 “(ii) 75,000 for fiscal year 2011;

16 “(iii) 125,000 for fiscal year 2012;

17 and

18 “(iv) 175,000 for fiscal year 2013.

19 “(d) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Eligible entities shall carry
21 out the national service programs under subsection
22 (c).

23 “(2) QUALIFICATION.—To be qualified to carry
24 out a national service program under subsection (c),
25 an eligible entity shall—

1 “(A) receive a grant under subsection (c);

2 or

3 “(B) be selected to carry out the program
4 through a competitive process, by a State Com-
5 mission that receives a grant under subsection
6 (c).

7 “(e) APPLICATION.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To be qualified to receive a
9 grant under subsection (c) for a national service pro-
10 gram, a State Commission or an eligible entity shall
11 submit an application to the Corporation at such
12 time, in such manner, and containing such informa-
13 tion as the Corporation may require, which shall in-
14 clude—

15 “(A) information describing how the eligi-
16 ble entity proposed to carry out the program
17 proposes to utilize funds under a paragraph of
18 subsection (c) to improve performance on the
19 corresponding indicators described in subsection
20 (a) utilizing participants, including the activities
21 in which such participants will engage to im-
22 prove performance on those indicators;

23 “(B) information identifying the geo-
24 graphical area in which the eligible entity pro-
25 posed to carry out the program proposes to use

1 funds under a paragraph of subsection (c) to
2 improve performance on the corresponding indi-
3 cators described in subsection (a), including de-
4 mographic information on the students or indi-
5 viduals, as appropriate, in such area, and sta-
6 tistics demonstrating the need to improve such
7 indicators in such area;

8 “(C) with respect to a grant to carry out
9 a national service program under a paragraph
10 of subsection (c), information describing the ex-
11 perience of the eligible entity proposed to carry
12 out the program in improving performance on
13 the corresponding indicators described in sub-
14 section (a), including whether the entity has
15 previously utilized participants to improve per-
16 formance on such indicators, and if so, the ac-
17 tivities in which such participants have en-
18 gaged;

19 “(D) if applicable, information on how the
20 eligible entity described in subparagraph (A)
21 will work with other community-based agencies
22 to carry out activities to improve performance
23 on the corresponding indicators described in
24 subsection (a) using such funds;

25 “(E) a description of—

1 “(i) the type of positions into which
2 participants will be placed, using the as-
3 sistance provided under subsection (c), in-
4 cluding descriptions of the specific tasks to
5 be performed by such participants, and the
6 minimum qualifications that individuals
7 will be required to meet to become partici-
8 pants in such program; and

9 “(ii) the number of proposed full- and
10 part-time national service positions for
11 which participants will receive the national
12 service educational award described in sub-
13 title D;

14 “(F) a description consistent with the de-
15 scription required by section 130(b)(12) for the
16 national service positions proposed;

17 “(G) information and assurances con-
18 sistent with those described in subsections (e)
19 and (f) of section 130, subsections (a)(2), (b),
20 (c), (d)(1), and (e) of section 131, and section
21 132(a), for the grant requested and the na-
22 tional service program and national service po-
23 sitions proposed, except as provided in sub-
24 section (g)(1)(B);

1 after completion of their service under
2 the grant; and

3 “(ii) information on the number and
4 percentage of individuals, including chil-
5 dren, in families with family incomes below
6 the poverty line in the community to be
7 served; and

8 “(K) any other information the Corpora-
9 tion may require.

10 “(2) REQUEST FOR WAIVER.—

11 “(A) REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO EDU-
12 CATIONAL AWARDS.—An applicant may include
13 in the application a request for a waiver (in-
14 cluding a justification of the need for such
15 waiver and information describing how such
16 waiver will assist the applicant in improving
17 performance on the appropriate indicators de-
18 scribed in subsection (a)) of requirements relat-
19 ing to the Corporation’s provision of a national
20 service educational award to or on behalf of a
21 participant in the program, which may in-
22 clude—

23 “(i) in the case of a grant under sub-
24 section (c)(1), requirements relating to the

1 minimum age for a participant under sec-
2 tion 137(a)(4); and

3 “(ii) in the case of a grant under any
4 paragraph of subsection (c), requirements
5 relating to individuals who receive a na-
6 tional service educational award under sec-
7 tion 146(a) and related provisions, to allow
8 the eligible entity proposed to carry out the
9 program to select participants to serve in
10 approved national service positions (with
11 eligibility for national service educational
12 awards) from among a prespecified group
13 of participants, if the request describes the
14 process by which the participants serving
15 in such positions will be selected from such
16 group.

17 “(B) REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO USE
18 OF ALLOTMENTS FOR PROGRAMS.—

19 “(i) IN GENERAL.—A State Commis-
20 sion may include in the application a re-
21 quest that the Corporation—

22 “(I) waive provisions requiring
23 the State to use an allotment from a
24 Fund, described in subsection
25 (c)(5)(A), for corresponding programs

1 described in a paragraph of subsection
2 (c); and

3 “(II) permit the State to use
4 funds from the allotment for other
5 programs described in another para-
6 graph of subsection (c).

7 “(ii) INFORMATION.—The State Com-
8 mission shall include in the request—

9 “(I) information demonstrating
10 that the State has not received a suf-
11 ficient number of applications of ade-
12 quate quality to carry out the cor-
13 responding programs referred to in
14 clause (i)(I); and

15 “(II) information identifying the
16 other programs referred to in clause
17 (i)(II), and the amount of funds from
18 the allotment that the State intends
19 to use for each such program.

20 “(iii) TREATMENT.—If the Corpora-
21 tion approves the waiver, and permits the
22 State to use funds from the allotment for
23 programs described in a paragraph of sub-
24 section (c), for purposes of this subtitle
25 (other than subsection (c)(5)(A)), the

1 funds shall be considered to be part of a
2 grant made under that paragraph.

3 “(3) LIMITATION ON SAME PROJECT IN MUL-
4 TIPLE APPLICATIONS.—The Corporation shall reject
5 an application submitted under this subsection if a
6 project proposed to be conducted using assistance
7 requested by the applicant is already described in
8 another application pending before the Corporation.

9 “(f) CONSULTATION.—

10 “(1) OFFICIALS.—

11 “(A) EDUCATION CORPS.—The Corpora-
12 tion shall consult with the Secretary of Edu-
13 cation as appropriate in making grants under
14 subsection (c)(1) and developing additional indi-
15 cators described in subsection (a)(8)(F).

16 “(B) HEALTHY FUTURES CORPS.—The
17 Corporation shall consult with the Secretary of
18 Health and Human Services and the Director
19 of the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-
20 tion as appropriate in making grants under
21 subsection (c)(2) and developing additional indi-
22 cators described in subsection (a)(13)(E).

23 “(C) CLEAN ENERGY SERVICE CORPS.—
24 The Corporation shall consult with the Sec-
25 retary of Energy and the Administrator of the

1 Environmental Protection Agency as appro-
2 priate in making grants under subsection (c)(3)
3 and developing additional indicators described
4 in subsection (a)(4)(D).

5 “(D) OPPORTUNITY CORPS.—The Corpora-
6 tion shall consult with the Secretary of Health
7 and Human Services and the Secretary of
8 Labor as appropriate in making grants under
9 subsection (c)(4) and developing additional indi-
10 cators described in subsection (a)(19)(E).

11 “(2) REVIEW PANELS.—The Corporation
12 shall—

13 “(A) establish panels of experts for the
14 purpose of securing recommendations on appli-
15 cations submitted under subsection (e) for more
16 than \$250,000 in assistance, or for a number of
17 national service positions that would require
18 more than \$250,000 in national service edu-
19 cational awards; and

20 “(B) consider the opinions of such panels
21 prior to making determinations on such applica-
22 tions.

23 “(g) ALLOCATION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND
24 POSITIONS.—

25 “(1) ALLOCATION.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In making grants
2 under subsection (c), the Corporation shall allo-
3 cate the financial assistance and approved na-
4 tional service positions provided through the
5 grants among eligible entities proposed to carry
6 out national service programs described in sub-
7 section (c).

8 “(B) APPROVED NATIONAL SERVICE POSI-
9 TIONS ONLY.—In making those grants, the Cor-
10 poration—

11 “(i) may make some grants that pro-
12 vide only approved national service posi-
13 tions (as opposed to financial assistance
14 and such positions) for some or all of the
15 participants in the national service pro-
16 grams involved; but

17 “(ii) shall ensure that not more than
18 35 percent of the participants in the na-
19 tional service programs described in sub-
20 section (c) will receive only approved na-
21 tional service positions through the grants.

22 “(C) FULL-TIME POSITIONS.—In making
23 the grants, the Corporation shall ensure that 50
24 percent of the approved national service posi-

1 tions provided through the grants shall be full-
2 time national service positions.

