Peace Corps Appropriations Language

For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of the Peace Corps Act (75 Stat. 612) including the purchase of not to exceed five passenger motor vehicles for administrative purposes for use outside of the United States, $343,500,000, to remain available until September 30, 2010: Provided, That none of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be used to pay for abortions: Provided further, That the Director may transfer to the Foreign Currency Fluctuations Account, as authorized by 22 U.S.C. 2515, an amount not to exceed $5,000,000: Provided further, That funds transferred pursuant to the previous proviso may not be derived from amounts made available for Peace Corps overseas operations.

BUDGET OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, FISCAL YEAR 2009

BUDGET INFORMATION

Peace Corps FY 2009 Budget Request by Program Operations

(in thousands of dollars)

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Estimate	FY 2009 Request
DIRECT VOLUNTEER OPERATIONS			
Overseas Operational Management			
Africa	68,495	72,456	76,208
Europe, Mediterranean, and Asia	45,467	48,243	50,519
Inter-America and Pacific	57,904	59,511	61,494
Peace Corps Response (formerly Crisis Corps)	916	1,135	1,207
United Nations Volunteers	102	115	116
Subtotal, Overseas Operational Management	172,885	181,461	189,544
Overseas Operational Support			
Volunteer Support Operations	7,934	8,034	8,269
Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA)	0	10,238	10,761
Medical Services Centrally Shared Resources	8,075	9,678	11,811
The Center for Field Assistance and Applied Research	6,273	6,335	6,207
AIDS Relief	360	331	366
Volunteer Recruitment and Selection	14,965	14,764	14,818
Private Sector Initiatives	508	540	597
Centrally Processed Overseas Equipment and Supplies	5,304	4,054	5,455
Volunteer Readjustment Allowance	18,940	21,224	22,459
Reimbursements to Department of State (ICASS)	6,129	7,600	8,400
Subtotal, Overseas Operational Support	68,488	82,797	89,143
SUBTOTAL, DIRECT VOLUNTEER OPERATIONS	241,373	264,258	278,687
VOLUNTEER OPERATIONS SUPPORT SERVICES			
Third Goal Programs			
World Wise Schools	604	598	606
University Programs	564	565	594
Returned Volunteer Services	666	685	730
Subtotal, Third Goal Programs	1,834	1,847	1,930
Agency Administration			
Director's Office, General Counsel, Congressional & Press	5,555	5,574	5,912
Communications	2,381	2,526	2,500
Safety and Security	2,680	2,561	2,710
Office of the Chief Financial Officer	14,837	13,817	13,469
OCFO Centrally Managed Resources	1,755	1,781	1,795
Acquisitions & Contracts	1,573	1,585	1,573
Office of the Chief Information Officer	9,110	8,337	8,548
Information Technology Centrally Managed Resources	13,432	8,695	8,632
Office of Management	6,198	6,282	6,313
Office of Management Centrally Managed Resources	14,786	13,526	13,698
Inspector General	3,408	3,637	3,783
Subtotal, Agency Administration	75,715	68,321	68,933
SUBTOTAL, VOLUNTEER OPERATIONS SUPPORT SERVICES	77,549	70,169	70,863

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Estimate	FY 2009 Request
GRAND TOTAL AGENCY	**318,922**	**334,427**	**349,550**
APPROPRIATED RESOURCES	319,700	333,500	343,500
AVIAN FLU PREPAREDNESS SUPPLEMENTAL	0	0	0
TRANSFER FROM FOREIGN CURRENCY FLUC. ACCT	2,000	0	0
RESCISSION	0	-2,701	0
TOTAL ENACTED	321,700	330,799	343,500
UNOBLIGATED BALANCE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	5,459	7,619	5,350
UNOBLIGATED BALANCE FROM AVIAN FLU PREPAREDNESS	622	626	0
UNOBLIGATED BALANCE FROM EMERGENCY FUND	152	32	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATED RESOURCES	**327,932**	**339,077**	**348,850**
MISCELLANEOUS RESOURCES	1,660	1,500	1,500
RESERVE FOR UNRECORDED OBLIGATIONS	-2,370	-800	-800
TRANSFER TO FOREIGN CURRENCY FLUC. ACCT	0	0	0
EST UNOBLIGATED BALANCE (x0100)	-681	0	0
EST UNOBLIGATED BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	-7,619	-5,350	0
TOTAL AVAILABLE BUDGETARY RESOURCES	**318,922**	**334,427**	**349,550**

