



FISCAL YEAR 2014

Congressional Budget Justification Overview

The President's budget request of \$1.061 billion is a strong investment in national service programs. Through national service, volunteering, and other forms of civic participation, millions of Americans each year help address our nation's greatest challenges and speed our economic recovery. The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) provides an on-ramp for Americans of all ages to serve their community and country in sustained and effective ways, from tutoring at-risk youth to responding to natural disasters to building homes for low-income families. Many of the most creative solutions to America's challenges have been developed not in Washington, but in communities across the country where citizens work hand in hand to make a difference.

In a time of fiscal constraint, this budget request reflects the important work CNCS does and the value national service provides to communities and our nation. Through AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and other programs, CNCS engages more than five million Americans in result-driven service each year at more than 70,000 locations across the country, from large cities to small towns and rural areas. In addition, CNCS leverages hundreds of millions in non-federal dollars.

Cost-Effective Community Solutions

In line with CNCS's strategic plan, CNCS programs bring focus, resources, and innovative solutions to some of our nation's most urgent needs: supporting individuals, organizations, and communities on the road to economic recovery; addressing the needs of a new wave of veterans returning from war; educating students for jobs of the 21st century; helping communities rebuild after natural disasters; and promoting health and well-being and preserving parks and public lands.

Strengthening Efficiency, Accountability, and Impact

The President's budget request continues support for important national and community service programs, which are critical to providing solutions to America's most challenging social problems.

With the proposed funding level, CNCS will maintain its focus on accountability and oversight to ensure fiscal responsibility with taxpayer dollars and deliver high quality, high-impact national service. Moreover, CNCS will continue to strengthen oversight and monitoring activities to better support CNCS funded organizations and hold them accountable. Finally, CNCS will continue to evaluate and scale effective service models in an effort to do what works.

By practicing fiscal responsibility, measuring performance, and doing what works, CNCS and the network it supports will meet community needs with higher levels of efficiency, accountability, and impact.

MISSION STATEMENT

Improve lives, strengthen communities and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering.

Goal 1

Increase the impact of national service on community needs in communities served by CNCS-supported programs

Goal 2

Strengthen national service so that participants engaged in CNCS-supported programs consistently find satisfaction, meaning, and opportunity

Serve America Act Focus Areas

Disaster Services
Economic Opportunity
Education
Environmental Stewardship
Healthy Futures
Veterans and Military Families

CNCS Programs

Goal 3

Maximize the value we add to grantees, partners, and participants

Goal 4

Fortify management operations and sustain a capable, responsive, and accountable organization

IN THE FY 2014 BUDGET REQUEST, CNCS PROPOSES TO:

- » **Support approximately 82,000 AmeriCorps members** engaged in high-quality, high-impact service across CNCS's six priority focus issue areas — Education, Veterans and Military Families, Disaster Services, Economic Opportunity, Healthy Futures, and Environmental Stewardship — providing AmeriCorps members with valuable skills and education support to put them on pathways of success. At a time of high unemployment among youth, AmeriCorps engages members in training and skill-building. A term of service also provides an opportunity for members to earn money to further their education and succeed in the workforce. Skill development and access to education through national service programs prepare youth for the jobs of tomorrow.
- » **Harness the skills of more than 330,000 experienced Americans** in service opportunities through Senior Corps programs to address community needs, from mentoring at-risk

youth to providing care to frail seniors. CNCS is proposing to begin competition across its three Senior Corps programs to more squarely focus on program results. This approach aligns the program with other agency grant programs, and will increase accountability in, and impact of, the Senior Corps grants.

- » **Invest in the validation and growth of evidence-based programs in the nonprofit sector** through the Social Innovation Fund (SIF) to improve the lives of low-income individuals.
- » Continue AmeriCorps NCCC's **important work in disaster services.**

This FY 2014 Budget makes critical investments in programs and activities that will address the social and economic challenges facing our communities.