3 “(2) PRIORITY.—In awarding financial assist-
4 ance and approved national service positions to eligi-
5 ble entities proposed to carry out national service
6 programs described in subsection (c)—

7 “(A) in the case of a grant under sub-
8 section (c)(2)—

9 “(i) the Corporation may give priority
10 to such eligible entities that propose to de-
11 velop policies to provide, and provide, sup-
12 port for participants who, after completing
13 service under this section, will undertake
14 careers to improve performance on health
15 indicators; and

16 “(ii) the Corporation shall give pri-
17 ority to such eligible entities that propose
18 to carry out national service programs in
19 medically underserved areas;

20 “(B) in the case of a grant under sub-
21 section (c)(3), the Corporation shall give pri-
22 ority to such eligible entities that propose to re-
23 cruit individuals for the Clean Energy Service
24 Corps so that significant percentages of partici-
25 pants in the Corps are economically disadvan-

1 tagged individuals, and provide to such individ-
2 uals training to develop skills needed for clean
3 energy jobs for which there is ongoing demand
4 or there is predicted to be future demand; and

5 “(C) in the case of a grant under sub-
6 section (c)(4), the Corporation shall give pri-
7 ority to such eligible entities that propose to—

8 “(i) improve economic opportunity by
9 engaging a significant percentage of eco-
10 nomically disadvantaged individuals as par-
11 ticipants to provide services and benefits to
12 other economically disadvantaged individ-
13 uals; or

14 “(ii) serve a community with a high
15 number and percentage of individuals, in-
16 cluding children, in families with family in-
17 comes below the poverty line.

18 “(3) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—The Corpora-
19 tion shall ensure that eligible entities receiving fi-
20 nancial assistance or positions under subsection (c)
21 are geographically diverse and include entities pro-
22 posing national service programs to be conducted in
23 urban or rural areas.

24 “(4) ENCORE SERVICE PROGRAMS.—

1 “(A) FORMULA GRANTS.—Each State re-
2 ceiving a grant under subsection (c)(5)(A) for a
3 fiscal year shall make an effort to make avail-
4 able not less than 10 percent of the financial
5 assistance and approved national service posi-
6 tions provided through the grant for that fiscal
7 year to eligible entities proposed to carry out
8 encore service programs, unless the State Com-
9 mission involved does not receive a sufficient
10 number of applications of adequate quality to
11 justify making that percentage available to
12 those eligible entities.

13 “(B) COMPETITIVE GRANTS.—In making
14 grants under subsection (c)(5)(B) for a fiscal
15 year, the Corporation shall make an effort to
16 allocate not less than 10 percent of the finan-
17 cial assistance and approved national service
18 positions provided through the grants for that
19 fiscal year to eligible entities proposed to carry
20 out encore service programs, unless the Cor-
21 poration does not receive a sufficient number of
22 applications of adequate quality to justify mak-
23 ing that percentage available to those eligible
24 entities.

1 “(5) EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—A participant
2 who serves in a national service program that re-
3 ceives a grant under subsection (c) shall be consid-
4 ered to have served in an approved national service
5 position and, upon meeting the requirements of sec-
6 tion 147 (or the requirements specified in a waiver
7 granted under subsection (e)(2)(A)), shall be eligible
8 for a national service educational award described in
9 section 147. The Corporation shall transfer an ap-
10 propriate amount of funds to the National Service
11 Trust to provide for the national service educational
12 awards for such participants.

13 “(h) USE OF ASSISTANCE.—

14 “(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—An eligible entity
15 that receives financial assistance or positions under
16 a paragraph of subsection (c) shall use the financial
17 assistance or positions to carry out full-time or part-
18 time national service programs, including summer
19 programs, described in that paragraph of subsection
20 (c) that are designed to improve performance on the
21 corresponding indicators described in subsection (a)
22 in low-income communities.

23 “(2) PARTICIPANT ACTIVITIES.—A participant
24 in such a program shall address identified commu-
25 nity needs by carrying out activities (which may in-

1 clude providing direct service, recruiting and coordi-
2 nating the activities of volunteers providing direct
3 service, and building the capacity of local organiza-
4 tions and communities) designed to improve per-
5 formance on the corresponding indicators described
6 in subsection (a), such as—

7 “(A) in the case of a program carried out
8 under subsection (c)(1)—

9 “(i) tutoring, or providing other aca-
10 demic support to students;

11 “(ii) mentoring students, including
12 adult or peer mentoring;

13 “(iii) linking needed integrated serv-
14 ices and comprehensive supports with stu-
15 dents, their families, and their public
16 schools;

17 “(iv) improving the school climate in-
18 volved;

19 “(v) providing assistance to a school
20 in expanding the school day by strength-
21 ening the quality of staff in an expanded
22 learning time initiative, a program of a
23 21st century community learning center, or
24 a high-quality after-school program;

1 “(vi) assisting schools and local edu-
2 cational agencies in improving and expand-
3 ing high-quality service-learning programs
4 that keep students engaged in schools by
5 providing service-learning coordinators;
6 and

7 “(vii) involving family members of
8 students in supporting teachers and stu-
9 dents;

10 “(B) in the case of a program carried out
11 under subsection (c)(2)—

12 “(i) assisting economically disadvan-
13 tagged individuals in navigating the health
14 care system;

15 “(ii) assisting individuals in obtaining
16 access to health care for themselves or
17 their children;

18 “(iii) educating economically dis-
19 advantaged individuals and individuals who
20 are members of medically underserved pop-
21 ulations about, and engaging individuals
22 described in this clause in, initiatives re-
23 garding navigating the health care system
24 and regarding disease prevention and
25 health promotion, with a particular focus

1 on common health conditions, chronic dis-
2 eases, and conditions, for which disease
3 prevention and health promotion measures
4 exist and for which socioeconomic, geo-
5 graphic, and racial and ethnic health dis-
6 parities exist, such as initiatives con-
7 cerning—

8 “(I) cardiovascular disease;

9 “(II) diabetes education;

10 “(III) cancer screening;

11 “(IV) HIV infection or AIDS;

12 “(V) immunizations; and

13 “(VI) infant mortality;

14 “(iv) improving health literacy of pa-
15 tients;

16 “(v) providing translation services at
17 clinics and in emergency rooms to improve
18 health care; and

19 “(vi) assisting in health promotion
20 interventions that improve health status,
21 and helping people adopt and maintain
22 healthy lifestyles and habits to improve
23 health status;

24 “(C) in the case of a program carried out
25 under subsection (c)(3)—

1 “(i) weatherizing and retrofitting
2 housing units for low-income households to
3 improve the energy efficiency of such hous-
4 ing units;

5 “(ii) building energy efficient housing
6 units in low-income communities;

7 “(iii) conducting energy audits for
8 low-income households and recommending
9 ways for the households to improve energy
10 efficiency;

11 “(iv) working with schools and youth
12 programs to educate students and youth
13 about ways to reduce home energy use and
14 improve the environment, including con-
15 ducting service-learning projects to provide
16 such education;

17 “(v) assisting in the development of
18 local recycling programs;

19 “(vi) improving national and State
20 parks, city parks, county parks, forest pre-
21 serves, and trails owned or maintained by
22 the Federal Government or a State, includ-
23 ing planting trees, carrying out reforest-
24 ation, and making trail enhancements; and

1 “(vii) cleaning and improving rivers
2 maintained by the Federal Government or
3 a State; and

4 “(D) in the case of a program carried out
5 under subsection (c)(4)—

6 “(i) providing financial literacy edu-
7 cation to economically disadvantaged indi-
8 viduals, including financial literacy edu-
9 cation with regard to credit management,
10 financial institutions including banks and
11 credit unions, and utilization of savings
12 plans;

13 “(ii) assisting in the construction of
14 housing units including energy efficient
15 homes, in low-income communities;

16 “(iii) assisting individuals in obtaining
17 access to health care for themselves or
18 their children;

19 “(iv) assisting individuals in obtaining
20 information about Federal, State, local, or
21 private programs or benefits focused on as-
22 sisting economically disadvantaged individ-
23 uals, economically disadvantaged children,
24 or low-income families;

1 “(v) improving opportunities for eco-
2 nomicallly disadvantaged children and
3 youth to become involved in youth develop-
4 ment organizations;

5 “(vi) facilitating enrollment in and
6 completion of job training for economically
7 disadvantaged individuals; and

8 “(vii) assisting economically disadvan-
9 tagged individuals in obtaining access to job
10 placement assistance.

11 “(i) RESERVATION OF FUNDS FOR REVIEW PANELS
12 AND TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Before allotting funds
14 under subsection (c)(5), the Corporation shall re-
15 serve an equal percentage (but not more than 4 per-
16 cent) of the amounts available in each Fund de-
17 scribed in a paragraph of subsection (b), to—

18 “(A) carry out activities concerning review
19 panels as provided in subsection (f)(2); and

20 “(B) provide training and technical assist-
21 ance to eligible entities, including training and
22 technical assistance to assist eligible entities
23 carrying out national service programs with a
24 Corps described in subsection (a) in—

25 “(i) coordinating efforts; and

1 “(ii) improving the ability of the
2 Corps to improve performance on the cor-
3 responding indicators described in sub-
4 section (a).

5 “(2) TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—
6 The Corporation may, as appropriate, consult with
7 the corresponding officials described in subsection
8 (f)(1) in planning and carrying out the training and
9 technical assistance.

10 “(j) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the end
11 of each fiscal year for which the Corporation makes grants
12 under a paragraph of subsection (c), the Corporation shall
13 prepare and submit to Congress a report containing—

14 “(1) information describing how the Corpora-
15 tion allocated financial assistance and approved na-
16 tional service positions among eligible entities pro-
17 posed to carry out national service programs de-
18 scribed in that paragraph for that fiscal year;

19 “(2) a measure of the extent to which the na-
20 tional service programs improved performance on
21 the corresponding indicators described in subsection
22 (a); and

23 “(3) information describing how the Corpora-
24 tion is coordinating—

1 “(A) the national service programs funded
2 under that paragraph; with

3 “(B) applicable programs, as determined
4 by the Corporation, carried out under subtitles
5 B and C of this title, and part A of title I and
6 parts A and B of title II of the Domestic Vol-
7 unteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4951 et
8 seq., 5001, 5011) that improve performance on
9 those indicators or otherwise address identified
10 community needs.

