

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE
(BA in millions of dollars)

<u>FY 2000</u>	<u>FY 2001 Req.</u>	<u>House</u>	<u>Senate</u>	<u>Alt. Level</u>
437	534	5	438	493

Subcommittee: VA/HUD/Independent Agencies

2001 Budget Policy: The FY 2001 budget requests \$534 million for the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) an increase of \$97 million (22 percent) above FY2000. The request would finance an additional 12,000 AmeriCorps members for a total of 62,000 members, the first step toward the President's goal of reaching 100,000 AmeriCorps members by FY 2004. Another \$313 million for other parts of CNCS (including 475 AmeriCorps VISTA members) is requested in the Labor/HHS/Education bill.

House Action: The House-passed bill provides \$5 million for the Office of the Inspector General and no funds for other CNCS activities. Instead, the bill authorizes the use of "such amounts of such funds [FY 2000 appropriations] as may be necessary to carry out the orderly termination of the [Corporation]." The House Rules SAP communicated a Senior advisors' veto threat if inadequate funding were provided for the Corporation.

Senate Action: The Senate provides \$438 million, \$1 million above FY 2000 and \$96 million below the President's request. The Senate level cuts AmeriCorps by \$27 million (14 percent) below FY 2000 in order to fund Congressional priorities. This action denies the Administration's request to fund an additional 12,000 AmeriCorps members and would reduce the current level of AmeriCorps by 3,000 members. In addition, the Senate bill includes a \$50 million rescission of balances in the Trust that could endanger the Corporation's ability to pay educational awards earned by AmeriCorps members in the future.

Administration Alternative: The Administration is seeking \$493 million, \$55 million above the Senate level but \$41 million below the request, to support key funding and program priorities. In addition, the Senate should drop its \$50 million rescission of Trust balances. Highlights include (in priority order, see attached table):

- **Program Administration.** \$32 million, **\$3 million** above the Senate level to enable CNCS to continue improving its financial management operations and provide support to the state commissions for administrative needs.
- **National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC).** \$21 million, **\$3 million** above the Senate level to support NCCC members meet critical needs in disaster relief, education, environment and public safety. In addition, the \$3 million increase will lift the funding caps on the NCCC that are defined in appropriations language.
- **AmeriCorps Grants.** \$254 million, **\$47 million** above the Senate level and \$20 million above FY 2000, to fund roughly 4,000 additional AmeriCorps members. AmeriCorps members address community challenges that range from tutoring children, serving in community policing projects to building or rehabilitating housing for the homeless. In California for example, 121 AmeriCorps members with Building Up Los Angeles have provided over 115,000 hours of service. Additional resources in

AmeriCorps grants will be able to bring more members to bear on these important issues.

- **Innovation, Assistance and Other Activities.** \$30 million, **\$2 million** above the Senate level to support the AmeriCorps Reserves initiative aimed at re-engaging former AmeriCorps members in service to their communities on weekends and in times of natural disasters.

Congressional Add. The Corporation expects Senator Mikulski to champion \$25 million for the E-Corps initiative to address the digital divide—not included in the President’s budget.

Fallback Alternative. If it is necessary to provide an offset in order to get the above increases included in the alternative level, the Corporation proposes the following:

- X** advance appropriate \$75 million from the National Service Trust. (This is the amount included in the Senate level.)

–Given that members must complete a year of service to earn their education awards, funds to support members in the 2001 program could be made available in 2002—when the funds would normally be obligated.

–Under an advance funded cycle, program budgets for a particular year would identify the number of members to be supported, and the Trust would include the necessary funds for the education awards for those members to become available in the following fiscal year. This approach is used to fund a number of programs in the Department of Education.

–An advance appropriation will enable the Corporation to more accurately project their obligations based on better information and experience in their management of the Trust, taking into account new enrollments in AmeriCorps, final Congressional action on the prior year’s appropriation for the Trust, and the latest data from which projections are developed for education awards earned and used.

- X** rescind \$25 million from the National Service Trust.

–The Trust provides a secure repository for education awards earned by eligible participants who successfully complete a term of service in AmeriCorps. Participants have seven years to use their benefits.

–The Senate rescission for FY 2001 of \$50 million removes any semblance of a cushion and could threaten the viability of the Trust to pay educational awards in the future.

