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**CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND
COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Availability of Funds for Governor's
Innovative Programs, National
Nonprofit Demonstration Programs,
and Disability Demonstration
Programs**

AGENCY: Corporation for National and
Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (the Corporation) announces the availability of up to \$3,000,000 for Governor's Innovative Programs and National Nonprofit Demonstration Programs. The Corporation also announces the availability of up to \$2,000,000 for AmeriCorps* Disability Demonstration Programs. This program should demonstrate ways to recruit and integrate individuals with disabilities in all aspects of AmeriCorps* programs. Under the National Nonprofit and Disability Demonstration Programs, organizations and qualified agencies can apply for grants to operate AmeriCorps* programs. Governors may apply for grants to operate AmeriCorps* or other innovative programs that engage Americans in community service to meet critical needs. The Corporation expects to make up to 20 grants. The grant size will vary by circumstance, program scope, and need. The Corporation does not anticipate making operating grants in excess of \$300,000. This program is subject to the availability of funds.

DATES: Application materials will be available beginning on September 6, 1995. Deadline for submission of applications for the Governor's Demonstration Programs is November 7, 1995. Deadline for submission of applications for National Nonprofit Demonstration Programs is October 24, 1995. Deadline for the Disability Demonstration Programs is October 31, 1995. Applications for all three programs must be received at the Corporation by 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time, on the specified due date indicated for each program.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted to: Corporation for National Service, 1201 New York Avenue NW,

Washington, DC. 20525, Attention: Margaret Rosenberry. Applications may not be submitted by facsimile. This notice may be requested in an alternative format for the visually impaired by calling 202-606-5000, ext. 260.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain application materials, contact the Corporation in writing or via facsimile at (202) 565-2786, Attention: Margaret Rosenberry. For further information, contact Margaret Rosenberry, Director of Planning and Program Development, at (202) 606-5000, ext. 154.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Corporation is a federal government corporation that engages Americans of all ages and backgrounds in community-based service. Through their service, participants have direct and demonstrable impact on the nation's education, public safety, human, and environmental needs. In doing so, the Corporation fosters civic responsibility, strengthens the ties that bind us together as a people, and provides educational opportunity for those who make a substantial commitment to service. Pursuant to the National and Community Service Act of 1990, as amended, the Corporation "may undertake activities to * * * support innovative and model programs." 42 U.S.C. Sec. 12653(b).

Through these programs, the Corporation hopes to learn how it can provide more flexibility in program models and requirements without compromising program quality and without losing our emphasis on "getting things done," strengthening communities, and developing participants. In general, the Corporation is accepting applications from national nonprofits, governors and state commissions, AmeriCorps* programs, and organizations working with persons with disabilities. The programs funded under these grants should encourage innovation, expand the universe of service models, and support service programs in a variety of settings.

Period of Support

Grants are made on an annual basis. Grantees may apply for second year support under AmeriCorps* or Subtitle H if funding is available. Renewal funding is not guaranteed and will be based on quality, successful performance, and availability of funds.

Eligible Applicants

For the Governor's Innovative Programs, the state commission on

national service will serve as the legal applicant, and the governor may designate other state and/or local agencies or offices as partners in the effort. Although the commission serves as the grantee, the programs may not be operated by the commission itself. Instead, the programs must be operated by appropriate state or local government agencies, and nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, or Indian tribes. A letter from the governor which demonstrates support for the program both financially and programmatically is required for this application.

For National Nonprofit Demonstration Programs, only national nonprofit organizations that represent networks of youth or senior citizen-serving organizations, or those that promote and provide technical assistance to volunteer programs and networks are eligible to apply. The national nonprofit organization may apply to operate a demonstration in one, two or three sites. The term "national nonprofit" means any nonprofit organization whose mission, membership, activities, or constituencies are national in scope.

Existing AmeriCorps* State grantees funded, in part or in whole, as a competitive program (rather than with funds solely from the state formula) and their operating or project sites, state commissions, AmeriCorps* National grantees and their operating or project sites, Learn & Serve America Demonstration Programs that have AmeriCorps* Members, and organizations that work with the disability community and can provide technical assistance to AmeriCorps* programs, are eligible to apply for the Disability Demonstration Programs. If an applicant is working with existing AmeriCorps* program(s), a letter from the program(s) which demonstrates support and participation is required. Those AmeriCorps* State grantees that do not know whether they are competitive or formula programs should contact their state commission. The ineligibility of AmeriCorps* State grantees funded from the state formula to apply for Disability Demonstration Programs is pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 12581(d)(5)(B).