11 “(k) INCENTIVES FOR ENCORE SERVICE.—

12 “(1) INCENTIVES STUDY.—

13 “(A) STUDY.—The Corporation shall study
14 the use of additional incentives (other than in-
15 centives provided by this Act on the date of en-
16 actment of the Serve America Act), to attract
17 individuals who are age 50 or older to perform
18 service under subtitle C or this subtitle.

19 “(B) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years
20 after the date of enactment of the Serve Amer-
21 ica Act, the Corporation shall prepare and sub-
22 mit to Congress a report containing the results
23 of the study.

24 “(2) INCENTIVES.—Not later than 2 years after
25 the date of enactment of the Serve America Act, the

1 Corporation shall, notwithstanding any other provi-
2 sion of this title, implement through a pilot program
3 additional incentives that the Corporation has found,
4 through the study described in paragraph (1), to be
5 effective to attract individuals described in para-
6 graph (1)(A) to perform service under subtitle C or
7 this subtitle.”.

8 (d) NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—

9 (1) TRUST.—Section 145 of the National and
10 Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12601)
11 is amended—

12 (A) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “sec-
13 tion 501(a)(2)” and inserting “paragraph (2)
14 or (6) of section 501(a)”; and

15 (B) in subsection (d)(4), by striking “sub-
16 title C” and inserting “subtitle C or G”.

17 (2) INCREASED NUMBER OF TERMS OF SERVICE
18 TO ENCOURAGE ENCORE SERVICE OPPORTUNI-
19 TIES.—Section 146 of the National and Community
20 Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12602) is amend-
21 ed—

22 (A) in subsection (c)—

23 (i) by striking “Although” and insert-
24 ing the following:

25 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Although”; and

1 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(2) TERMS OF SERVICE FOR ENCORE SERVICE
4 OPPORTUNITIES.—

5 “(A) NUMBER OF TERMS.—Notwith-
6 standing paragraph (1) and section 147, a par-
7 ticipant who is age 50 or older on the first day
8 of the participant’s service under subtitle C or
9 G may receive a national service educational
10 award for not more than 3 terms of service
11 under subtitle C or G.

12 “(B) AMOUNT OF AWARD.—The partici-
13 pant shall receive—

14 “(i) a national service educational
15 award in the amount described in the cor-
16 responding provision of section 147, for
17 the first or second term of such service;
18 and

19 “(ii) a reduced national service edu-
20 cational award equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ of the amount
21 described in the corresponding provision of
22 section 147, for the third term of such
23 service.”; and

24 (B) in subsection (d), by adding at the end
25 the following:

1 “(3) TERM FOR TRANSFERRED EDUCATIONAL
2 AWARDS.—For purposes of applying paragraphs (1)
3 and (2)(A) to an individual who is eligible to receive
4 an educational award as a designated individual (as
5 defined in section 148(f)(3)), references to a seven-
6 year period shall be considered to be references to a
7 15-year period that begins on the date the individual
8 who transferred the educational award to the des-
9 ignated individual completed the term of service in
10 the approved national service position that is the
11 basis of the award.”.

12 (3) EDUCATIONAL AWARD TRANSFERS TO EN-
13 COURAGE ENCORE SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES.—Sec-
14 tion 148 of the National and Community Service Act
15 of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12604) is amended—

16 (A) in subsection (c)(5), by striking “sub-
17 title C” and inserting “subtitle C or the appro-
18 priate national service program under subtitle
19 G, as applicable”;

20 (B) by redesignating subsections (f) and
21 (g) as subsections (g) and (h), respectively; and

22 (C) by inserting after subsection (e) the
23 following:

24 “(f) TRANSFER OF EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An individual who is eligi-
2 ble to receive a national service educational award
3 under a program described in paragraph (2) may
4 elect to receive a reduced national service edu-
5 cational award (equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ of the amount described
6 in the corresponding provision of section 147) and
7 transfer the award to a designated individual. Sub-
8 sections (b), (c), and (d) shall apply to the des-
9 ignated individual in lieu of the individual who is eli-
10 gible to receive the national service educational
11 award, except that amounts refunded to the account
12 under subsection (c)(5) on behalf of a designated in-
13 dividual may be used by the Corporation to fund ad-
14 ditional placements in the national service program
15 in which the eligible individual who transferred the
16 national service educational award participated for
17 such award.

18 “(2) CONDITIONS FOR TRANSFER.—A national
19 service educational award may be transferred under
20 this subsection if—

21 “(A) the educational award is for service in
22 a national service program that receives a grant
23 under subtitle G; and

24 “(B) the eligible individual is age 50 or
25 older.

1 “(3) DEFINITION OF A DESIGNATED INDI-
2 VIDUAL.—In this subsection, the term ‘designated
3 individual’ is an individual—

4 “(A) whom an individual who is eligible to
5 receive a national service educational award
6 under a program described in paragraph (2)
7 designates to receive the educational award;

8 “(B) who meets the eligibility requirements
9 of paragraphs (3) and (4) of section 146(a);
10 and

11 “(C) who is a child or grandchild of the in-
12 dividual described in subparagraph (A).”.

13 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
14 501(a) of the National and Community Service Act of
15 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)), as amended by section
16 121(b), is further amended by adding at the end the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(6) SERVEAMERICA CORPS.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized
20 to be appropriated such sums as may be nec-
21 essary for each of fiscal years 2009 through
22 2013 to provide financial assistance under sub-
23 title G of title I and to provide national service
24 educational awards under subtitle D of title I
25 (including providing financial assistance and

1 national service educational awards to partici-
2 pants in national service positions, established
3 or increased as provided in section 168(c)(7).

4 “(B) AVAILABILITY.—Of the amounts ap-
5 propriated under subparagraph (A) for a fiscal
6 year, the Corporation shall make available—

7 “(i) not less than 35 percent for the
8 Education Corps Fund; and

9 “(ii) not less than 35 percent for the
10 Clean Energy Service Corps Fund.”.

11 **Subtitle D—Civic Health Index**

12 **SEC. 141. INDEX.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 179 of the National and
14 Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12639) is
15 amended by adding at the end the following:

16 “(j) CIVIC HEALTH INDEX.—

17 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

18 “(A) CORPORATION.—The term ‘Corpora-
19 tion’ means the Corporation for National and
20 Community Service, in conjunction with the Di-
21 rector of the Bureau of the Census, the Com-
22 missioner of Labor Statistics, and (consistent
23 with the terms of an agreement entered into be-
24 tween the Corporation and the National Con-
25 ference) the National Conference.

1 “(B) NATIONAL CONFERENCE.—The term
2 ‘National Conference’ means the National Con-
3 ference on Citizenship referred to in section
4 150701 of title 36, United States Code.

5 “(2) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall es-
6 tablish a Civic Health Index by collecting civic
7 health data, conducting related analyses, and report-
8 ing the data and analyses, as described in this sub-
9 section.

10 “(3) COLLECTION OF DATA.—

11 “(A) INDICATORS.—

12 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In collecting data
13 for the Index, the Corporation shall collect
14 data on various indicators established by
15 the Corporation, including indicators re-
16 lated to—

17 “(I) volunteering and community
18 service;

19 “(II) voting and other forms of
20 political engagement;

21 “(III) charitable giving;

22 “(IV) connecting to civic groups
23 and faith-based organizations; and

1 “(V) understanding and obtain-
2 ing knowledge of United States his-
3 tory and government.

4 “(ii) UPDATING.—The Corporation
5 shall periodically evaluate and update the
6 indicators.

7 “(B) AGE GROUPS AND EDUCATION LEV-
8 ELS.—The Corporation shall collect data for the
9 Index in a manner that will permit the Cor-
10 poration to analyze the data by the age group
11 and education level of the individuals involved.

12 “(C) OTHER ISSUES.—In collecting data
13 for the Index, the Corporation shall collect such
14 information as may be necessary to analyze the
15 role of internet technology in strengthening and
16 inhibiting civic activities, the role of specific
17 programs in strengthening civic activities, and
18 the civic attitudes and activities of new citizens
19 and immigrants.

20 “(D) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER DATA.—To
21 collect data for the Index, the Corporation shall
22 consider methods of expanding data collection
23 conducted by the Bureau of the Census,
24 through the Current Population Survey, or by
25 the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

1 “(4) REPORTING OF DATA.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall,
3 not less often than once each year, prepare a
4 report containing detailed data collected under
5 paragraph (3), including data on each of the in-
6 dicators described in paragraph (3)(A), and
7 containing the analyses described in subpara-
8 graphs (B) and (C) of paragraph (3).

9 “(B) AGGREGATION AND PRESEN-
10 TATION.—The Corporation shall aggregate the
11 data collected under paragraph (3) by commu-
12 nity, by State, and nationally. The report shall
13 present the aggregated data in a form that en-
14 ables communities and States to assess their
15 civic health, as measured on each of the indica-
16 tors, and compare those measures with com-
17 parable measures of other communities and
18 States.

