Overview

• Changes to the Corporation Since 2009
  – Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act
  – Changes to Learn and Serve America
  – Higher Education Grant Program
  – President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll
Changes at Corporation Since 2009

• Passage of the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act
  – The most sweeping expansion of national service in generations
  – Expands opportunities for Americans to serve
  – AmeriCorps will grow to 250,000 positions by 2017
  – Strengthens civic infrastructure by investing into social innovation, volunteer generation, and nonprofit capacity
More Changes at the Corporation

• Congress approves a major budget increase for the Corporation to implement the Serve America Act
• Confirmation of our new CEO Patrick A. Corvington
• These changes will allow the Corporation to take service and civic engagement to the next level of impact and effectiveness
Learn & Serve America

Grants to:
- State Education Agencies (K-12)
- Higher Education Institutions
- Community-Based Organizations
- Tribes and US Territories

National Service-Learning Clearinghouse

Senior Corps

CNCS State Offices

- Foster Grandparents
- Senior Companions
- RSVP

AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps NCCC

- Regional Campuses

AmeriCorps State & National

- State Commissions
- National Nonprofit Organizations

AmeriCorps VISTA

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Our Goal…
To build the field of service-learning in schools, community-based organizations, and in colleges and universities across the country.
Learn and Serve America supports service-learning across the country through:

- **Learn and Serve America grants**, available to schools, higher education institutions, Native American tribes, community-based organizations, and others to assist in the planning and implementation of service-learning programs.

- **Training and Technical Assistance**, through the National Service-Learning Clearinghouse. The Clearinghouse provides a library of lesson plans, research, and project examples to support service-learning programs.

- **Recognition Programs** such as the Presidential Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll that acknowledge outstanding commitments to service by institutions of higher education.
Learn and Serve America
Grant Program Structure Under the
Kennedy Serve America Act

Innovative and Community-Based Service-Learning and Research
not less than 15%
- Research and Evaluation
- Summer of Service
- Semester of Service
- Youth Engagement Zones
  STEM, Energy Conservation, Disaster Preparedness, Technology Access, Cross-Age Mentoring, Civic Education

School-Based
not less than 60%
- Allotments to State Education Agencies
  Based on school-age population and Title I allocations
- 2-3% Tribes & US Territories Set Aside

Higher Education
not more than 25%
- Grants to Individual Institutions and Higher Ed Consortia
- Campuses of Service
Learn and Serve America
Higher Education Grants

PURPOSE
• Expand participation in community service-learning by supporting innovative programs
• Support higher education institutions acting as civic institutions to meet needs of local communities

OUTCOME
• Institutional change to support service and service-learning
• Increase in community problem-solving
• Increase in community capacity-building
Learn and Serve America
Higher Education Grants

The Learn and Serve America Higher Education program funds two different types of grants:

- **Individual Institutions Grants** to support innovative and potentially replicable service-learning programs at a single institution of higher education.

- **Consortia Grants** to support a group of institutions of higher education who will be implementing similar service-learning programs. Funding for consortia grants will be used to support both program implementation on the different campuses via subgrants as well as the training and monitoring of subgrantees.

Both types of grant applicants must demonstrate that they will participate in service-learning projects with community-partners.
2010 Higher Education Competition Priorities

- **Embedding Service-Learning in Pre-Service and In-Service Teacher Training** – programs will include service-learning as a key component of pre-service teacher curricula and/or professional development provided to in-service teachers.

- **Service-Learning in STEM-Focused Disciplines** – programs will integrate high-quality service-learning into the STEM disciplines (“hard” and “health” sciences, technology, engineering, and mathematics).
Approximately $7.3 million in new grants will be awarded:

~ 7 – 9 individual institutions grants from $85,000 to $200,000 annually for up to 3 years

~ 7 – 11 consortia grants ranging from $200,000 to $500,000 annually for up to 3 years
2011 Higher Education Competition Schedule

- Fall 2010 – Development of the 2011 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) will begin
  - Competition priorities will most likely emerge out of one of the six Corporation focus areas:
    - Economic Opportunity, Education, Environment, Health, Veterans, or Disaster
- Dec 2010-Feb 2011 – NOFO released to public
- Mar 2011 – Proposals submitted to CNCS
- Mar-Jun 2011 – Review of proposals
- Jun-Jul 2011 – Announcements made
- August 2011 – Programs begin to operate
The President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll

- Established in 2006 to recognize higher education institutions that support exemplary, innovative, and effective community service programs

- The President’s Honor Roll distinguishes winning institutions as leaders in community service and service-learning. It will help:
  - Recruit students
  - Earn your schools recognition as a service leader in your community
  - Garner additional community partnerships
  - Demonstrate a commitment to strengthening the community
  - Fulfill your institution’s civic mission
The President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll

- The 2010 Honor Roll redirects its focus towards emphasizing long-term institutional and community impact
  - Institutional commitment to service
  - Culture of service on campus
  - Recognizing service projects that reflect this institutional commitment
  - Assessing project impact in the targeted community
- Application & Guidance released in August 2010
- Submission deadline October 2010
- Partnership between CNCS, Department of Education and HUD
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