

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

TIME AND DATE: Tuesday, June 29, 1999, 2 p.m.

LOCATION: Room 410, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Closed to the Public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Compliance Status Report

The staff will brief the Commission on the status of various compliance matters.

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CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.

Dated: June 18, 1999.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Notice of Availability of Funds To Support AmeriCorps Promise Fellowships in Selected States, Indian Tribes, and U.S. Territories

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (the Corporation) will use up to approximately \$1.1 million to award grants to sponsor AmeriCorps Promise Fellowships in Alaska, Delaware, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Virginia and Wyoming, and in the District of Columbia. Indian tribes and programs in U.S. territories are also eligible to apply. AmeriCorps Promise Fellows will spend up to one year serving with organizations that are committed to implementing programs in support of the five goals for children and youth set at the Presidents' Summit for America's Future.

These grants, in the aggregate, will support approximately 80 Fellows. Each Fellow will receive a living allowance of between \$13,000 and \$17,376 based on twelve months of service. Upon successfully completing a term of

service, a Fellow will receive the \$4,725 AmeriCorps education award. The Corporation will issue grants on a fixed amount per Fellow basis of \$13,000 per Fellowship awarded. These amounts exclude the education award. The grants are fixed-amount awards that do not require Corporation monitoring of actual costs incurred.

DATES: All sponsor proposals must be submitted to the Corporation by 5 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, August 12, 1999. The Corporation anticipates announcing sponsor selections under this announcement no later than September 23, 1999. The project period is negotiable, but generally proposals should indicate a proposed project start date between November 1 and December 31, 1999, and an end date no later than December 31, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Proposals to sponsor one or more Fellows must be submitted to the Corporation at the following address: Corporation for National Service, Attn: Tracy Stone, 1201 New York Avenue NW, Room 9623, Washington, D.C. 20525.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, or to obtain a sponsor application, contact Rosa Harrison at the Corporation for National Service, (202) 606-5000, ext. 433. T.D.D. (202) 565-2799. 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 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. For more information about the Corporation and the activities that it supports, go to <http://www.nationalservice.org>.

Pursuant to the National and Community Service Act of 1990, as amended (the Act), the Corporation may support "innovative and model programs" and may award national service fellowships. 42 U.S.C. 12653b. In addition, the Corporation may approve the provision of education awards to individuals who successfully complete a term of service in "national service positions as the Corporation determines to be appropriate". 42 U.S.C.

12573(7). The federal regulations governing the Corporation, published at 45 CFR 2520 *et seq.*, are available at public libraries or on the Internet at <http://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/>.

At the Presidents' Summit for America's Future, held in April 1997 in Philadelphia, President Clinton, former Presidents Bush, Carter, and Ford, Mrs. Nancy Reagan, and General Colin Powell, with the endorsement of many governors, mayors, and leaders of the independent sector, declared: "We have a special obligation to America's children to see that all young Americans have:

1. Caring adults in their lives, as parents, mentors, tutors, coaches;
2. Safe places with structured activities in which to learn and grow;
3. A healthy start and healthy future;
4. An effective education that equips them with marketable skills; and
5. An opportunity to give back to their communities through their own service.

These five goals are now the five fundamental resources—or "promises"—sought by America's Promise—The Alliance for Youth, the national organization leading efforts to follow up on the goals of the Presidents' Summit. For more information about the five goals of the Presidents' Summit, go to <http://www.americaspromise.org>.

As a major partner in this effort, the Corporation devotes a substantial part of its activities to help meet these goals, including the work of AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America, and the National Senior Service Corps. The AmeriCorps Promise Fellows program provides States and local communities with support to help carry out their plans to provide America's children with these five fundamental resources.

Through this notice, the Corporation invites grant proposals from eligible entities who wish to sponsor one or more AmeriCorps Promise Fellows.