–However, the Corporation could handle a \$25 million rescission of balances in the Trust.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE
(dollars in thousands)

Activity	FY 2000 <u>Enacted</u>	FY 2001 Request	House	Senate	Alt. Level
National and Community Service Act (NCSA): (Funded by VA/HUD Appropriations)					
National Service Trust	70,000	79,600	0	75,000	*75,000
Trust rescission from previous appropriation acts	(80,000)			(50,000)	
AmeriCorps Grants	233,395	284,000	0	207,500	254,000
Innovation, Assistance, and Other Activities	28,500	42,500	0	28,500	30,500
Evaluations	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	5,000
National Civillian Community Corps	17,892	21,000	0	18,000	21,000
Learn and Serve America: K-12 and Higher Ed	43,000	46,000	0	43,000	43,000
Program Administration/State Commissions	27,895	35,600	0	29,000	32,000
Points of Light Foundation	7,471	7,500	0	10,000	10,000
America's Promise	0	7,500	0	7,500	7,500
Earmarks (Boys/Girls Club, Parents as Teachers, Communities in Schools)				10,000	10,000
Subtotal NCSA	\$433,153	\$528,700	\$0	\$433,500	\$488,000
Inspector General	3,985	5,000	\$5,000	5,000	5,000
Subtotal NCSA and OIG	\$437,138	\$533,700	\$5,000	\$438,500	\$493,000

*If an advance appropriation were adopted for the Trust for 2002, the Trust FY 2001 request would change to zero (\$0 million) and the alternative level would be reduced to \$418 million. In addition, if the Senate rescission is included it should be reduced to \$25 million, the amount acceptable to the Corporation.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE
COMPARISONS OF PRESIDENT'S BUDGET AND CONGRESSSIONAL ACTION
(dollars in thousands)

<u>Activity</u>	<u>1997 President's Budget</u>	<u>1997 Enacted</u>	<u>1998 President's Budget</u>	<u>1998 Enacted</u>	<u>1999 President's Budget</u>	<u>1999 Enacted</u>	<u>2000 President's Budget</u>	<u>2000 Enacted</u>	<u>President's Budget for Last 4 Years</u>	<u>Congress for Last 4 Years</u>	<u>Difference</u>
National and Community Service Act (NCSA): (funded by HUDVA appropriations)											
National Service Trust	\$128,096	\$59,000	\$100,000	\$70,000	\$98,000	\$70,000	\$90,000	\$70,000	\$420,096	\$269,000	\$151,096
AmariCorps Grants	260,963	215,000	295,000	227,000	257,318	237,000	302,000	234,000	\$1,116,279	\$913,000	\$203,279
Innovation, Assistance, and Other Activities	37,375	30,000	30,000	30,000	32,000	28,600	35,500	28,500	\$134,875	\$117,000	\$17,875
Evaluations	6,644	5,000	6,500	5,000	5,500	5,000	5,500	5,000	\$24,144	\$20,000	\$4,144
National Civilian Community Corps	22,300	18,000	26,000	18,000	21,000	18,000	21,000	18,000	\$90,300	\$72,000	\$18,300
Learn and Serve America K-12 and Higher Ed	52,725	43,000	58,000	43,000	50,000	43,000	50,000	43,000	\$205,725	\$172,000	\$33,725
Program Administration/State Commissions	28,446	25,000	29,000	27,000	30,000	28,500	33,000	28,500	\$120,446	\$109,000	\$11,446
Points of Light Foundation	6,000	5,500	6,000	5,500	6,000	5,500	5,500	7,500	\$23,500	\$24,000	(\$500)
Subtotal, NCSA	\$543,649	\$480,500	\$548,500	\$428,500	\$489,818	\$436,600	\$446,500	\$438,500	\$2,136,365	\$1,868,000	\$438,365
Inspector General	2,125	2,000	2,500	3,000	2,500	3,000	3,000	4,000	\$10,125	\$12,000	(\$1,875)
Subtotal, NCSA and OIG	\$545,774	\$482,500	\$549,000	\$431,500	\$492,318	\$439,600	\$449,500	\$442,500	\$2,146,490	\$1,780,000	\$437,490

Community Service

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AmeriCorps Budget:

- Since 1994, some 150,000 men and women have answered AmeriCorps' call to service and have devoted a year to help change lives, rebuild communities and strengthen America. While attempts have been made each year to cut or zero out AmeriCorps budget, AmeriCorps has continued to grow and gain bipartisan support each year.
- For the last two years, Congress has increased funding for AmeriCorps -- giving more young people the opportunity to serve their community. This year, the House and Senate conference committee voted to fund AmeriCorps at \$433.5 million -- slightly below level funding at FY 99 level -- providing opportunities for more than 40,000 to serve.

Funding History:

Fiscal 1994: \$365 million
Fiscal 1995: \$468 million
Fiscal 1996: \$400 million
Fiscal 1997: \$400 million
Fiscal 1998: \$425 million
Fiscal 1999: \$435 million

Public Opinion on AmeriCorps:

AmeriCorps enjoys growing support from both parties and the American people.

