

## **Administrative, Management, and Other Improvements**

### **Overview**

While demanding greater accountability for the use of Federal resources, there are opportunities to improve the way the Corporation for National and Community Service does its business. This should strengthen support in the private sector for community service, open up service opportunities for Americans with disabilities, and increase participation by smaller community- and faith-based organizations, while improving the Corporation's management controls. Some of these proposals were identified in the relevant program section. Others are included below.

### **Summary of Proposals**

To strengthen and improve the administration of national and community-based service opportunities, the President proposes the following reforms:

#### ***Provide for a challenge grant fund to support the growth of service and volunteerism.***

Require \$1 in private support for every \$1 provided by the Corporation as a challenge grant, and emphasize the importance of using such grants to build up the capacity of non-profit organizations, especially small community-based organizations. Once such challenge grants are funded, provide for a 2-to-1 match in subsequent years.

#### ***Authorize the Corporation to establish a veterans service initiative for youths.***

To support the service of veterans and retired military personnel as tutors and mentors, the Administration is proposing to establish a veterans component to the Corporation's youth-serving programs.

#### ***Eliminate barriers to participation in national service programs by individuals with disabilities.***

Grants for accommodation to increase the placement of individuals with disabilities should no longer be limited to certain parts of AmeriCorps. AmeriCorps benefits should no longer negatively affect entitlement to disability benefits, and participation in AmeriCorps may lead to new opportunities for productive work for Americans with disabilities.

#### ***Authorize the Corporation to consolidate or modify application procedures and reporting requirements under the national service laws to promote efficiency and eliminate duplicative provisions.***

States should be permitted to file a single application rather than the multiple applications required under current law to access Corporation funds.