Eligible Sponsors

The Corporation seeks to place Fellows in states, tribes and territories that are not represented by a governor-appointed state commission on national and community service (State Commission) or in which the State Commission has not previously been awarded AmeriCorps Promise Fellowships. The following entities are eligible to apply to become a sponsor:

1. State Commissions in Alaska, Delaware, New Mexico, South Carolina, Virginia and Wyoming;
2. State Education Agencies in the District of Columbia, North Dakota, and South Dakota;
3. State Education Agencies in Alaska, Delaware, New Mexico, South Carolina,

Virginia and Wyoming, if the State Commission is not applying for funding under this Notice. A letter signed by the State Commission Chair or Executive Director verifying that the Commission is not applying for funding under this Notice must accompany the State Education Agency's application to the Corporation; and

4. Local government agencies, institutions of higher education, or public or private nonprofit organizations in the District of Columbia, North Dakota, or South Dakota, or U.S. territories; and

5. Indian tribes (as defined in the National and Community Service Act at 42 U.S.C. 12511(11)).

The Corporation encourages State Commissions and State Education Agencies to collaborate in applying for funding under this Notice and to use their Unified State Plans as the basis for their application. Where both agencies are involved in proposing an AmeriCorps Promise Fellows program for their state, the application should be submitted to the Corporation by the State Commission.

Substance of the Fellowship Program

The AmeriCorps Promise Fellows program is a national service leadership initiative. Designed for those who have demonstrated skill and passion for service to their community, an AmeriCorps Promise Fellowship provides an opportunity to make a unique contribution to organizations helping to meet one or more of the five fundamental needs declared at the Presidents' Summit and being advanced by national, state, and local nonprofit organizations; and the national service network.

Although AmeriCorps Promise Fellows may be placed by a sponsor at a host organization that focuses its resources on only one of the goals of the Presidents' Summit, the host organization must be part of a larger effort (e.g., Community of Promise) that supports the delivery of all of the five fundamental resources to children and young people.

The most important considerations in establishing an AmeriCorps Promise Fellows program are that the prospective Fellows help meet the goals of the Presidents' Summit and that they have the ability to play a leadership role in producing a defined outcome. In this regard, Fellows' activities should principally be capacity-building in nature, seeking to help increase substantially a community's ability to deliver the five fundamental resources. For illustrative purposes, the following

are examples of specific activities or roles Fellows may pursue:

- Coordinating a Community of Promise campaign providing a targeted number of young people with all or several of the five fundamental resources.
- Initiating a program to provide multiple resources to targeted young people, for example, adding a service component and access to dental care to an existing after-school tutoring program.
- Planning or promoting State Education Agency efforts to stimulate service-learning opportunities by K-12 students.
- Expanding Volunteer Center activities to promote the goals of the Presidents' Summit.
- Spearheading immunization efforts aimed at young children and their families.
- Establishing new Federal Work-Study service opportunities and recruiting and placing students in the new positions.
- Recruiting new Communities of Promise.

Although no particular academic credentials or work experience are required, Fellows will be viewed as leaders in the efforts to implement the goals of the Presidents' Summit, and as a group will have an identity tied to this overall effort. Therefore, confidence in the ability of applicants to produce outcomes in support of the goals of the Presidents' Summit, such as the implementation of projects like those described above, is the central criterion for selection. This is evidenced by: Strong academic credentials; demonstrated leadership skills; substantial and successful work experience in a field related to the organization's activities; and experience performing significant service-related activities, particularly various national service leaders' programs, including AmeriCorps leaders, AmeriCorps*VISTA leaders, AmeriCorps*National Civilian Community Corps leaders, and leadership activities in programs sponsored by Learn and Serve America and the National Senior Service Corps.

Fellowships may not be used simply to supplement the numbers of AmeriCorps Members at existing programs already carrying out activities consistent with the goals of the Presidents' Summit. Rather, the role of AmeriCorps Promise Fellows should be to provide higher-level support that will enable an organization to become more involved, or to substantially increase the amount or quality of activities supporting achievement of the Presidents' Summit's five goals.

An AmeriCorps Promise Fellow must: (1) Be at least 17 years of age; (2) be a U.S. citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident alien; and (3) have a high school diploma or GED. Individuals who have already served in two approved national service positions

(a position for which an education award is provided) are, by statute, not eligible for a third education award.