FY 2014 Budget Request Summary

Budget Account	FY12 Enacted	FY13 Annualized CR Level	FY14 President's Budget	Difference \$	Difference %
Operating Expenses	\$750,251	\$754,843	\$760,264	\$10,013	1.3%
AmeriCorps State and National	344,348	346,455	345,800	1,452	0.4%
AmeriCorps NCCC	31,882	32,077	29,882	(2,000)	(6.3%)
AmeriCorps VISTA	94,820	95,401	94,820	0	0.0%
State Service Commission Support Grants	13,441	13,523	14,841	1,400	10.4%
Senior Corps	207,491	208,760	207,491	0	0.0%
Subtitle H	53,280	53,606	61,830	8,550	16.0%
Innovation, Demonstration and Other	4,481	4,508	3,015	(1,466)	(32.7%)
Social Innovation Fund	44,815	45,089	48,815	4,000	8.9%
George H. W. Bush Volunteer Generation Fund	3,984	4,009	10,000	6,016	151.0%
Evaluation	2,994	3,013	5,000	2,006	67.0%
Subtitle J, Training and Technical Assistance	1,996	2,008	600	(1,396)	(69.9%)
Disability Inclusion Grants	*	*	*	-	-
National Service Trust	211,797	213,093	207,293	(4,504)	(2.1%)
Salaries and Expenses	82,843	83,350	87,109**	4,266	5.1%
Office of the Inspector General	3,992	4,017	6,466***	2,474	62.0%
Total	\$1,048,884	\$1,055,303	\$1,061,132	\$12,249	1.2%

* No specific amount was enacted for disability inclusion activities. In accordance with the Kennedy Serve America Act CNCS will utilize program funding to support this activity in FY 2014.

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PROGRAM/INITIATIVE**FY 2014 BUDGET REQUEST****AmeriCorps State and National**

The FY 2014 Budget Request of \$345.8 million will support approximately 73,200 AmeriCorps State and National members who will be engaged in programs across the country. This represents an increase of approximately 5,800 members over the FY 2012 level. Driven by local needs, these AmeriCorps members will serve in a variety of positions, including teachers and tutors, disaster responders, and outreach coordinators for veterans and military families.

State Service Commissions

The FY 2014 Budget Request of \$14.8 million will provide critical support to State Service Commissions for implementing and administering AmeriCorps programs and key service initiatives in states. This increased investment of \$1.4 million over the FY 2012 enacted level will enhance the Commissions' ability to meet the priority needs of the state, successfully cultivate high-performance nonprofit organizations, and increase accountability and impact by providing training and technical assistance.

AmeriCorps VISTA

The FY 2014 Budget Request of \$94.8 million will support an estimated 7,700 full-time and summer AmeriCorps VISTA members focused on anti-poverty projects serving economically disadvantaged Americans, particularly those facing long-term unemployment and other impediments to financial stability. The program continues to identify cost efficiencies in training and travel, and will allocate those savings to support member enrollment.

AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps

The FY 2014 Budget Request of \$29.9 million will support an estimated 1,200 AmeriCorps NCCC members to gain leadership and employment skills while providing vital support to communities in disaster response and recovery, infrastructure improvement, environmental stewardship and conservation, urban and rural development, and energy conservation.

Senior Corps

The FY 2014 Budget Request for the Senior Corps programs (Foster Grandparent Program, Senior Companion Program, and RSVP) of \$207.5 million will support Americans, aged 55 and older, in improving educational outcomes for at-risk and special needs youth; connecting veterans and military families to needed services; responding to disasters; and helping low-income seniors stay in their homes and avoid costly institutional care.

Social Innovation Fund

The FY 2014 Budget Request of \$48.8 million will fund the validation and growth of evidence-based programs that improve the lives and build economic independence of low-income individuals, including \$4 million to improve nonprofit evaluation capacity by facilitating access to state and federal administration data

George H.W. Bush Volunteer Generation Fund

The FY 2014 Budget Request of \$10.0 million will fund the George H. W. Bush Volunteer Generation Fund to support efforts of nonprofits and State Service Commissions to expand the capacity of volunteer connector organizations to recruit, manage, and retain volunteers who address some of America's toughest social challenges such as unemployment and homelessness.

Over the past two decades, CNCS has invested in community solutions across the nation — focusing on critical issues, supporting the nonprofit sector, and engaging millions of Americans in high impact service.

CNCS embraces the value of service as a solution and harnesses the spirit and ingenuity of the American people to build a stronger nation, one person and one community at a time.

CNCS Reports and Resources

The full version of the Congressional Budget Justification is available at: Nationalservice.gov/about/budget/index.asp

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