19 “(C) SUBMISSION.—The Corporation shall
20 submit the report to the Committee on Edu-
21 cation and Labor of the House of Representa-
22 tives and the Committee on Health, Education,
23 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate, and make
24 the report available to the general public.

1 “(5) CONFERENCES AND FORUMS.—The Cor-
2 poration shall hold conferences and forums to dis-
3 cuss the implications of the data and analyses re-
4 ported under paragraph (4).

5 “(k) RESEARCH AND EVALUATION.—

6 “(1) RESEARCH.—The Corporation, acting in
7 conjunction with the Commissioner of Labor Statis-
8 tics, shall provide for baseline research and tracking
9 of domestic and international volunteering, and
10 baseline research and tracking related to relevant
11 data on the indicators described in subsection (j)(3).
12 In providing for the research and tracking under
13 this paragraph, the Corporation and the Commis-
14 sioner shall consider methods of expanding research
15 and tracking conducted by the Bureau of Labor Sta-
16 tistics.

17 “(2) IMPACT RESEARCH AND EVALUATION.—
18 The Corporation, acting in conjunction with the
19 Commissioner of Labor Statistics, shall provide for
20 research on, and evaluations of, the impact of do-
21 mestic and international volunteering, including an
22 assessment of best practices for such volunteering,
23 and methods of improving such volunteering through
24 enhanced collaboration among entities that recruit,

1 manage, support, and utilize volunteers, institutions
2 of higher education, and research institutions.”.

3 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
4 501(a) of the National and Community Service Act of
5 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)), as amended in section 131(e),
6 is further amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(7) CIVIC HEALTH INDEX; RESEARCH AND
8 EVALUATION.—In addition to any amounts appro-
9 priated under paragraph (4), there is authorized to
10 be appropriated to carry out subsections (j) and (k)
11 of section 179, \$5,600,000 for fiscal years 2009
12 though 2013, of which—

13 “(A) not more than \$800,000 may be used
14 for a fiscal year to carry out data collection
15 under paragraph (3) of section 179(j);

16 “(B) not more than \$200,000 may be used
17 for a fiscal year to carry out paragraphs (4)
18 and (5) of section 179(j); and

19 “(C) for fiscal years 2009, 2011, and
20 2013, not more than \$200,000 may be used to
21 establish or update indicators under paragraph
22 (3) of section 179(j).”.

1 **Subtitle E—ServeAmerica and**
2 **Encore Fellowships**

3 **SEC. 151. SERVEAMERICA AND ENCORE FELLOWSHIPS.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Full- and part-time volunteer service, both
6 at the national and State levels, can effectively tack-
7 le pressing national challenges and improve commu-
8 nities throughout the United States.

9 (2) Individual service plans and opportunities
10 can improve the ability of the nonprofit sector to ad-
11 dress areas of national need by introducing more
12 personal innovation and ingenuity into volunteer
13 service efforts.

14 (3) Many individuals in the United States who
15 are retiring or age 50 or older have shown an in-
16 creasing interest in community service and, by uti-
17 lizing their individual skills and expertise, volunteer
18 organizations can find creative solutions to pressing
19 national problems.

20 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

21 (1) to provide, by 2013, individual fellowships
22 to 5,000 individuals annually, allowing the individ-
23 uals to propose their own plans for serving in their
24 communities and addressing areas of national need;

1 (2) to focus the ideas and creativity of individ-
2 uals into addressing national challenges such as im-
3 proving education for low-income students, increas-
4 ing energy conservation, improving access to health
5 care for, and the health status of, low-income indi-
6 viduals, and creating new economic opportunities for
7 low-income individuals; and

8 (3) to provide Encore Fellowships to individuals
9 over the age of 50 to draw on the individuals' talents
10 and experience, to improve the effectiveness of vol-
11 unteer service organizations, and to provide the indi-
12 viduals with the support they need to make a transi-
13 tion to longer-term public service work.

14 (c) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—Subtitle J of title I of
15 the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42
16 U.S.C. 12653 et seq.), as redesignated by section 121, is
17 amended by adding at the end the following:

18 **“SEC. 198E. SERVEAMERICA AND ENCORE FELLOWSHIPS.**

19 “(a) SERVEAMERICA FELLOWSHIPS.—

20 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

21 “(A) AREA OF NATIONAL NEED.—The
22 term ‘area of national need’ means an area re-
23 lated to—

1 “(i) improving education in public
2 schools for economically disadvantaged stu-
3 dents;

4 “(ii) expanding and improving access
5 to health care;

6 “(iii) improving clean energy indica-
7 tors, as defined in section 168(a);

8 “(iv) improving economic opportuni-
9 ties for economically disadvantaged individ-
10 uals; or

11 “(v) improving disaster preparedness
12 and response.

13 “(B) CAMPUS OF SERVICE.—The term
14 ‘Campus of Service’ means an institution of
15 higher education designated as a Campus of
16 Service under section 119E.

17 “(C) ELIGIBLE FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT.—
18 The term ‘eligible fellowship recipient’ means
19 an individual who is selected by a State Com-
20 mission under paragraph (4)(E) and, as a re-
21 sult of such selection, is eligible for a
22 ServeAmerica Fellowship.

23 “(D) FELLOW.—The term ‘fellow’ means
24 an eligible fellowship recipient who is awarded

1 a ServeAmerica Fellowship and is designated a
2 fellow under paragraph (5)(B).

3 “(2) SERVEAMERICA FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.—
4 The Corporation shall establish and carry out a
5 ServeAmerica Fellowship program.

6 “(3) GRANTS.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall
8 make grants (including financial assistance and
9 a corresponding allotment of approved national
10 service positions), from allotments described in
11 subparagraph (B), to the State Commissions of
12 each of the several States, the District of Co-
13 lumbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
14 that has an application approved by the Cor-
15 poration, to enable the State Commissions to
16 award ServeAmerica Fellowships under para-
17 graph (5). The fellowships shall be used to en-
18 able fellows to carry out service projects in
19 areas of national need.

20 “(B) RESERVATION; ALLOTMENT.—

21 “(i) RESERVATION.—From the
22 amount appropriated under section
23 501(a)(2)(C) for a fiscal year, the Cor-
24 poration shall reserve not more than 3 per-

1 cent to administer the program under this
2 subsection.

3 “(ii) ALLOTMENT.—The amount allotted
4 as a grant to a State Commission
5 under subparagraph (A) for a fiscal year
6 shall be equal to the amount that bears the
7 same ratio to the amount appropriated
8 under section 501(a)(2)(C) and not re-
9 served under clause (i) for that fiscal year,
10 as the population of the State bears to the
11 total population of the several States, the
12 District of Columbia, and the Common-
13 wealth of Puerto Rico.

14 “(C) NUMBER OF POSITIONS.—The Cor-
15 poration shall—

16 “(i) establish or increase the number
17 of positions that are approved as approved
18 national service positions under this sub-
19 section during each of fiscal years 2009
20 through 2013;

21 “(ii) establish the number of approved
22 positions at 1,000 for fiscal year 2009; and

23 “(iii) increase the number of the ap-
24 proved positions to—

25 “(I) 2,000 for fiscal year 2010;

1 “(II) 3,000 for fiscal year 2011;

2 “(III) 4,000 for fiscal year 2012;

3 and

4 “(IV) 5,000 for fiscal year 2013.

5 “(D) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to re-
6 ceive such a grant, a State Commission shall
7 submit an application to the Corporation at
8 such time, in such manner, and containing such
9 information as the Corporation may require, in-
10 cluding information on the criteria and proce-
11 dures that the State Commission will use for
12 coordinating placements for service projects,
13 and awarding ServeAmerica Fellowships, under
14 paragraph (5).

15 “(4) ELIGIBLE FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the
17 program, the Corporation shall, each fiscal
18 year, maintain a list of eligible fellowship reci-
19 ents selected under subparagraph (E).

20 “(B) APPLICATION.—An individual desir-
21 ing to be selected as an eligible fellowship re-
22 cipient shall submit an application to a State
23 Commission, a Campus of Service, or an insti-
24 tution of higher education, that has elected to
25 participate in the program carried out under

1 area in which the applicant plans to serve,
2 for the service project.

3 “(D) NOMINATIONS BY CAMPUSES OF
4 SERVICE AND INSTITUTIONS.—After reviewing
5 the applications—

6 “(i) each Campus of Service may
7 nominate not fewer than 8 individuals for
8 consideration by the State Commission as
9 eligible fellowship recipients; and

10 “(ii) each institution of higher edu-
11 cation that is not a Campus of Service may
12 nominate not fewer than 4 individuals for
13 consideration by the State Commission as
14 eligible fellowship recipients.

15 “(E) SELECTION.—Each State Commis-
16 sion shall select, from the applications nomi-
17 nated by Campuses of Service and institutions
18 of higher education serving the State and the
19 applications received by the State Commission
20 for a fiscal year, the number of eligible fellow-
21 ship recipients that may be supported for that
22 fiscal year based on the allotment received by
23 the State Commission under paragraph (3)(B).
24 A total of not less than 10 percent and not
25 more than 15 percent of the eligible fellowship

1 recipients selected by the State Commission for
2 a fiscal year shall be individuals nominated by
3 a Campus of Service or an institution of higher
4 education.

