AmeriCorps State and National FY2011 Annual Plan

Following are the funding priorities for AmeriCorps State and National in program year 2011-2012. These programs are funded with the FY2011 appropriation.

Funding Priorities

Focus Areas:

AmeriCorps State and National seeks to fund programs in the following six focus areas that use an evidence-based approach to creating community impact and solving community problems, as envisioned by the Serve America Act.

- Disaster Services,
- Education.
- Environmental Stewardship,
- Healthy Futures,
- Opportunity, and
- Veterans and Military Families

The Serve America Act requires the Corporation to select at least two of five statutorily-defined focus areas in making competitive AmeriCorps State and National grants. In the 2011 AmeriCorps State and National competition, the Corporation especially seeks to increase its investment in programs that serve veterans and military families, or that engage veterans in service. In addition, the Corporation seeks to focus its investment in the education area on national service programs that improve academic outcomes for children and youth in the lowest performing schools.

<u>National Performance Measures:</u> Programs opting into year two of the National Performance Measures Pilot will be a priority for funding.

<u>New Programs</u>: AmeriCorps State and National has a goal of 15 percent of funds to support new programs.

<u>Encore Programs</u>: AmeriCorps State and National has a goal of 10 percent of funds supporting encore programs.