(Detail may not add due to rounding)

DESCRIPTION OF THE PEACE CORPS' OPERATIONAL AREAS

DIRECT VOLUNTEER OPERATIONS

Overseas Operational Management

Regional Operations

Overseas operations are organized and administered through a regional structure composed of three offices: Africa; Europe, Mediterranean, and Asia; and Inter-America and the Pacific. These offices provide general oversight and direction to Peace Corps country programs, or posts. Post budgets include Volunteer allowances (living, settling-in, and leave), training for Volunteers, in-country travel for Volunteers and staff, return travel for Volunteers, in-country medical costs including the health unit, and Volunteer safety and security activities.

Before qualifying to serve as a Volunteer, a trainee must participate in a pre-service training of 10 to 12 weeks. This training includes intensive language instruction, cross-cultural training, technical skill enhancement, and training in personal health and safety. Most of the time, this training is contiguous. However, in some situations, a split pre-service training is preferred in which technical skills are enhanced and more detailed training provided shortly after Volunteers have had thorough exposure to their actual work sites. Volunteers also receive training during their service to increase their job effectiveness and satisfaction.

In addition, overseas budgets cover the costs of maintaining the posts: local staff, security, rents, communications, utilities, supplies, and equipment. They also cover the costs to headquarters of managing overseas operations. These costs include salaries and benefits of overseas American and headquarters' regional staff, assignment travel for staff and Volunteers, and certain pre-service training costs borne by headquarters.

Peace Corps Response

Peace Corps Response sends extending and former Volunteers on short-term assignments to assist with disaster relief and humanitarian assistance efforts.

United Nations Volunteers

The Peace Corps participates in the United Nations Volunteer program by recruiting American Volunteers and providing them with some financial and logistical support.

Overseas Operational Support

Volunteer Support

This office provides medical support for Volunteers, medical screening oversight for applicants, and initial and ongoing training for medical staff and contractors.

Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA)

Under FECA, the Peace Corps reimburses the Department of Labor for disability payments and medical costs for returned Volunteers and staff who experience service-related injuries or sickness. A vast majority of these costs relate to Volunteers' claims; staff claims are minimal.

Medical Services Centrally Shared Resources

These are direct Volunteer medical expenses, including care and travel for medical evacuations and the costs of pre- and post-service physical examinations.

The Center for Field Assistance and Applied Research

This office supports programming and training in the field. It identifies and disseminates best practices in Volunteer programs and training, and in collaboration with other agency offices develops new training materials for staff and Volunteers. The Center collects and analyzes data from Peace Corps projects, applies technology to the promotion of innovation and learning, manages partnerships and reimbursable agreements with other agencies, provides training and development opportunities to overseas field staff, and manages the pre-departure orientation Volunteers receive in the United States before leaving for overseas pre-service training.

Office of AIDS Relief
This office provides agency-level policy, overall leadership, and general supervision, direction, and coordination of all domestic and foreign HIV/AIDS activities relating to agency programs.

Volunteer Recruitment and Selection
This office oversees the recruitment of Volunteers through 11 offices across the United States. It assesses the technical and personal skills of applicants and matches qualified persons to specific Volunteer projects. Applicants go through a multifaceted and competitive screening process that includes interviews, evaluations, and reference checks.

Private Sector Initiatives
This office manages private sector funds and in-kind contributions received by the Peace Corps. These funds are used to support the Peace Corps Partnership Program projects initiated by Volunteers.