Fellowships must be completed in no less than 10 months and no more than 12 months. Fellows must serve on a full-time basis. To qualify for an education award of \$4,725, a Fellow must perform at least 1,700 hours of service and successfully complete the Fellowship.

Sponsors must provide Fellows a living allowance between \$13,000 and \$17,376 based on a twelve-month term of service. If the term of service is shorter than twelve months, the sponsor must pro-rate the amount of the living allowance.

Sponsors are not required to provide health insurance and/or child care to Fellows or their families. However, the sponsor is encouraged to offer such assistance and may use funds awarded under this Notice for this purpose.

Sponsor's Role

The Corporation anticipates supporting no more than five AmeriCorps Promise Fellowships under each grant. If the sponsor identifies additional non-Corporation resources to support more than five Fellows, including provision of the required living allowance, the sponsor may propose to increase the number of Fellows. In such instances, the Corporation may approve additional education awards subject to their availability, and the number of Fellowships per sponsor may exceed five.

Each sponsor determines the process for the recruitment and selection of AmeriCorps Promise Fellows in its respective area. State Commissions and State Education Agencies are encouraged to use their Unified State Plan as the basis for their plans. The sponsor must certify that the host organization in which the Fellow is being placed is conducting activities that contribute to one or more of the five goals of the Presidents' Summit, and that this is part of a larger effort to provide all five of the fundamental resources to children and youth.

The Corporation anticipates that host organizations generally will be local or state nonprofit organizations that are engaged in activities in support of the goals of the Presidents' Summit. Fellows may serve at a State Commission only under limited circumstances. In proposing such an arrangement, a State Commission must describe in its application how it will comply with (1) The prohibition on State Commissions operating any national service program receiving financial assistance from the Corporation and (2) the prohibition on

a State Commission receiving Corporation assistance to carry out activities that are already supported by its administrative grant from the Corporation. A State Commission proposing this arrangement must also submit a detailed position description for the Fellow demonstrating that the Fellow's responsibilities are directly tied to achieving the goals of the Presidents' Summit.

Sponsors are responsible for ensuring compliance with required elements of the Fellowship program. These requirements, which will be individually described in the grant agreement between the Corporation and the sponsor, include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Providing office space, supplies, and equipment.
- Providing a living allowance.
- Paying and withholding FICA taxes.
- Withholding income taxes.
- Providing unemployment insurance if required by State law.
- Providing workers' compensation if required by State law or obtaining insurance to cover service-related injuries.
- Providing liability insurance to cover claims relating to Fellows.
- Providing adequate training and supervision.
- Ensuring that Fellows not engage in prohibited activities (such as lobbying).
- Complying with statutory prohibitions on uses of assistance (such as displacement, discrimination).
- Providing a grievance procedure that meets statutory standards.
- Verifying and submitting timely documentation relating to each Fellow's eligibility for an education award.
- Providing an adequate financial management system.
- Complying with other reporting requirements.

Contents of the Sponsor Application

Sponsor applications must contain the following information:

1. Background concerning the applicant's current efforts to achieve the goals of the Presidents' Summit.
2. The proposed start date for the AmeriCorps Promise Fellows. Please note that it is strongly encouraged that all Fellows begin service between November 1 and December 31, 1999 to promote esprit de corps among the class of Fellows.
3. An explanation of the method for determining the organizations where Fellows will be assigned that addresses the matters listed below. If host organizations have already been selected, please list the designated organizations and indicate how the following were addressed in making the selection.
 - (a) The process through which these organizations will be selected,

(b) The criteria used to evaluate their suitability for hosting a Fellow(s).

(c) The expected number of Fellows who will serve at each organization,

(d) The supervision, support and member development activities that will be provided for the Fellow(s) at each organization or by the sponsor, and

(e) Background concerning the selected organizations and the roles they are playing in local summit follow-up.