- A new Hart-Teeter poll found that AmeriCorps enjoys strong support among Americans of all political affiliations. More than eighty-percent of Americans favored continued federal funding for AmeriCorps including 92% of Democrats, 76% of independents, and 69% of Republicans.
- This is in line with the February poll of Mark Penn, which found that 82 percent of Americans supported expanding AmeriCorps so that every young person could participate, including 82% of Democrats, 88% of Independents, and 73% of Republicans.

AMERICORPS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Some 150,000 AmeriCorps members have served communities across our nation over the past five years. Following are a few of the accomplishments that have resulted from AmeriCorps members' hands-on service, the work of the volunteers they've recruited, and the community programs they've supported:

Housing and Other Needs

- 11,000 homes have been built.
- More than 5 million homeless individuals have been given food, clothing, or other necessities.
- 550,000 people have received job or career counseling

Health

- More than 1 million people have been immunized.
- 650,000 senior citizens have been given independent living assistance

Education

- More than 4,400,000 children have been taught, tutored, or mentored.

Public Safety

- 46,000 safety patrols have been established, operated, or expanded.
- More than 1 million at-risk youth have been served through after-school programs.

Volunteers

- AmeriCorps members have recruited, trained, or supervised more than 2.5 million volunteers to help nonprofits meet important needs.

Source: Corporation for National Service estimates based on data provided from Westat, Inc. and Aguirre International.

AmeriCorps: Five Years of Getting Things Done for America

Since 1994, some 150,000 men and women have answered AmeriCorps' call to service and have devoted a year to help change lives, rebuild communities and strengthen America. Together they have served millions of people in more than 4,000 communities.

- **Getting Things Done to Strengthen Communities:** Since 1994, AmeriCorps members have tutored and mentored more than 4 million children; started after-school programs serving more than 1 million at-risk youth; established or expanded more than 40,000 neighborhood safety patrols; helped build more than 11,000 homes; and helped communities rebuild after dozens of natural disasters in more than 30 states.
- **Instilling a lifetime ethic of service.** A recent independent study by Aguirre International found that the AmeriCorps experience reinforced and raised members' interest in serving their communities. Nearly all AmeriCorps members (99 percent) reported plans to continue some form of community service in the future, although only 56 percent of them reported involvement prior to serving. Many members were motivated to pursue careers in public service and community-oriented work.
- **Expanding Educational Opportunity:** Modeled on the GI Bill, AmeriCorps members earn educational opportunity – a \$4,725 scholarship that helps pay for college or training, or pay back student loans after completing a year of service. To date, AmeriCorps members have earned more than \$330 million in education awards.
- **Growing Bipartisan Support.** For the last two years, Congress has increased funding for AmeriCorps -- giving more young people the opportunity to serve their community. This year, the House and Senate conference committee voted to fund AmeriCorps at \$433.5 million -- approximately level funding at FY 99 level -- providing opportunities for more than 40,000 to serve.
- **Devolving Power to the States:** AmeriCorps is a model of devolution – it lets states and communities identify their own problems and the best solutions to them. Two-thirds of AmeriCorps funds are administered by governor-appointed state commissions. The remainder is administered by national nonprofits. Nonprofits must compete every year for AmeriCorps members, and they must set and meet tough goals at the local level.
- **Part of American Tradition of Service:** AmeriCorps is part of a long history of service in America, extending from President Roosevelt's Civilian Conservation Corps to President Bush's Points of Light Foundation. In recent months, leading Republicans including Montana Governor Marc Racicot, Rep. John Kasich, Elizabeth Dole and others have voiced their support for AmeriCorps. Speaking to the National Governors Association, Powell called AmeriCorps "a tremendous investment in young people, a tremendous investment in their future."
- **Making Communities and Nonprofits Stronger:** AmeriCorps provides trained, dedicated people to help nonprofits such as Habitat for Humanity, the YMCA and the American Red Cross accomplish more and make more effective use of occasional volunteers. In five years, AmeriCorps members have helped recruit and supervise more than 2.5 million volunteers. More than 13,000 AmeriCorps members have served through faith-based organizations such as the Sisters of Notre Dame and the Catholic Network of Volunteer Services.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Senator Kit Bond (R-MO), Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on VA-HUD-Independent Agencies Committee that funds AmeriCorps, said this on the Senate floor while fighting an amendment to cut AmeriCorps:

"The battle over whether we ought to have an AmeriCorps program or not is over. It has been decided... It is funded. It is in place in communities in my state and across the nation. There are people who are providing valuable services. There is strong support."

The AmeriCorps cut failed by 61-38, with 16 Republicans voting to preserve funding.

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- 10-15% - 50,000 yr
200,000

State
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5 mil in more

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2 use for more

1/2-2/3 of more

corporate

State & Fed (10/10) divide
then (10/10) divide
then (10/10) divide

digital divide

2.5 mil +

NCCC - disaster response

2.5 mil +

hundreds of more

10-15% more

America's Promise