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## **CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### **Availability of Funds for Grants To Support the Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Day Initiative**

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of funds.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the King Holiday and Service Act of 1994, which amended the National and Community Service Act of 1990, the Corporation for National and Community Service (the Corporation) seeks to mobilize more Americans to participate in service opportunities in conjunction with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday. Specifically, the Corporation is authorized to pay for the Federal share of the cost of planning and carrying out such service opportunities. 42 U.S.C. § 12653(s). Accordingly, the Corporation announces the availability of up to \$200,000 for individual grants up to \$5,000 to support service projects under this Martin Luther King, Jr., Service Day initiative.

Service opportunities to be considered for this program "shall consist of activities reflecting the life and teachings of Martin Luther King, Jr., such as cooperation and understanding among racial and ethnic groups, nonviolent conflict resolution, equal economic and educational opportunities, and social justice." 42 U.S.C. § 12653(s)(1).

Eligible service activities include, but are not limited to: community-wide servathons that bring a broad cross-section together, including schools or school districts that seek to involve all students and teachers; service-learning projects that link student service in schools, universities, and community-based organizations; faith-based service collaborations that bring together communities of faith and secular human service programs (subject to the limitations listed below); a day of service plan that is designed to produce a sustained service commitment or intense efforts to solve a narrowly defined community problem with a burst of one-day energy (i.e., renovate all public school libraries, restock all food pantries or blood banks, find a coat for every child that needs one, set a

"zero tolerance for violence" for an area or a period of time, etc.).

Grants under this program constitute federal assistance and therefore may not be used primarily to inhibit or advance religion in a material way.

Grant funding will be available on a one-time, non-renewable basis. Grants provided for this program, together with all other Federal funds used to plan or carry out the service opportunity, may not exceed 30 percent of the cost of planning and carrying out the service opportunity. In determining the non-federal share of the costs of the program supported by the grant, the Corporation will consider in-kind contributions (including facilities, equipment, and services) made to plan and carry out the service opportunity.

**DATES:** The deadline for submission of applications is December 2, 1996. Applications, one signed and three copies, must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on that date. Facsimile copies will not be accepted. The Corporation anticipates making decisions on applications no later than December 10, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications may be obtained from, and must be submitted to: MLK Day of Service, The Corporation for National Service, North Central Service Center, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Suite 442, Chicago, IL 60604-3511. Applications may not be submitted by facsimile.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mary Lubertozzi at (312) 353-7705. This notice may be requested in an alternative format for the visually impaired by calling (202) 606-5000, ext. 260. The Corporation's T.D.D. number is (202) 565-2799.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The Corporation is a federal government corporation that engages Americans of all ages and backgrounds in community-based service. This service addresses the nation's education, public safety, environmental, or other human needs to achieve direct and demonstrable results. In doing so, the Corporation fosters civic responsibility, strengthens the ties that bind us together as a people, and provides educational opportunities for those who make a substantial commitment to service. The Corporation supports a range of national service programs including AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America, and the National Senior Service Corps.

Pursuant to the National and Community Service Act of 1990, as amended, the Corporation may make

grants to share the cost of planning and carrying out service opportunities in conjunction with the Federal legal holiday honoring the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. The Corporation intends that these grants will: (1) Get necessary things done in communities, (2) strengthen the communities engaged in the service activity, and (3) reflect the life and teachings of Martin Luther King, Jr.

By "getting things done," initiatives will help communities meet education, public safety, environmental, or human needs through direct and demonstrable service. Accordingly, the Corporation expects an initiative sponsor to identify an unmet need that is important to the community and design a project that produces a demonstrable impact on that community need.

By strengthening communities through sustained service, projects should be collaborations that bring people together in pursuit of a common objective that is of value to the community. Initiatives should engage a full range of local partners in the communities served. Service projects should be designed, implemented, and evaluated with these partners, including national service programs (AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America, National Senior Service Corps), community-based agencies, local and state King Holiday Commissions, schools and school districts, volunteer organizations, communities of faith, businesses and foundations, state and local governments, labor organizations, and colleges and universities.

