

## TITLE IV

### RELATED AGENCIES

#### CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

##### OPERATING EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$857,021,000 for the operating expenses of the programs administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service (the Corporation) instead of \$792,179,000 as proposed by the House and \$864,316,000 as proposed by the Senate. Funding for the National Service Trust is provided in a separate appropriations account as proposed by both the House and Senate.

As proposed by the Senate, within the total for the National Senior Volunteer Corps, the maximum total dollars that may be used in fiscal year 2010 for Grants.gov/eGrants support, Training and Technical Assistance, and Recruitment and Retention activities shall not exceed the amount provided for these activities in fiscal year 2009. The House did not propose similar language.

As proposed by the Senate, the conferees direct that any assignments made under section 1708 of the Serve America Act relating to programs authorized under the Domestic Volunteer Service Act shall be published in the Federal Register and, following normal procedure, allow for a 90-day comment period. Further, the conferees direct the Corporation to detail any such assignments in its annual budget justification. The House did not propose similar language.

Within the total provided for Innovation, Assistance, and Other Activities, the conference agreement includes \$50,000,000 for the Social Innovation Fund as proposed by the Senate instead of \$35,000,000 as proposed by the House.

Within the total provided for Innovation, Assistance, and Other Activities, the conference agreement includes \$1,000,000 for the nonprofit capacity building program instead of \$2,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The House did not propose funding for this program.

Within the total provided for Innovation, Assistance, and Other Activities, the conference agreement includes \$4,000,000 for the Volunteer Generation Fund instead of \$8,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The House did not propose

similar language. The conference agreement includes bill language making the full amount available on a competitive basis to State Commissions. Neither the House nor the Senate proposed similar language.

The conference agreement does not concur in the Senate proposal to include funding within the Corporation for competitive grants under the Volunteer Generation Fund focused on identifying and enrolling eligible individuals into already existing Federal, State, and local benefit programs. Rather, \$2,000,000 is included for this activity within the Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families. The House did not propose similar language.

Within the total provided for Learn and Serve America, the conference agreement includes \$2,000,000 for the newly authorized Summer of Service program as proposed by the House. The Senate did not propose funding for this program.

#### NATIONAL SERVICE TRUST

#### (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

As proposed by the Senate, the conference agreement includes \$197,000,000 for the National Service Trust, to be available until expended, instead of \$178,214,000 as proposed by the House.

The conference agreement does not concur with the House proposal to include language designating that \$1,000,000 within the total for the National Service Trust is for education awards for Summer of Service program participants. The Senate did not propose similar language. The conferees note that Summer of Service program participants are entitled to education awards, therefore language carving out dollars specifically for these program participants is unnecessary.

#### SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$88,000,000 for the Corporation for National and Community Service Salaries and Expenses as proposed by the Senate instead of \$80,923,000 as proposed by the House.

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

### CHANGES THROUGH RULEMAKING

The conference agreement continues to include language that the Corporation for National and Community Service (the Corporation) shall make any changes to program requirements, service delivery, or policy only through public notice and comment rulemaking to include service delivery changes in the administration and/or governance of national service programs as proposed by the House. The Senate proposed language that the Corporation notify the House and Senate Appropriations Committees 15 days prior to making any significant changes to the programs or policies.

### COMBINED MATCHING OF GRANTS

The conference agreement continues to include language that combines separate matching requirements for AmeriCorps grants as proposed by the House. The Senate did not propose similar language.

### CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING

The conference agreement includes a fiscal year 2012 advance appropriation of \$445,000,000 for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) instead of \$440,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$450,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

In addition, the conference agreement provides fiscal year 2010 appropriations for CPB totaling \$86,000,000 instead of \$101,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$71,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of the total fiscal year 2010 funding in the conference agreement, \$25,000,000 is for fiscal stabilization grants to public radio and television stations, which have experienced a downturn in revenues due to the recession that has resulted in job losses and reductions to local programming and services. The House proposed \$40,000,000 and the Senate proposed \$10,000,000 for this purpose. In addition, the conference agreement includes bill language providing that fiscal stabilization grants shall be awarded to public radio and television licensees no later than 45 days after enactment of this Act based on the guidance outlined in House Report 111-220. The remaining fiscal year 2010 appropriations include \$36,000,000 for digital transition grants and \$25,000,000 to complete the replacement of the public radio interconnection system.