5 “(5) FELLOWS.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to par-
7 ticipate in a service project through the pro-
8 gram as a fellow and receive a ServeAmerica
9 Fellowship, an eligible fellowship recipient
10 shall—

11 “(i) within 6 months after being se-
12 lected as an eligible fellowship recipient,
13 select an appropriate service sponsor orga-
14 nization described in paragraph (6) in the
15 State described in paragraph (4)(C)(iv),
16 with which the individual is interested in
17 serving under this subsection;

18 “(ii) enter into an agreement with the
19 organization—

20 “(I) that specifies the service the
21 individual will provide if the place-
22 ment is approved; and

23 “(II) in which the individual
24 agrees to serve for 1 year on a (as de-
25 termined by the Corporation) full-

1 time, part-time, or reduced part-time
2 basis; and

3 “(iii) submit such agreement to the
4 State Commission.

5 “(B) AWARD.—Upon receiving the eligible
6 fellowship recipient’s agreement under subpara-
7 graph (A), the State Commission shall award a
8 ServeAmerica Fellowship to the recipient and
9 designate the recipient as a fellow.

10 “(C) FELLOWSHIP AMOUNT.—

11 “(i) IN GENERAL.—From funds re-
12 ceived under paragraph (3), each State
13 Commission shall award each fellow a
14 ServeAmerica Fellowship amount that is
15 equal to 50 percent of the amount of the
16 total average annual subsistence allowance
17 provided to VISTA volunteers under sec-
18 tion 105 of the Domestic Volunteer Service
19 Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4955).

20 “(ii) AMOUNT FROM SERVICE SPON-
21 SOR ORGANIZATION.—Except as provided
22 in clause (iii), the service sponsor organiza-
23 tion shall award to the fellow serving such
24 organization an amount that will ensure
25 that the total award received by the fellow

1 for service in the serve project (consisting
2 of that amount and the ServeAmerica Fel-
3 lowship amount the fellow receives under
4 clause (i)) is equal to or greater than 70
5 percent of the average annual subsistence
6 allowance provided to VISTA volunteers
7 under section 105 of the Domestic Volun-
8 teer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4955).

9 “(iii) MAXIMUM LIVING ALLOW-
10 ANCE.—The total amount that may be pro-
11 vided to a fellow under this subparagraph
12 shall not exceed 100 percent of the average
13 annual subsistence allowance provided to
14 VISTA volunteers under section 105 of the
15 Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973
16 (42 U.S.C. 4955).

17 “(iv) PRORATION OF AMOUNT.—In
18 the case of a fellow who is authorized to
19 serve a part-time or reduced part-time
20 term of service under the agreement de-
21 scribed in subparagraph (A)(ii), the
22 amount provided to a fellow under this
23 subparagraph shall be prorated accord-
24 ingly.

1 “(v) WAIVER.—The Corporation may
2 allow a State Commission to waive the
3 amount required under clause (ii) from the
4 service sponsor organization for a fellow
5 serving the organization if—

6 “(I) such requirement is incon-
7 sistent with the objectives of the Fel-
8 lowship program; and

9 “(II) the amount provided to the
10 fellow under clause (i) is sufficient to
11 meet the necessary costs of living (in-
12 cluding food, housing, and transpor-
13 tation) in the area in which the fellow-
14 ship program is located.

15 “(6) SERVICE SPONSOR ORGANIZATIONS.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each service sponsor
17 organization shall—

18 “(i) be a nonprofit organization;

19 “(ii) agree, by registering with a State
20 Commission, to abide by all program re-
21 quirements;

22 “(iii) agree to provide an amount de-
23 scribed in paragraph (5)(C)(ii) for each
24 fellow serving with the organization
25 through the ServeAmerica Fellowship;

1 “(iv) be responsible for certifying
2 whether each fellow serving with the orga-
3 nization successfully completed the
4 ServeAmerica Fellowship; and

5 “(v) agree—

6 “(I) to record and certify in a
7 manner specified by the Corporation
8 the number of hours served by a fel-
9 low for purposes of determining the
10 fellow’s eligibility for benefits; and

11 “(II) to provide timely access to
12 records relating to the ServeAmerica
13 Fellowship to the State Commission,
14 the Corporation, or the Corporation’s
15 Inspector General.

16 “(B) REGISTRATION.—

17 “(i) REQUIREMENT.—No service
18 sponsor organization may receive a fellow
19 under this subsection until the organiza-
20 tion registers with the State Commission.

21 “(ii) REVOCATION.—A State Commis-
22 sion shall revoke the registration of any
23 service sponsor organization if the State
24 Commission determines after a hearing
25 that the organization is in violation of any

1 of the applicable provisions of this sub-
2 section.

3 “(7) COMPLIANCE WITH INELIGIBLE SERVICE
4 CATEGORIES.—Service under a ServeAmerica Fel-
5 lowship shall comply with section 132(a).

6 “(8) REPORTS.—Each service sponsor organiza-
7 tion that receives a fellow under this subsection
8 shall, on a biweekly basis, report to the Corporation
9 on the number of hours served and the services pro-
10 vided by that fellow. The Corporation shall establish
11 a web portal for the organizations to use in report-
12 ing the information.

13 “(9) EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—A fellow who
14 serves in a service project under this subsection shall
15 be considered to have served in an approved national
16 service position and, upon meeting the requirements
17 of section 147 for full-time, part-time, or reduced
18 part-time national service, shall be eligible for a na-
19 tional service educational award described in such
20 section. The Corporation shall transfer an appro-
21 priate amount of funds to the National Service
22 Trust to provide for the national service educational
23 awards for such fellows.

24 “(b) ENCORE FELLOWSHIPS.—

25 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

1 “(A) AREA OF NATIONAL NEED.—The
2 term ‘area of national need’ has the meaning
3 given the term in subsection (a)(1).

4 “(B) ELIGIBLE ENCORE FELLOWSHIP RE-
5 CIPIENT.—The term ‘eligible Encore Fellowship
6 recipient’ means an individual who is selected
7 under paragraph (3)(B) and, as a result of such
8 selection, is eligible for an Encore Fellowship.

9 “(C) ENCORE FELLOW.—The term ‘En-
10 core fellow’ means an eligible Encore Fellowship
11 recipient who is awarded an Encore Fellowship
12 and is designated an Encore fellow under para-
13 graph (5)(C).

14 “(2) ENCORE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall
16 establish and carry out an Encore Fellowship
17 program. In carrying out the program, the Cor-
18 poration shall award 1-year Encore Fellowships
19 to enable individuals age 50 or older—

20 “(i) to carry out service projects in
21 areas of national need; and

22 “(ii) to receive training and develop-
23 ment in order to transition to full- or part-
24 time public service in the nonprofit sector
25 or government.

1 “(B) PROGRAM.—In carrying out the pro-
2 gram, the Corporation shall—

3 “(i) maintain a list of eligible Encore
4 Fellowship recipients who are eligible to
5 participate in service projects through the
6 program and receive fellowships;

7 “(ii) maintain a list of organizations
8 that are eligible to have eligible Encore
9 Fellows placed with the organizations to
10 carry out service projects through the pro-
11 gram and provide the list to all eligible En-
12 core Fellowship recipients described in
13 clause (i); and

14 “(iii) at the request of an Encore Fel-
15 lowship recipient—

16 “(I) determine whether the re-
17 questing eligible Encore Fellowship
18 recipient is able to meet the service
19 needs of a listed organization, or an-
20 other organization that the recipient
21 requests in accordance with paragraph
22 (5)(B), for a service project; and

23 “(II) upon making a favorable
24 determination under subclause (I),
25 award the recipient with an Encore

1 Fellowship and place the recipient
2 with the organization as an Encore
3 Fellow.

4 “(3) ELIGIBLE ENCORE FELLOWSHIP RECIPI-
5 ENTS.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—An individual desiring
7 to be selected as an eligible Encore Fellowship
8 recipient shall—

9 “(i) be an individual who is—

10 “(I) at least 50 years of age as
11 of the time the individual applies for
12 the program; and

13 “(II) not engaged in, but who
14 wishes to make a transition to being
15 engaged in, full- or part-time public
16 service in the nonprofit sector or gov-
17 ernment; and

18 “(ii) submit an application to the Cor-
19 poration, at such time, in such manner,
20 and containing such information as the
21 Corporation may require, including—

22 “(I) a description of the area of
23 national need that the applicant hopes
24 to address through the service project;

1 “(II) the area of national need
2 that the organization seeks to address
3 through a service project; and

4 “(III) the services and activities
5 the organization seeks to carry out
6 through the proposed service project;

7 “(ii) a description of the skills and ex-
8 perience that an eligible Encore Fellowship
9 recipient needs to be placed with the orga-
10 nization as an Encore Fellow for the serv-
11 ice project;

12 “(iii) a description of the training and
13 leadership development the organization
14 shall provide an Encore Fellow placed with
15 the organization to assist the Encore Fel-
16 low in obtaining a public service job in the
17 nonprofit sector or government after the
18 period of the Encore Fellowship; and

19 “(iv) evidence of the organization’s fi-
20 nancial stability.

21 “(5) PLACEMENT.—

22 “(A) REQUEST FOR PLACEMENT WITH
23 LISTED ORGANIZATIONS.—To be placed with a
24 listed organization under paragraph (2)(B)(iii)
25 for a service project, an eligible Encore Fellow-

1 ship recipient shall submit an application for
2 such placement to the Corporation at such
3 time, in such manner, and containing such in-
4 formation as the Corporation may require.