Centrally Processed Overseas Equipment and Supplies
Overseen by the Office of Management, this account funds the purchase of vehicles for overseas Volunteer support and supplies for Volunteers such as medical kits, eyeglasses, and mosquito nets.

Volunteer Readjustment Allowance
An allowance of $225 per month of service is provided to Volunteers upon termination of service to assist them when they return to the United States.

Reimbursements to the Department of State (ICASS)
These are payments the Peace Corps makes to the Department of State for administrative support. Some financial management support is also included here, although the Peace Corps has directly provided most financial management support to its overseas posts since the end of fiscal year 1998.

VOLUNTEER OPERATIONS SUPPORT SERVICES

Third Goal Programs

Paul D. Coverdell World Wise Schools (CWWS)
This program allows current and former Peace Corps Volunteers to share their overseas experiences with American schoolchildren and young adults. Nearly 3 million students in all 50 states have communicated directly with Volunteers serving in 100 countries since the program's inception in 1989.

University Programs
This office manages two partnership programs with universities throughout the United States.

The Fellow/USA program, which began in 1985, provides the opportunity for RPCVs to work toward graduate degrees and to gain professional experience at the same time, in such fields as teacher education, community/economic development, nursing and public health, and environmental studies. In consideration for educational benefits offered by participating universities, Agency Fellows work as teachers or as interns with non-profits or other community agencies.

The Master's International program has been in existence since 1987. Through this program, graduate students incorporate two years of Peace Corps service as a hands-on practicum between an initial year of graduate work and a return to campus to finish their degrees.

Returned Volunteer Services
This office assists Volunteers with the readjustment process when they return to the United States by providing job and other practical information. It also serves as a liaison with private returned Volunteer groups and with Peace Corps offices that collaborate with former Volunteers.

AGENCY ADMINISTRATION

Director's Office, General Counsel, Congressional Relations and Press Office

These offices provide general policy direction, legal advice, and compliance verification to the agency. They also coordinate all external communication and serve as a liaison to Congress and other federal agencies. The Director's Office also includes the American Diversity Program and the Office of Strategic Information, Research and Planning.

Office of Communications

This office manages all official internal communications, marketing and advertising, video production and photography, the external website, and agency publications. In addition, the office produces recruitment tools that support the Office of Volunteer Recruitment and Selection.

Safety and Security

This office coordinates and promulgates all world wide Peace Corps safety and security policies except for IT systems security which, by law, is the domain of the Chief Information Officer. Through use of the Volunteer Safety Council, the Crime Statistics and Analysis Unit, and continuing consultation with appropriate federal agencies, Peace Corps regions, and the field, the office institutes, reviews, refines and recommends security policy to the Director of the Peace Corps. The Office also oversees and manages domestic emergency preparedness and physical security, information and personnel security, safety and security of Volunteers and staff overseas, and the collection and analysis of security statistics and trends, and other safety risks to Volunteers.

Office of the Chief Financial Officer

The OCFO oversees all financial management activities relating to the programs and operations of the agency; maintains an integrated agency budget accounting and financial management system; provides financial management policy guidance and oversight; and monitors the financial formulation of the agency budget and the financial execution of the budget in relation to actual expenditures.

Office of the Chief Financial Officer Centrally Managed Resources

These resources are primarily for staff costs such as unemployment compensation, severance pay, terminal leave payments, and overseas staff medical evacuation.

Acquisitions and Contracts

This office is responsible for agency procurement policies and procedures, ensuring compliance with the Federal Acquisition Regulations and the Peace Corps Act. It provides technical guidance and advice to agency staff worldwide on procurement matters and handles all procurement actions for domestic offices.

Office of the Chief Information Officer

This office provides leadership for and management of the development and application of information technology resources and methodologies in support of the Peace Corps' mission at headquarters, U.S. regional offices, and overseas posts. It serves as the primary source of information technology advice and counsel to the agency director.

Information Technology Centrally Managed Resources

These funds include the costs of telecommunications, data center operations, mainframe and distributed computing environments, overseas equipment, disaster recovery, and enterprise information architecture.

