
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY & BENTLEY
SUBJECT: NATIONAL CIVILIAN COMMUNITY CORPS (NCCC) DESIRE FOR SATELLITE CAMPUS
DATE 8/3/00
CC: BOYD
SIMMONS
TELL

AmeriCorps*NCCC representatives have requested your support of a satellite campus on the Gulf Coast and have requested that you notify our Congressional delegation of such support.

We met with the following on Friday, July 21:

- Fred Peters, Interim Executive Director of the AmeriCorps*NCCC
- Jeff Beal, Regional Director of the AmeriCorps*NCCC
- Abdul Aziz, AmeriCorps*NCCC's Mississippi Coordinator
- Marsha Meeks Kelly, Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Services

NCCC is a national service program housed primarily on closed military installations in San Diego, CA; Denver, CO; Charleston, SC; Perry Point, MD; and, Washington D.C. Members are sent from these sites in teams of 10-12 to provide assistance to communities in the areas of environment, human needs, education and public safety. The average member is 18-24 years of age. Members provide 1,700 hours of service during their ten-month participation in exchange for a \$4,000 living stipend and a \$4,725 college stipend. 10 Mississippi students have served in NCCC (4 in 1999).

NCCC has completed numerous projects in Mississippi (see attached summary). No local or state funding is required for such projects, although space for housing is requested, but is not mandatory. Communities or organizations desiring to host a NCCC team complete a federal application, which is then reviewed by a NCCC selection committee at each campus.

Ideally, the NCCC is interested in establishing a sixth campus on the Gulf Coast. However, their immediate goal is to establish a 5-6 team satellite campus there. Team members would be trained in disaster response, but could also work in other areas, including tutoring schoolchildren. These teams could also be sent to surrounding states. NCCC has identified a potential site near Pascagoula.

100% federally funded, NCCC has received flat funding of \$18 million for four years. NCCC is requesting an additional \$3 million from Congress to operate the existing 5 campuses at optimal strength and an additional \$5 million to open a sixth campus on the Gulf Coast (to be operating by October 2001). NCCC representatives have spoken to Angel Campbell in Senator Lott's office, but did not provide contacts in the other offices.

Please advise.