

Should either party disagree on such quota charge, both parties agree to hold technical consultation for verification on categories and quantities charged upon request of the party.

**4. Other Requirements:**

A. The complete name and address of a company actually involved in the manufacturing process of the textile product covered by the visa shall be provided on the textile visa document.

B. Merchandise imported for the personal use of the importer and not for resale, regardless of value; properly marked commercial sample shipments valued at U.S. \$250 or less; and mutually agreed exempt items certified as exempt by the Government of the People's Republic of China do not require a visa or an ELVIS transmission for entry.

The visa stamp remains unchanged.

The actions taken concerning the Government of the People's Republic of China with respect to imports of silk apparel, textiles and textile products in the foregoing categories have been determined by the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements to involve foreign affairs functions of the United States. Therefore, these directions to the Commissioner of Customs, which are necessary for the implementation of such actions, fall within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1). This letter will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

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

### **Availability of Funds for Training and Technical Assistance for the Seniors for Schools Initiative**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National and Community Service ("Corporation") announces the availability of up to \$350,000 to provide training and technical assistance to programs that receive grants under the Corporation's Seniors for Schools Initiative. The purpose of the initiative is to mobilize the time, talent, experience, and resources of seniors to tutor and mentor public school children in kindergarten through third grade. The initiative will (1) build on the experience of the Foster Grandparent Program and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program; and (2) recruit adults over the age of 55, without regard to their economic status, to work in teams with young children in a

variety of roles, including helping them to read independently by the end of the third grade.

**DATES:** All applications must be received by 6 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, May 15, 1997. Facsimiles will not be accepted. All applicants must be able to provide training and technical assistance to the selected programs, beginning on July 1, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested organizations may request application materials by writing to the Corporation for National and Community Service, Attn.: Tess Scannell, Room 9201, 1201 New York Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20525.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information, contact Tess Scannell at (202) 606-5000, ext. 190. This notice may be requested in an alternative format for the visually impaired.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

The Corporation is a federal government corporation that encourages Americans of all ages and backgrounds to engage in community-based service. This service addresses the nation's educational, public safety, environmental, and other human needs to achieve direct and demonstrable results. In supporting service programs, 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.

On August 27, 1996, President Clinton announced the America Reads Challenge, which includes a vital national service component. The goal of this campaign is to ensure that every child can read independently by the end of the third grade. To achieve this goal, the President has called for a substantial increase in the number of tutors and mentors available to young children.

Under the National and Community Service Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 12501 *et seq.*, the Corporation may "support innovative and model programs." Under this statutory authority, the Corporation intends to meet the America Reads Challenge by adopting the goals of this initiative and helping to mobilize thousands of volunteers to serve as tutors. One of the Corporation's efforts will be the Seniors for Schools Initiative, which will involve recruiting men and women over the age of 55, without regard to their economic status, to work in teams and make a significant commitment to help children learn to read. This initiative will build on the experience of the Foster Grandparent Program and Retired

and Senior Volunteer Program—programs that have worked extensively with children in school settings for many years. The Corporation intends to fund eight to ten programs, each implementing the Seniors for Schools Initiative in a different community.

To support the Seniors for Schools programs, the Corporation intends to enter into a cooperative agreement with an organization to provide training and technical assistance that strengthens the programs' performance and effectiveness. Through this notice, the Corporation invites applications from organizations that wish to be considered for the training and technical assistance award.

##### **Eligible Applicants**

Public agencies (including federal, state, and local agencies and other units of government); non-profit organizations (including youth-serving groups, groups that serve older persons, community-based organizations, service organizations, etc.); institutions of higher education; Indian tribes; and for-profit companies are eligible to apply. Organizations may apply to provide training and technical assistance in partnership with organizations seeking other Corporation funds. Under 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 to apply.

##### **Estimated Number of Awards**

The Corporation anticipates making one award.

##### **Period of Performance**

The period of performance for the cooperative agreement is up to 24 months, contingent upon performance and the availability of appropriations. All applicants must be able to provide training and technical assistance beginning on July 1, 1997.

##### **Selection Criteria**

The Corporation will initially determine whether the organization is eligible and whether the application contains the information required in the application materials. After this initial screening, the Corporation will assess applications based on the criteria listed below:

1. The quality of the proposed activities based on the scope of activities and approaches proposed to be used to provide training, materials, and other resources, and the technical support that programs need to meet their objectives.

2. The ability of the organization to provide training and technical assistance to multiple programs.

3. The qualifications and experience of key personnel who will provide the training and technical assistance.

4. The cost-effectiveness of the proposed activities and the degree to which the applicant proposes a reasonable estimate of the amount of services the organization will be able to provide with the requested amount of funds and the applicant's existing resources.

#### **Applicable Regulations**

Regulatory provisions governing this award are codified in 45 CFR part 2532.

#### **Statutory Authority**

Corporation authority to award this cooperative agreement is codified in 42 U.S.C. 12653.

Dated: March 26, 1997.

**Barry W. Stevens,**

*Acting General Counsel.*

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#### **Availability of Funds for Grants to Support the Seniors for Schools Initiative**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability funds.

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National and Community Service ("Corporation") announces the availability of up to \$3,000,000 for grants to support its Seniors for Schools Initiative. The purpose of this initiative is to mobilize the time, talent, experience, and resources of seniors to tutor and mentor public school children in kindergarten through third grade. This initiative will (1) build on the experience of the Foster Grandparent Program and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program; and (2) recruit adults over the age of 55, without regard to their economic status, to work in teams with young children in a variety of roles, including helping them to read independently by the end of the third grade.

**DATES:** All applications must be received by 6:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, May 15, 1997. Facsimiles will not be accepted.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications may be requested by contacting the appropriate Corporation State Office. A list of the Corporation's State Offices is provided below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information, contact Tess Scannell at

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##### **Eligible Applicants**

Current Corporation grantees—including AmeriCorps\*VISTA projects

sponsors; National Senior Service Corps project sponsors; and organizations that operate a Learn and Serve America: School or Community-Based program; a Learn and Serve America: Higher Education program; or an AmeriCorps\*State, National, Indian Tribes or Territories program—are eligible to apply.

##### **Estimated Number of Awards**

The Corporation intends to fund eight to ten programs, each implementing the Seniors for Schools Initiative in a different community.

##### **Suggested Amounts of Awards**

The Corporation suggests that applicants limit their budget requests to no more than \$225,000.

##### **Program Period of Performance**

The program period for all grants is up to 24 months, contingent upon performance and availability of appropriations.

##### **Selection Criteria**

The Corporation will initially determine whether the organization is eligible and whether the application contains the information required in the application materials. After this initial screening, the Corporation will assess applications based on the following criteria:

1. The capacity of the applicant to implement the program and accomplish the purposes of the demonstration.
2. The cost-effectiveness of the proposed program and the program's ability to leverage significant additional resources from non-federal sources.
3. The geographic location of the program (to ensure that funded programs are geographically diverse and include programs in urban and rural areas).

##### **Applicable Regulations**

Regulations governing the Seniors for Schools Initiative are located in 45 CFR parts 2531 and 2540.

##### **Program Authority**

Corporation authority to make these grants is codified in 42 U.S.C. 12653.

Dated: March 26, 1997.

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##### **Corporation State Offices**

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