Office of Management

This office provides administrative support for headquarters, U.S. field, and international operations through its offices of Human Resource Management and Administrative Services.

Office of Management Centrally Managed Resources

These funds include General Services Administration rent for headquarters and domestic recruiting offices, employee MetroPool benefits, mail services, and building maintenance.

Inspector General

This office fulfills the mandates of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended.

Peace Corps Authorizations and Appropriations | FY 1962–FY 2009

(in thousands of dollars)

Fiscal Year	Authorized	Budget Request [a/]	Appropriated [a/]	Trainee Input	Volunteers and Trainees On Board [b/]
1962	$40,000	$40,000	$30,000	3,699	N/A
1963	63,750	63,750	59,000 [c/]	4,969	N/A
1964	102,000	108,000	95,964 [c/]	7,720	N/A
1965	115,000	115,000	104,100 [c/]	7,876	N/A
1966	115,000	125,200	114,000	9,216	N/A
1967	110,000	110,500	110,000	7,565	N/A
1968	115,700	124,400	107,500	7,391	N/A
1969	112,800	112,800	102,000	6,243	N/A
1970	98,450	109,800	98,450	4,637	N/A
1971	94,500	98,800	90,000	4,686	N/A
1972	77,200	71,200	72,500	3,997	6,632
1973	88,027	88,027	81,000	4,821	6,194
1974	77,000	77,000	77,000	4,886	6,489
1975	82,256	82,256	77,687	3,296	6,652
1976	88,468	80,826	81,266	3,291	5,825
Transition Qtr	27,887	25,729	24,190	—	—
1977	81,000	67,155	80,000	4,180 [d/]	5,590
1978	87,544	74,800	86,234	3,715	6,017
1979	112,424	95,135	99,179	3,327	5,723
1980	105,000	105,404	99,924	3,108	5,097
1981	118,531	118,800	105,531	2,729	4,863
1982	105,000	121,900	105,000	2,862	4,559
1983	105,000	97,500	109,000	2,988	4,668
1984	115,000	108,500	115,000	2,781	4,779
1984/5 Supp	2,000	2,000	2,000	—	—
1985	128,600	115,000	128,600	3,430	4,828
1986	130,000	124,400	124,410 [e/]	2,597	5,162
1987	137,200	126,200	130,760	2,774	4,771
1987/8 Supp	7,200	—	7,200	—	—
1988	146,200	130,682	146,200	3,360	4,611
1989	153,500	150,000	153,500	3,218	5,214
1990	165,649	163,614	165,649 [f/]	3,092	5,241
1991	186,000	181,061	186,000	3,076	4,691
1992	—	200,000	197,044	3,309	4,927
1993	218,146	218,146	218,146	3,590	5,414
1994	219,745 [g/]	219,745	219,745 [h/]	3,541	5,644
1995	234,000	226,000	219,745 [i/ j/]	3,954	5,884
1996	—	234,000	205,000 [k/ m/]	3,280	6,086
1997	—	220,000 [l/]	208,000 [n/]	3,607	5,858
1998	—	222,000	222,000 [o/]	3,551	5,757
1999	—	270,335	240,000 [p/]	3,835	5,729
2000	270,000 [q/]	270,000	245,000 [r/]	3,919	7,164
2001	298,000	275,000	267,007 [s/ t/]	3,191	6,643
2002	327,000	275,000	278,700 [u/ v/]	4,047 [w/]	6,636
2003	365,000	317,000	297,000 [x/]	4,411	7,533
2004	—	359,000	310,000 [y/]	3,812	7,733
2005	—	401,000	320,000 [z/]	4,006	7,810
2006	—	345,000	322,000 [aa/ab]	4,015	7,628*
2007	—	336,642	319,700 [ac/]	3,964	7,875
2008	—	333,500	333,500 [ad/]	4,120 [est.]	7,886 [est.]
2009	—	343,500		4,369 [est.]	8,100 [est.]

