



Changes to the Trust and Education Awards



Volunteer Generation Fund



Social Innovation Fund



Fixed Amount Grants under the Serve America Act

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Fixed Amount Grants

- According to the Serve Act the amount must be “significantly less than the reasonable and necessary costs of administering the program supported by the grant; and
- Based on an amount per individual enrolled in the program receiving the grant...”



Opportunities for Fixed Amount Grants in 2010

- Full-time Programs
- Professional Corps Programs (also full-time)
- Education Award Programs



Advantages of Fixed Amount Grants

- ❑ OMB Cost Principles do not apply
- ❑ No tracking or documentation of cost sharing is required
- ❑ Budgets are not required during the application process
- ❑ Limited, if any, financial reporting to the Corporation



Disadvantages

- ❑ Programs can only draw all of the funds awarded if all members enroll (EAP) or if all members enroll and complete service (Full-time and Professional Corps programs)
- ❑ Programs must still raise significant support to operate the program



What Requirements Still Apply?

- ❑ AmeriCorps members must receive a living allowance of at least \$11,800 and health benefits
- ❑ Member documentation related to eligibility and criminal background checks must be confirmed and maintained
- ❑ Member time-keeping systems must be in place to track member service hours
- ❑ Appropriate program management and supervision must be provided



What Requirements Still Apply?

- ❑ Performance measures will be carefully scrutinized
- ❑ OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements must be followed
- ❑ Single Audits must be conducted (if Federal expenditures exceed \$500,000/year)



Factors Under Consideration in Setting the Fixed Amount

- ❑ Total budgeted cost per member in full-time programs operating from 2007 – 2009
- ❑ Corporation share of budgeted cost per member
- ❑ Amounts for member costs
- ❑ Statutory cost-sharing requirements



Projections to Date

- Full-cost Programs: \$13,000
- Professional Corps: \$ 2,000
- Programs can propose less than the amounts
 - CNCS will give priority in the selection process to those that do so



Additional Guidance

- ❑ CNCS will give priority in the selection process to existing programs that have demonstrated experience and capacity to track performance measures
- ❑ Grantees must participate in any evaluation the Corporation conducts on this pilot
- ❑ Grantees will be encouraged to apply for fixed amounts less than the maximum