

Corporation for National and Community Service

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FY2011 Request: \$1.416 billion
FY2010 Enacted: \$1.15 billion

Having steered the economy back from the brink this past year, the Administration is committed to moving the Nation from recession to recovery to rebuilding a new foundation for long-term economic growth. The 2011 Budget lays out the President's plan for the work ahead. First and foremost, it seeks to spark job creation to get millions of Americans, who want to work, back on the job. To lay the groundwork for stable and sustained growth and job creation, it makes critical investments in: education because an educated and highly-skilled workforce is essential in the 21st Century global economy; in the infrastructure, science, technology, and research needed to nurture the industries of the future; in building the new clean energy economy; and in keeping America safe and maintaining our global leadership. As we transform our economy, we also must change Washington – ending programs that don't work, streamline those that do, and bring a new responsibility for how tax dollars are treated. Laying a new foundation for economic growth and putting the Nation back on a fiscally responsible path, will help give all Americans the chance to find a good job, send their children to world-class schools, receive high-quality and affordable health care, and enjoy retirement security in their later years.

The President believes that service is core to addressing our nation's greatest challenges. The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) provides an on-ramp for Americans of all ages to serve their community and country in sustained and effective ways throughout their lives, from tutoring at-risk youth to responding to natural disasters to building the capacity of community organizations. The President's Budget proposes \$1.416 billion for CNCS, an increase of \$266 million from 2010, providing more Americans the opportunity to serve and fostering community innovation.

Expand the Opportunities for Americans to Serve

- In April 2009, the President signed the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, which authorized an unprecedented expansion of the AmeriCorps program to 250,000 members by 2017. This Budget keeps the program on that trajectory by funding 105,000 members in 2011, an increase of 20,000 from 2010. The increase for AmeriCorps includes additional funds for the National Civilian Community Corps program, a full-time, team-based, residential program with a focus on disaster relief.
- \$60 million for the Social Innovation Fund to test promising new approaches to major challenges, leverage private and foundation capital to meet these needs, and grow evidence-based programs.