* *See note 1, page 2.*

NOTES:

a/ Starting in FY 1992, funds to remain available for two years.

b/ For FY 1972 through FY 1999, this is the average number of Volunteers throughout the year. For FY 2000 through FY 2004, this is the number of trainees and Volunteers on board on 30 September of the fiscal year, including Crisis Corps and United Nations Volunteers.

c/ Includes reappropriated funds in 1963 ($3.864 million), 1964 ($17 million) and 1965 ($12.1 million).

d/ Includes Trainee Input from Transition Quarter.

e/ Excludes $5.59 million sequestered under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (P.L. 99-177).

f/ Excludes $2.24 million sequestered under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (P.L. 99-177) and a $725 thousand reduction related to the Drug Initiative (P.L. 101-167).

g/ Authorization included report language of a $15 million transfer to the Peace Corps from assistance funds for the Newly Independent States (NIS).

h/ In addition, the Peace Corps received a transfer of $12.5 million for assistance to the NIS.

i/ In addition, the Peace Corps received a transfer of $11.6 million for assistance to the NIS.

j/ Appropriation of $219,745 thousand was later reduced by a rescission of $721 thousand.

k/ In addition, the Peace Corps received a transfer of $13 million for assistance to the NIS. An additional $1 million of NIS funds, intended for FY 1996, was received in FY 1997.

l/ In addition, the president requested a transfer of $5 million for assistance to the NIS.

m/ Appropriation of $205,000 thousand was later reduced by a rescission of $296 thousand.

n/ In addition, the Peace Corps received a transfer of $12 million for assistance to the NIS. An additional $1 million of NIS funds, originally intended for FY 1996 in addition to the $13 million received that year, was received in FY 1997.

o/ In addition, the Peace Corps received a base transfer of $3,581 thousand from the Department of State for the Peace Corps' participation in International Cooperative Administrative Support Services.

p/ Appropriation of $240,000 thousand was later reduced by a rescission of $594 thousand. In addition, the Peace Corps received a transfer of $1,269 thousand from Economic Support Funds for security; $7,500 thousand from the FY 1999 Emergency Appropriations Act ($7,000 thousand for security and $500 thousand related to the Kosovo conflict); $6,000 thousand from the Central American and Caribbean Disaster Recovery Fund; and $1,554 thousand from the Business Continuity and Contingency Planning Fund for Y2K preparedness.

q/ Four-year authorization bill by Congress, FY 2000 of $270M, FY 2001 of $298M, FY 2002 of $327M and FY 2003 of $365M.

r/ Appropriation of $245,000 thousand was reduced by a rescission of $931 thousand.

s/ Appropriation of $265,000 thousand was reduced by a rescission of $583 thousand.

t/ The Peace Corps received a transfer of $2,590 thousand of Emergency Response Fund monies in support of program evacuations in four countries and the relocation of the New York City regional recruiting office.

u/ The Peace Corps received a transfer of $3,900 thousand of Emergency Response Fund monies in support of potential future evacuations.

v/ Appropriation of $275,000 thousand was reduced by a rescission of $200 thousand.

w/ Due to the September 11th events, the departure of 417 trainees was delayed from late FY 2001 to early FY 2002.

x/ Appropriation of $297,000 thousand was reduced by a rescission of $1,930.5 thousand. OMB later reallocated $1,200 thousand in Emergency Response Fund monies from the Peace Corps to another U.S. government agency.

y/ Appropriation of $310,000 thousand was reduced by a rescission of $1,829 thousand. The Peace Corps received a transfer of $1,131 thousand to implement activities under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.

z/ Appropriation of $320,000 thousand was reduced by a rescission of $2,560 thousand.

aa/ Appropriation of $322,000 thousand was reduced by a rescission of $3,220 thousand.

ab/ In addition, Peace Corps received $1,100 thousand supplemental for Avian Flu Preparedness.

ac/ Revised Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007 (H.J. Res. 20).

ad/ Appropriation of $333,500 thousand was reduced by a rescission of $2,701 thousand.