5 “(B) REQUEST FOR PLACEMENT WITH
6 OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.—An eligible Encore
7 Fellowship recipient may apply to the Corpora-
8 tion to serve the recipient’s Encore Fellowship
9 year with a nonprofit organization that is not a
10 listed organization. Such application shall be
11 submitted to the Corporation at such time, in
12 such manner, and containing such information
13 as the Corporation shall require, and shall in-
14 clude—

15 “(i) an identification and description
16 of—

17 “(I) the organization;

18 “(II) the area of national need
19 the organization seeks to address; and

20 “(III) the services or activities
21 the organization carries out to address
22 such area of national need;

23 “(ii) a description of the services the
24 eligible Encore Fellowship recipient shall

1 provide for the organization as an Encore
2 Fellow;

3 “(iii) a description of the training and
4 leadership development the organization
5 will provide to the eligible Encore Fellow-
6 ship recipient if placed with the organiza-
7 tion as an Encore Fellow, to assist the En-
8 core Fellow in obtaining a public service
9 job in the nonprofit sector or government
10 after the period of the Encore Fellowship;
11 and

12 “(iv) a letter of support from the lead-
13 er of the organization, including—

14 “(I) a description of the organi-
15 zation’s need for the eligible Encore
16 Fellowship recipient’s services;

17 “(II) evidence that such organi-
18 zation is financially sound; and

19 “(III) an assurance that such or-
20 ganization will provide leadership
21 training and development consistent
22 with the description in the application.

23 “(C) PLACEMENT AND AWARD OF FEL-
24 LOWSHIP.—If the Corporation determines that
25 the eligible Encore Fellowship recipient is able

1 to meet the service needs (including skills and
2 experience to address an area of national need)
3 of the organization that the eligible fellowship
4 recipient requests under subparagraph (A) or
5 (B), the Corporation shall—

6 “(i) approve the placement of the eli-
7 gible Encore Fellowship recipient with the
8 organization;

9 “(ii) award the eligible Encore Fellow-
10 ship recipient an Encore Fellowship for a
11 period of 1 year and designate the eligible
12 Encore Fellowship recipient as an Encore
13 Fellow; and

14 “(iii) make a payment, in the amount
15 of \$11,000, to the listed organization to
16 enable the organization to provide living
17 expenses to the Encore Fellow for the year
18 in which the Encore Fellow agrees to
19 serve.

20 “(6) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—An organiza-
21 tion that receives an Encore Fellow under this sub-
22 section shall agree to provide, for the living expenses
23 of the Encore Fellow during the year of service, non-
24 Federal contributions in an amount equal to not less
25 than \$1 for every \$1 of Federal funds provided to

1 the organization for the Encore Fellow through the
2 fellowship.

3 “(7) TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE.—Each orga-
4 nization that receives an Encore Fellow under this
5 subsection shall provide training, leadership develop-
6 ment, and assistance to the Encore Fellow, and con-
7 duct oversight of the service provided by the Encore
8 Fellow.

9 “(8) LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT.—Each year,
10 the Corporation shall convene current and former
11 Encore Fellows to discuss the Encore Fellows’ expe-
12 riences related to service under this subsection and
13 discuss strategies for increasing leadership and ca-
14 reers in public service in the nonprofit sector or gov-
15 ernment.”.

16 (d) NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—

17 (1) TRUST.—Section 145(d)(4) of the National
18 and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
19 12601(d)(4)), as amended by section 131(d)(1)(B),
20 is further amended by inserting “or section
21 198E(a)” after “subtitle C or G”.

22 (2) REDUCED PART-TIME SERVICE.—Section
23 147 of the National and Community Service Act of
24 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12603) is amended by adding at
25 the end the following:

1 “(d) REDUCED PART-TIME SERVICE FOR
2 SERVEAMERICA FELLOWS.—A participant (eligible by
3 meeting the requirements described in section 146(a)),
4 who performs service as a ServeAmerica Fellow under sec-
5 tion 198E(a) and who successfully completes a required
6 term of reduced part-time national service in an approved
7 national service position shall be eligible to receive a na-
8 tional service educational award having a value, for each
9 of not more than 2 of such terms of service, equal to the
10 amount described in subsection (b), prorated based on the
11 number of hours served by the ServeAmerica Fellow.”.

12 (3) TRANSFER OF EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—
13 Section 148(f)(2)(A) of the National and Commu-
14 nity Service Act of 1990 (20 U.S.C.
15 12604(f)(2)(A)), as added by section 131(d)(3)(C),
16 is further amended by inserting “or section
17 198E(a)” after “subtitle G”.

18 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
19 501(a)(2) of the National and Community Service Act of
20 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(2)) is amended—

21 (1) in subparagraphs (A) and (B), by inserting
22 “(other than section 198E)” after “H of title I”;
23 and

24 (2) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(C) SERVEAMERICA FELLOWSHIPS.—
2 There are authorized to be appropriated such
3 sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal
4 years 2009 through 2013 to provide financial
5 assistance under section 198E(a) and to pro-
6 vide national service educational awards under
7 subtitle D of title I (including providing finan-
8 cial assistance and national service educational
9 awards to participants in national service posi-
10 tions, established or increased as provided in
11 section 198E(a)(3)(C)).

12 “(D) ENCORE FELLOWSHIPS.—There are
13 authorized to be appropriated to carry out sec-
14 tion 198E(b), \$7,000,000 for each of the fiscal
15 years 2009 through 2013.”.

16 **Subtitle F—Volunteer Generation**
17 **Fund; National Service Reserve**
18 **Corps; Call to Service Campaign**

19 **SEC. 161. STATEMENT OF PURPOSES.**

20 The purposes of this subtitle are to—

21 (1) assist nonprofit, faith-based, and other civic
22 organizations in the United States and State Com-
23 missions in expanding the supply of volunteers and
24 improving the capacity of such organizations and
25 State Commissions to utilize new volunteers;

1 (2) spur innovation in volunteer recruitment
2 and management practices, with a goal of increasing
3 the number of volunteers in the United States each
4 year;

5 (3) enable the people of the United States to ef-
6 fect change throughout the United States by partici-
7 pating in active volunteer and citizen service; and

8 (4) draw on the experience, skills, and training
9 of national service alumni to assist local commu-
10 nities that are affected by disasters.

11 **SEC. 162. ESTABLISHMENT OF VOLUNTEER GENERATION**

12 **FUND.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle J of title I of the Na-
14 tional and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
15 12653 et seq.), as amended by section 151, is further
16 amended by adding at the end the following:

17 **“SEC. 198F. VOLUNTEER GENERATION FUND.**

18 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 “(1) AREAS OF NATIONAL NEED.—The term
20 ‘areas of national need’ has the meaning given the
21 term in section 198E(a)(1).

22 “(2) CIVIC ENTITY.—The term ‘civic entity’
23 means a local or national nonprofit organization, in-
24 cluding a faith-based organization, that uses volun-

1 teers to carry out activities in areas of national
2 need.

3 “(3) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
4 tity’ means—

5 “(A) a State Commission; or

6 “(B) a nonprofit entity that provides tech-
7 nical assistance and support to civic entities in
8 recruiting, managing, and supporting volun-
9 teers, such as a volunteer coordinating agency,
10 a nonprofit resource center, a volunteer training
11 clearinghouse, or an institution of higher edu-
12 cation.

13 “(b) FUND.—

14 “(1) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Corporation
15 shall award grants on a competitive basis to eligible
16 entities to enable—

17 “(A) eligible entities to increase the num-
18 ber of volunteers available to carry out activities
19 that address areas of national need through
20 civic entities supported by the eligible entity; or

21 “(B) eligible entities described in sub-
22 section (a)(3)(A) to increase the number of vol-
23 unteers available to carry out statewide volun-
24 teer initiatives that address State priorities with
25 regard to areas of national need.

1 “(2) PERIOD OF GRANT.—The Corporation
2 shall award the grants for periods of not less than
3 3 years and not more than 5 years.

4 “(3) APPLICATION.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each eligible entity
6 desiring a grant under this subsection shall
7 submit an application to the Corporation at
8 such time, in such manner, and accompanied by
9 such information as the Corporation may rea-
10 sonably require.

11 “(B) CONTENTS.—Each application sub-
12 mitted pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall con-
13 tain—

14 “(i)(I) in the case of an eligible entity
15 that proposes to use grant funds to carry
16 out an activity described in paragraph
17 (1)(A), a description of the technical as-
18 sistance and support the entity provides to
19 civic entities in recruiting, managing, and
20 supporting additional volunteers; or

21 “(II) in the case of an eligible entity
22 that proposes to use grant funds to carry
23 out a statewide initiative described in para-
24 graph (1)(B), a description of the State
25 priorities with regard to areas of national

1 need and the proposed initiative to address
2 such priorities;

3 “(ii) an assurance that the eligible en-
4 tity will annually collect information on—

5 “(I) the number of volunteers re-
6 cruited for civic entities or to carry
7 out statewide initiatives described in
8 paragraph (1)(B), using funds re-
9 ceived under this subsection, and the
10 type and amount of activities carried
11 out by such volunteers; and

12 “(II) the number of volunteers
13 supported using funds received under
14 this subsection, and the type and
15 amount of activities carried out by
16 such volunteers;

17 “(iii) a description of any outcomes
18 the eligible entity will use to annually
19 measure and track performance with re-
20 gard to—

21 “(I) activities carried out by vol-
22 unteers; and

23 “(II) volunteers recruited, man-
24 aged, and supported;

1 “(iv) information describing how the
2 eligible entity will annually evaluate the ef-
3 fectiveness of the entity’s activities under
4 this subsection; and

5 “(v) such additional assurances as the
6 Corporation determines to be essential to
7 ensure compliance with the requirements
8 of this subsection.