4. A detailed description of the activities that the Fellows will perform that includes:

(a) An explanation of how the activities will support significant growth and/or improvements in the quality of efforts to meet the five goals of the Presidents' Summit;

(b) Clearly defined, outcome-based objectives for:

- i. The Fellows' service activities that are linked to the five fundamental resources or efforts to increase community involvement in strategies to deliver all five resources; and
- ii. The Fellows' development as leaders in delivering the five fundamental resources; and

(c) A description of how the Fellowship program will complement, enhance, or offer services distinct from other AmeriCorps programs that the applicant may sponsor.

If the Fellow serves at a State Commission, a detailed position description must be provided.

5. A plan for recruiting Fellows that demonstrates an understanding of the Fellows' leadership role in expanding and enhancing activities that deliver on the goals of the Presidents' Summit and indicates the anticipated process for recruiting Fellows, the desired qualifications of Fellows, how these qualifications relate to the proposed Fellows' activities, and the potential sources from which applicants will be recruited.

6. An estimated budget to carry out the program, consistent with the description below.

The application may not exceed 21 double-spaced pages in length; additional instructions concerning the contents of the application are contained in the application package.

Organizations interested in applying for these program funds may participate in conference calls to be held on Thursday, July 15 and Friday, July 30 during which Corporation staff will provide technical assistance to potential applicants. The calls will begin at 1:30 p.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. To register for either call, please contact Rosa Harrison at (202) 606-5000, ext. 433. Upon

registration, you will be apprised of the (800) number needed for participation.

Budget and Finances

The Corporation will issue grants on a fixed amount per Fellow basis of \$13,000 per Fellowship awarded. These amounts exclude the education award. The grants are fixed-amount awards that do not require Corporation monitoring of actual costs incurred. The cost principles normally applicable to Federal awards do not apply. The sponsor assumes full financial responsibility for the program. Sponsors must provide the additional financial support necessary to carry out their proposed Fellowship program. The sponsor should indicate the amounts and types of additional financial support required for the Fellowship program in the budget narrative of the application.

In addition to the approved grant amount, the Corporation will provide an education award to Fellows who successfully complete their term of service. The Corporation will sponsor a national training event to provide Fellows with an opportunity to come together to assess national progress in meeting the goals of the Presidents' Summit. The Corporation will also promote the availability of these Fellowships.

The Corporation anticipates that these grants will be renewable for up to a two-year period, subject to performance and the availability of appropriations.

Process for Selecting Sponsors

In selecting sponsors, the Corporation will consider: program design (60%), including (in order of importance) Getting Things Done to help achieve the five goals of the Presidents' Summit, recruiting a leadership cadre of Fellows and fostering their continued leadership development, and strengthening communities; organizational capacity (25%); and budget/cost effectiveness (15%). The Corporation will make all final decisions concerning approval of these grants for Fellowships. Given the Corporation's interest in having the common elements for the Fellowships that are described above, the Corporation announces its intent to enter into such negotiations with any sponsor in a manner that may require revisions to the original grant proposal.

The Corporation anticipates that all awards will be granted no later than November 1, 1999. All awards are subject to the availability of federal appropriations.

Dated: June 16, 1999.

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National and Community Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Public Hearing and Extension of the Public Comment Period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Disposal and Reuse of Surplus Navy Property Identified in the Guam Land Use Plan (GLUP '94)

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy (Navy) has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the DEIS for Disposal and Reuse of Surplus Navy Property Identified in the Guam Land Use Plan (GLUP '94). Navy announced locally that a public hearing would be held on June 24, 1999 at the Guam Hilton for the purpose of receiving oral and written comments on the DEIS. This notice announces to the public that Navy is extending the public comment period for the DEIS until July 30, 1999 and rescheduling the public hearing that was previously announced locally in Territory of Guam Newspapers and direct mailings. Federal and Government of Guam agencies, interested individuals, and organizations are invited to be present or represented at the public meeting that is hereby rescheduled as show below.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on July 15, 1999 at 7:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Guam Hilton, Marianas Ballroom, 202 Pale San Vitores Road, Tumon, Guam 96931.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gerald Gibbons (PLN231GG), Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134, telephone (808) 471-9338, facsimile (808) 474-5909.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as implemented by Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), the Navy has prepared and filed with the EPA the DEIS for Disposal and Reuse of Surplus Navy Property Identified in the GLUP '94. A Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on April 10, 1998. A public

scoping meeting announcement was published on April 18, 19, and 20, 1998, in the Pacific Daily News on Guam. A public scoping meeting was held on May 7, 1998 at the Chamorro Village Main Pavilion, Paseo Complex, Agana, Guam. The notice of availability of the DEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on May 21, 1999.