By "reflecting the life and teaching of Martin Luther King", initiatives should demonstrate his proposition that "Everybody can be great because everybody can serve," through the types of service activities listed above.

**Eligible Applicants**

By law, any entity otherwise eligible for assistance under the national service laws shall be eligible to receive a grant under this announcement. The applicable laws include the National and Community Service Act of 1990, as amended, and the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1972, as amended. Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to: nonprofit organizations (excluding those prohibited under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 from receiving federal grants, as explained below), State Commissions, state and local governments, Indian Tribes, U.S. territories, institutions of higher education, state and local education agencies, educational institutions, private organizations that intend to utilize volunteers in carrying out the

purposes of this program, and foundations.

The Corporation especially invites applications from organizations with experience in, and commitment to, fostering service on Martin Luther King, Jr. day, including applicable State Martin Luther King, Jr. Commissions, local education agencies, faith-based partnerships, and volunteer centers.

Pursuant to the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(4), which engages in lobbying activities, is not eligible.

#### Overview of Application Requirements

The application shall be submitted in the required format, and shall contain the following:

1. A narrative section describing:
  - a. The planned activities being conducted in conjunction with Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, as well as the partnerships in the local community that are being engaged in support of the day and/or a description of sustained service activities over a period of time;
  - b. The organization's background and capacity to carry out this program;
  - c. The proposed staffing of the activity;
2. A budget in the prescribed format; and
3. Required certifications that the organization will comply with all conditions attendant to the receipt of federal funding.

The narrative portion of the application may be no longer than 15 single-sided pages double-spaced in 12-point font.

#### Review of Applications and Selection Criteria

The applications will be reviewed initially to confirm that the applicant is an eligible recipient and to ensure that the application contains the information required. The Corporation will assess applications based on their responsiveness to the objectives set forth in this announcement based on the following criteria listed below (in descending order of importance):

- (1) *Quality*. The proposal must demonstrate the applicant's ability to meet community needs through meaningful service activities, establish strong community partnerships, and fulfill the goals of Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and teaching;
- (2) *Organizational Capacity*. The application must demonstrate the organization's ability to carry out the activities described in the proposal, including the use of high quality staff;
- (3) *Cost*. The applicant must demonstrate how this grant will be

spent, including the sources and uses of matching support.

Dated: November 5, 1996.  
Terry Russell,  
*Acting Executive Director, Corporation for National and Community Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (International & Commercial Programs).

**ACTION:** Notice.

In compliance with Section 350(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (International & Commercial Programs) announces the proposed public information collection in order to implement the Defense Loan Guarantee Program and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 7, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (International & Commercial Programs), 3070 Defense Pentagon, 3E1082, Washington, DC 20301-3070.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request further information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call Robert Hertzfeld, Esquire, (703) 697-0351.

*Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:* DELG Program Application, DD Form 2747, 0704-0391.

*Needs and Uses:* The information collection requirement is necessary to review and process applications for loan guarantees issued under 10 U.S.C. 2540 for defense exports.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for profit, Small businesses or organizations.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 20.

*Number of Respondents:* 20.

*Responses to Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden per Response:* 1 Hour.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Summary of Information Collection

Respondents are defense suppliers or exporters, lenders or nations, who are requesting a DoD guarantee of a private sector loan in support of the sale or loan terms lease, to certain eligible countries, of U.S. defense articles, services or design and construction services. The completed form will enable the department to determine whether the proposed transaction meets statutory guidance for program implementation.

Dated: November 4, 1996.

L.M. Bynum,

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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### Defense Export Loan Guarantee Program

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of program announcement.

**SUMMARY:** The National Defense Authorization Act for FY96, directs the Secretary of Defense to implement an export loan guarantee program for private sector loans made to eligible sovereign nations for the sale or long-term lease of U.S. defense articles, services or design and construction services. The program is limited to \$15 billion in contingent liability and is available for NATO allies, major non-NATO allies, emerging democracies of Central Europe and non-communist members of APEC. The law requires that the program be implemented at no cost to the Department and operated through the collection of user fees and exposure fees to cover the cost of program implementation and the risk of loan default. This notice announces the Department of Defense's implementation of this law and describes the basic parameters of the program.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 8, 1996.