9 “(4) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity that
10 receives a grant under this subsection shall use
11 amounts provided through the grant to—

12 “(A) in the case of an eligible entity using
13 grant funds to carry out an activity described
14 in paragraph (1)(A)—

15 “(i) increase recruitment and training
16 of volunteers for a civic entity, relying on
17 best practices in volunteer recruitment and
18 management; or

19 “(ii) strengthen the capacity of a civic
20 entity to use volunteers; or

21 “(B) in the case of an eligible entity using
22 grant funds to carry out a statewide initiative
23 described in paragraph (1)(B), recruit, train,
24 and utilize volunteers to carry out statewide vol-
25 unteer initiatives.

1 “(ii) \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2010;
2 “(iii) \$70,000,000 for fiscal year
3 2011;
4 “(iv) \$80,000,000 for fiscal year
5 2012; and
6 “(v) \$100,000,000 for fiscal year
7 2013.”.

8 **SEC. 163. NATIONAL SERVICE RESERVE CORPS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle J of title I of the Na-
10 tional and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
11 12653 et seq.), as amended by section 162, is further
12 amended by adding at the end the following:

13 **“SEC. 198G. NATIONAL SERVICE RESERVE CORPS.**

14 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 “(1) TERM OF NATIONAL SERVICE.—The term
16 ‘term of national service’ means a term or period of
17 service under subtitle C, E, or G or section 198E of
18 this Act, or under part A of title I of the Domestic
19 Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4951 et
20 seq.).

21 “(2) NATIONAL SERVICE RESERVE CORPS MEM-
22 BER.—The term ‘National Service Reserve Corps
23 member’ means an individual who—

24 “(A) has completed a term of national
25 service;

1 “(B) has successfully completed training
2 described in subsection (c) within the previous
3 2 years; and

4 “(C) is interested in responding to national
5 disasters and other emergencies through the
6 National Service Reserve Corps.

7 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL SERVICE RE-
8 SERVE CORPS.—The Corporation shall establish a Na-
9 tional Service Reserve Corps to prepare and deploy indi-
10 viduals who have completed a term of national service to
11 respond to natural disasters and other emergencies in a
12 timely manner.

13 “(c) ANNUAL TRAINING.—The Corporation shall, in
14 consultation with the Administrator of the Federal Emer-
15 gency Management Agency, conduct or coordinate annual
16 training sessions for individuals who have completed a
17 term of national service, and who wish to join the National
18 Service Reserve Corps.

19 “(d) CERTIFICATION OF ORGANIZATIONS.—On a bi-
20 annual basis, the Corporation shall certify organizations
21 with demonstrated experience in responding to disasters,
22 including through using volunteers, for participation in the
23 program under this section.

24 “(e) DATABASES.—The Corporation shall develop or
25 contract with an outside organization to develop—

1 “(1) a database of all National Service Reserve
2 Corps members; and

3 “(2) a database of all nonprofit organizations
4 that—

5 “(A) have been certified by the Corpora-
6 tion under subsection (d); and

7 “(B) are prepared to respond to major dis-
8 asters or emergencies with members of the Na-
9 tional Service Reserve Corps.

10 “(f) DEPLOYMENT OF NATIONAL SERVICE RESERVE
11 CORPS.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If a major disaster or
13 emergency designated by the President under the
14 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency
15 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) occurs that
16 the Corporation, in consultation with the Adminis-
17 trator of the Federal Emergency Management Agen-
18 cy, determines is an incident for which National
19 Service Reserve Corps members are prepared to as-
20 sist, the Corporation shall—

21 “(A) deploy interested National Service
22 Reserve Corps members on 30-day assignments
23 to assist with local needs related to preparing
24 or recovering from the incident in the affected

1 area, through organizations certified under sub-
2 section (d);

3 “(B) make travel arrangements for the de-
4 ployed National Service Reserve Corps members
5 to the site of the incident; and

6 “(C) provide funds to those organizations
7 that are responding to the incident with de-
8 ployed National Service Reserve Corps mem-
9 bers, to enable the organizations to coordinate
10 and provide housing, living stipends, and insur-
11 ance for those deployed members.

12 “(2) STIPEND FUND.—Any amounts that are
13 appropriated under section 501(a)(2)(F) to carry
14 out paragraph (1) for a fiscal year shall be kept in
15 a separate fund. Any amounts in such fund that are
16 not used during a fiscal year shall remain available
17 for the next fiscal year for the purpose of carrying
18 out such paragraph.

19 “(g) INFORMATION.—The Corporation, the State
20 Commissions, and entities receiving financial assistance
21 for programs under subtitle C, E, or G or section 198E
22 of this Act, or under part A of title I of the Domestic
23 Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4951 et seq.),
24 shall inform participants of those programs of the Na-

1 tional Service Reserve Corps upon the participants' com-
2 pletion of their term of national service.

3 “(h) COORDINATION.—In deploying National Service
4 Reserve Corps members under subsection (f), the Corpora-
5 tion may consult and, as appropriate, partner with Citizen
6 Corps programs in the affected area.”.

7 (b) APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 501(a)(2) of the Na-
8 tional and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
9 12681(a)(2)), as amended by section 162, is further
10 amended—

11 (1) in subparagraphs (A) and (B), by striking
12 “and 198F” each place it appears and inserting “,
13 198F, and 198G”; and

14 (2) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(F) NATIONAL SERVICE RESERVE
16 CORPS.—There is authorized to be appro-
17 priated—

18 “(i) \$6,500,000 in year 2009, of
19 which—

20 “(I) not more than \$1,500,000
21 shall be used to carry out section
22 198G (other than section 198G(f)(1));
23 and

24 “(II) the amount remaining after
25 the application of subclause (I) shall

1 be used to carry out section
2 198G(f)(1); and
3 “(ii) for each succeeding fiscal year—
4 “(I) \$1,000,000 to carry out sec-
5 tion 198G (other than section
6 198G(f)(1)); and
7 “(II) such sums as are necessary
8 to carry out section 198G(f)(1) so
9 that the amount available for such fis-
10 cal year to carry out such section, in-
11 cluding any amounts remaining in the
12 fund described in section 198G(f)(2),
13 is equal to \$4,000,000.”.

14 **SEC. 164. CALL TO SERVICE CAMPAIGN.**

15 Subtitle J of title I of the National and Community
16 Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12653 et seq.), as amend-
17 ed by section 163, is further amended by adding at the
18 end the following:

19 **“SEC. 198H. CALL TO SERVICE CAMPAIGN.**

20 “Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
21 of the Serve America Act, the Corporation shall conduct
22 a nationwide ‘Call To Service’ campaign, to encourage all
23 people of the United States, regardless of age, race, eth-
24 nicity, religion, or economic status, to engage in full-or
25 part-time national service, long- or short-term public serv-

1 ice, or volunteering. In conducting the campaign, the Cor-
2 poration may collaborate with State Commissions, Gov-
3 ernors, nonprofit and faith-based organizations, busi-
4 nesses, institutions of higher education, elementary
5 schools, and secondary schools.”.

6 **Subtitle G—Conforming** 7 **Amendments**

8 **SEC. 171. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—

10 (1) Section 101 of the National and Community
11 Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12511) is amend-
12 ed—

13 (A) in paragraph (17)(A)(i), by striking
14 “subtitle C” and inserting “subtitles C and G”;
15 and

16 (B) in paragraph (19)—

17 (i) by striking “119(b)(1), or 122(a),
18 or in” and inserting “or 119(b)(1), sub-
19 part B of part I, or part III, of subtitle B
20 of title I, or section 122(a), in”;

21 (ii) by inserting “or in part II or III
22 of subtitle F, or in subtitle G, of title I,”
23 after “152(b),”; and

24 (iii) by striking “or 198D” and insert-
25 ing “198D, 198E, 198F, or 198G”.

1 (2) Section 117E of such Act (42 U.S.C.
2 12546) is amended—

3 (A) in subsection (a)—

4 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking
5 “116(a)(1)” and inserting “114C(a)(1)”;
6 and

7 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking
8 “116(a)(2)” and inserting “114C(a)(2)”;
9 and

10 (B) by striking “116(b)” and inserting
11 “114C(b)”.

12 (3) Section 118(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
13 12551(a)) is amended by striking “subtitle H” and
14 inserting “subtitle J”.

15 (4) Section 119(c) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
16 12561(c)) is amended—

17 (A) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking
18 “116(a)(2)” and inserting “114C(a)(2)”; and

19 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “116(b)”
20 and inserting “114C(b)”.

21 (5) Section 122(a)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
22 12572(a)(2)) is amended by striking “subtitle I”
23 and inserting “subtitle K”.

1 (6) Section 193A(f)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
2 12651d(f)(1)) is amended by striking “subtitles C
3 and I” and inserting “subtitles C and K”.