Program Preferences and Priorities

The Corporation is seeking demonstration programs that enhance existing programming at the state and local level, and will provide new knowledge about effective service programming and its impact on schools, communities, Members/participants and institutions. Therefore, particular emphasis will be placed on programs

that can do one or more of the following:

1. Demonstrate new ways to link private businesses, foundations, and the public sector in joint service initiatives;
2. Enhance existing efforts and forge new partnerships with volunteer and community service programs;
3. Involve AmeriCorps* in recruiting, training, and supervising volunteers who receive no stipends;
4. Demonstrate ways to recruit and include persons with disabilities in all aspects of participation as AmeriCorps* Members;
5. Join youth and adults over age 55 to serve their communities together;
6. Operate in rural areas; and/or
7. Involve school-age youth in summer and school-year service-learning activities.

The specific priorities differ for each of the three Demonstration Program categories. The Corporation encourages applicants to develop focused programs and not to design programs to meet multiple priorities. Those applying for funds under the National Nonprofit Demonstration Program must meet community needs in the following areas:

1. Public Safety—especially violence against women and community policing;
2. Early Childhood Development—especially in health, school readiness, child care, parenting and needs of children ages 0–6;
3. Teen Pregnancy Prevention; or
4. After-school and Summer Childcare.

Under Governor's Innovative Programs, applicants may choose to meet needs identified by the governor or by the state commission on national and community service. Disability Demonstration Programs must meet the priorities established by the AmeriCorps* programs with which they will work and may add independent living to service activities.

Match Requirements

There are three basic requirements concerning program funding for all Demonstration Programs.

1. The Corporation share of the total cost of the program may not exceed 80%. The applicant may choose in which specific areas of the budget the 20% match will be made.

2. Each grantee must provide for its share of the cost of carrying out a funded program through a payment in non-federal cash and in-kind, and may provide for such share through state and local sources. At least 10% of the match must be cash.

3. The recipient of a grant may speed no more than 5% of the total grant funds on administrative costs. Additional administrative costs may be covered in the match.

Overview of Application Requirements

Application requirements will be set forth in detail in the application materials. Generally, all programs must comply with all applicable OMB circulars for grant management and with federal laws and regulations, including the supplementation, nonduplication and nondisplacement provisions set forth in 45 CFR 2506.2. Nonprofit organizations must comply with the independent audit requirements of OMB Circular A-133. The Corporation will provide copies of OMB circulars to applicants that do not have access to such materials.

Each applicant must submit one original and six (6) copies of the application package. The application must include all the forms and components listed in the instructions for the application. Applications must not exceed the page limitations specified for each section. Only 10 pages of appendices will be accepted (this includes annual reports, letters of support, and any supplementary material not specifically requested in the application.) Applications must be received at the Corporation by the relevant deadline date. Facsimiles will not be accepted.

Application Review

The Corporation is looking for high quality programs that are innovative and have the potential to be replicated. Applications are evaluated through a multi-stage process that includes reviews by peers and the Corporation staff. Decisions on semi-finalists will be made by the Corporation leadership, and semi-finalists may be asked to supply additional information and an implementation plan before final decisions are made. In addition, the Corporation may bring semi-finalists in for interviews. During the peer review process, the applications will be evaluated on the criteria listed below:

- (1) Program Concept and Design (40%)
- (2) Organizational Capacity (30%)
- (3) Innovation and Ability to Advance the Field (20%)
- (4) Cost-Effectiveness (10%).

In addition to the priorities set by the Corporation, the Corporation staff will, during the staff review process, also take into consideration diversity of geographic distribution and program model diversity in making its funding recommendations.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary of Defense

Meeting of the DOD Advisory Group on Electron Devices

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Advisory Group on Electron Devices.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Working Group A (Microwave Devices) of the DoD Advisory Group on Electron Devices (AGED) announces a closed session meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held at 0900, Monday, 11 September 1995.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Palisades Institute for Research Services, Inc., 1745 Jefferson Davis Highway, Crystal Square Four, suite 500, Arlington, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Walter Gelnovatch, AGED Secretariat, 1745 Jefferson Davis Highway, Crystal Square Four, suite 500, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The mission of the Advisory Group is to provide advice to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, to the Director of Defense Research and Engineering (DDR&E), and through the DDR&E to the Director, Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA) and the Military Departments in planning and managing an effective and economical research and development program in the area of electron devices.

The Working Group A meeting will be limited to review of research and development programs which the Military Departments propose to initiate with industry, universities or in their laboratories. This microwave device area includes programs on developments and research related to microwave tubes, solid state microwave devices, electronic warfare devices, millimeter wave devices, and passive devices. The review will include details of classified defense programs throughout.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of Pub. L. 92-463, as amended, (5 U.S.C. App. II § 10(d) (1988)), it has been determined that this Advisory Group meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. § 552(c)(1) (1988), and that accordingly, this meeting will be closed to the public.