The proposed action is the disposal of approximately 2,798 acres of surplus Navy property in the Territory of Guam in a manner consistent with the reuse identified by the local redevelopment authority, the Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA), in its Reuse Plan for GLUP '94 Navy Surplus Properties. The property covered in the EIS has been divided into 20 parcels located in Dededo, Tiyan, Tamuning, Barrigada, Nimitz Hill, Apra Heights, Naval Station, Piti, and Santa Rita. Nineteen parcels were identified as releasable in the GLUP '94. One parcel, the Officers Housing site at Naval Air Station (NAS) Agana, was not considered in the GLUP '94 but was recommended for disposal as part of the 1995 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) decision. This parcel was included in GEDA's Reuse Plan and is included in the scope of this EIS.

The DEIS evaluates three reuse alternatives and a "No Action" Alternative. The reuse alternatives are based upon conceptual land use plans documented in GEDA's Reuse Plan and approved by Governor Carl T.C. Gutierrez of Guam. Each reuse alternative proposes various land uses, e.g., residential, commercial, etc., as well as roadway improvements. The "No Action" Alternative assumes Navy's retention of the parcels in caretaker status and continuation of existing leases according to their terms.

The Preferred Alternative recommended by GEDA consists of the following elements: retention of open space for recreation and conservation, single-family affordable housing, a golf resort, commercial centers, warehouse and light industrial space, and agricultural activities. The EIS also evaluates reuse alternatives with lower and higher intensities of development. The Lower Intensity Alternative would retain more open space and involve renovation rather than expansion of certain facilities and less new construction. The Higher Intensity Alternative would provide more new construction, and development densities would approach the maximum allowed under local zoning.

Except for traffic and air quality impacts at one intersection, potentially significant impacts under all of the reuse alternatives can be mitigated to

nonsignificant levels. The impacts which can be mitigated by the local reuse authority to nonsignificant levels include infrequent exceedance of air quality standards during peak-hour traffic at intersections, incompatible land uses and noise, effects on cultural resources, traffic congestion at key intersections, increases in school enrollment in three districts due to new housing development, and cumulative impacts on health care, police, fire, and civil defense services. Unacceptable traffic conditions at the intersection of Route 1 and Route 16 would occur with or without the proposed reuse. Mitigation would compensate for the reuse component of traffic at this intersection, but it would still remain above capacity. The following potentially significant but mitigable impacts are identified for the Higher Intensity Alternative: inadequate capacity of the Agana wastewater treatment plant during peak flow conditions, cumulative solid waste impacts, and impacts of the proposed power plant at Rizal/Afleje beach on the marine environment. The "No Action" Alternative has the least potential for environmental impacts and demands on Guam's infrastructure.

The DEIS has been distributed to agencies and other interested parties. Copies may be reviewed at the Agana, Barrigada, Dededo, Merizo, and Yona public libraries. A limited number of single copies are available upon request from the contact listed above. A public hearing will be held on July 15, 1999 at the Guam Hilton to inform the public of the DEIS findings and to solicit and receive oral and written comments. Government agencies and interested parties are invited to be present at the hearing. Oral comments will be heard and transcribed by a court recorder; written comments are also requested to ensure accuracy of the record. All comments, both oral and written, will become part of the official record. In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit oral comments to three minutes. Longer comments should be summarized at the public hearing and submitted in writing either at the hearing or mailed to Mr. Gerald Gibbons at the address given above. Comments must be postmarked no later than July 30, 1999 to be considered in the Final EIS.

Dated: June 19, 1999.

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