4 (7) Section 501(a)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
5 12681(a)(2)) is amended—

6 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking
7 “C, D, AND H” and inserting “C, D, AND J”;

8 (B) in subparagraph (A), by striking “sub-
9 titles C and H” and inserting “subtitles C and
10 J”; and

11 (C) in subparagraph (B), by striking “sub-
12 title H” and inserting “subtitle J”.

13 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—

14 (1) The table of contents in section 1(b) of such
15 Act is amended—

16 (A) by striking the items relating to sec-
17 tions 115, 115A, 116, 116A, and 116B and in-
18 serting the following:

“Sec. 114A. Consideration of applications.

“Sec. 114B. Participation of students and teachers from private schools.

“Sec. 114C. Federal, State, and local contributions.

“Sec. 114D. Limitations on uses of funds.

“Sec. 114E. Definitions.”;

19 (B) by striking the item relating to the
20 subpart heading of subpart C of part I of sub-
21 title B of title I and inserting the following:

“SUBPART D—CLEARINGHOUSE”;

1 (C) by striking the item relating to the
2 subpart heading of subpart B of part I of sub-
3 title B of title I and inserting the following:

“SUBPART C—COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL-AGE
YOUTH”;

4 (D) by inserting after the items relating to
5 subpart A of part I of subtitle B of title I the
6 following:

“SUBPART B—YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICE-LEARNING TO STRENGTHEN
LOCAL COMMUNITIES

“Sec. 115. Grant program.”;

7 (E) by inserting after the items relating to
8 part II of subtitle B of title I the following:

“PART III—CAMPUS OF SERVICE PROGRAM

“Sec. 119E. Campuses of Service.”;

9 (F) by inserting after the items relating to
10 part III of subtitle B of title I (as added by
11 subparagraph (E)) the following:

“PART IV—SERVICE-LEARNING IMPACT STUDY

“Sec. 119F. Study and report.”;

12 (G) by striking the item relating to the
13 subtitle heading for subtitle I of title I and in-
14 serting the following:

“Subtitle K—American Conservation and Youth Corps”;

15 (H) by striking the item relating to the
16 subtitle heading for subtitle H of title I and in-
17 serting the following:

“Subtitle J—Investment for Quality and Innovation”;

1 (I) by striking the item relating to the sub-
2 title heading for subtitle G of title I and insert-
3 ing the following:

“Subtitle I—Corporation for National and Community Service”;

4 (J) by striking the item relating to the
5 subtitle heading for subtitle F of title I and in-
6 serting the following:

“Subtitle H—Administrative Provisions”;

7 (K) by inserting after the items relating to
8 subtitle E of title I the following:

“Subtitle F—Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship

“PART I—COMMISSION ON CROSS SECTOR SOLUTIONS

“Sec. 167. Commission.

“PART II—COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS FUNDS

“Sec. 167A. Funds.

“PART III—INNOVATION FELLOWSHIPS PILOT PROGRAM

“Sec. 167B. Program.

“Subtitle G—ServeAmerica Corps

“Sec. 168. Corps.”;

9 (L) by adding at the end of the items re-
10 lating to subtitle J (as so redesignated) of title
11 I the following:

“Sec. 198E. ServeAmerica and Encore Fellowships.”;

12 and

13 (M) by adding at the end of the items re-
14 lating to subtitle J (as so amended and redesign-
15 ated) of title I the following:

“Sec. 198F. Volunteer Generation Fund.

“Sec. 198G. ServeAmerica Emergency Response Reserve Corps.
“Sec. 198H. Call To Service campaign.”.

1 **TITLE II—VOLUNTEERS FOR**
2 **PROSPERITY PROGRAM**

3 **SEC. 201. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) Americans engaged in international volun-
6 teer service, and the organizations deploying them—

7 (A) play critical roles in responding to the
8 needs of people living throughout the developing
9 world; and

10 (B) advance the international public diplo-
11 macy of the United States.

12 (2) The Volunteers for Prosperity Program has
13 successfully promoted international volunteer service
14 by skilled American professionals.

15 (3) In its first 4 years, the VfP Program helped
16 to mobilize 74,000 skilled Americans, including doc-
17 tors, nurses, engineers, businesspeople, and teachers,
18 through a network of 250 nonprofit organizations
19 and companies in the United States, to carry out de-
20 velopment and humanitarian efforts for those af-
21 fected by great global challenges in health, the envi-
22 ronment, poverty, illiteracy, financial literacy, dis-
23 aster relief, and other challenges.

1 (4) The VfP Program has undertaken activities,
2 including—

3 (A) direct outreach to leading nonprofit or-
4 ganizations and companies in the United
5 States;

6 (B) promotion of the work of skilled Amer-
7 icans and nonprofit organizations and compa-
8 nies in the United States as it relates to inter-
9 national volunteer service;

10 (C) public recognition of skilled American
11 volunteers;

12 (D) support for organizations that utilize
13 skilled Americans as volunteers;

14 (E) participation in the development of
15 special initiatives to further opportunities for
16 skilled Americans; and

17 (F) leadership of an innovative public-pri-
18 vate partnership to provide eligible skilled with
19 financial assistance for volunteer assignments.

20 **SEC. 202. DEFINITIONS.**

21 In this title:

22 (1) **VFP OFFICE.**—The term “VfP Office”
23 means the Office of Volunteers for Prosperity of the
24 United States Agency for International Develop-
25 ment.

1 (2) VFP PROGRAM.—The term “VfP Program”
2 means the Volunteers for Prosperity Program estab-
3 lished through Executive Order 13317.

4 (3) VFP SERVE.—The term “VfP Serve” means a
5 program established by the VfP Office, in coopera-
6 tion with the USA Freedom Corps and the Global
7 Giving Foundation, to provide eligible skilled profes-
8 sionals with fixed amount stipends to offset the trav-
9 el and living costs of volunteering abroad.

10 **SEC. 203. OFFICE OF VOLUNTEERS FOR PROSPERITY.**

11 (a) FUNCTIONS.—The VfP Office shall pursue the
12 objectives of the VfP Program described in subsection (b)
13 by—

14 (1) implementing the VfP Serve Program to pro-
15 vide eligible skilled professionals with fixed amount
16 stipends to offset the travel and living expenses of
17 volunteering abroad with nonprofit organizations;

18 (2) otherwise promoting short- and long-term
19 international volunteer service by skilled American
20 professionals, including connecting such profes-
21 sionals with nonprofit organizations, to achieve such
22 objectives;

23 (3) helping nonprofit organizations in the
24 United States recruit and effectively manage addi-

1 tional skilled American professionals for volunteer
2 assignments throughout the developing world;

3 (4) providing recognition for skilled American
4 volunteers and the organizations deploying them;

5 (5) helping nonprofit organizations and cor-
6 porations in the United States to identify resources
7 and opportunities in international volunteer service
8 utilizing skilled Americans;

9 (6) encouraging the establishment of inter-
10 national volunteer programs for employees of United
11 States corporations; and

12 (7) encouraging international voluntary service
13 by highly skilled Americans to promote health and
14 prosperity throughout the world.

15 (b) VFP PROGRAM OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of
16 the VFP Program shall be to—

17 (1) eliminate extreme poverty;

18 (2) reduce world hunger and malnutrition;

19 (3) increase access to safe potable water;

20 (4) enact universal education;

21 (5) reduce child mortality and childhood dis-
22 eases;

23 (6) combat the spread of preventable diseases,
24 including HIV, malaria, and tuberculosis;

1 (7) provide educational and work skill support
2 for girls and empowering women to achieve inde-
3 pendence;

4 (8) create sustainable business and entrepre-
5 neurial opportunities; and

6 (9) increase access to information technology.

7 (c) VOLUNTEERS FOR PROSPERITY SERVICE INCEN-
8 TIVE PROGRAM.—The VfP Office may provide fixed
9 amount stipends to offset the travel and living costs of
10 volunteering abroad to any individual who—

11 (1) has skills relevant to addressing any objec-
12 tive described in subsection (b); and

13 (2) provides a dollar-for-dollar match for such
14 stipend—

15 (A) through the organization with which
16 the individual is serving; or

17 (B) by raising private funds.

18 (d) FUNDING.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in
20 consultation with the Administrator of the United
21 States Agency for International Development, shall
22 make available the amounts appropriated pursuant
23 to section 204 to the VfP Office to pursue the objec-
24 tives described in subsection (b) by carrying out the
25 functions described in subsection (a).

1 (2) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts made available
2 under paragraph (1) may be used by the VfP Office
3 to provide personnel and other resources to develop,
4 manage, and expand the VfP Program, under the
5 supervision of the United States Agency for Inter-
6 national Development.

7 (e) COORDINATION.—The VfP Office shall coordinate
8 its efforts with other public and private efforts that aim
9 to send skilled professionals to serve in developing nations.

10 (f) REPORT.—The VfP Office shall submit an annual
11 report to Congress on the activities of the VfP Office.

12 **SEC. 204. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-
14 priated to carry out this title \$10,000,000 for each of the
15 fiscal years 2009 through 2013.

16 (b) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Of the amounts appro-
17 priated pursuant to subsection (a)—

18 (1) 90 percent shall be expended to expand
19 VfPServe; and

20 (2) 10 percent shall be expended to manage the
21 VfP Program.