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Approximately \$4 million is available from the Corporation for National and Community Service, which oversees AmeriCorps, for Next Generation Grants, which will be made to eligible nonprofit organizations and individual schools. The purpose of these grants is to foster the next generation of national service organizations by providing seed money to help new and start-up organizations, and established organizations proposing new projects or programs, plan and implement new service programs that have the potential of becoming national in scope. These grants will assist organizations in beginning a federal service program. Although these grants include a three to six month planning phase, they are not designed to serve as planning grants. This planning phase will be followed by the actual operation of a program for the remaining period of the grant.

Because these grants are designed to expand and build on the good work of national and community service, it is the intent of Congress that current and past Corporation grant award recipients are not eligible to apply for these grants. However, we are asking current and past grantees to help identify organizations that would be eligible for this funding and encourage them to submit proposals. Proposals are due by 5 p.m. EST, on November 17. Please check our website at <http://www.cns.gov/whatshot/notices.html> for additional attachments. In the next few days we also hope to have FAQ's posted on this website, which will likely answer any additional questions you have on this competition.

For the Next Generation Grants, we are seeking innovative service models that fall under at least one of three service areas: programs that engage individuals in an intensive commitment to service in communities (defined as serving at least 40 hours per week); volunteer programs for seniors (age 55+); and programs that connect service with education. As with past Corporation programs, we expect these new programs to engage volunteers in service, which result in measurable outcomes to beneficiaries and participants. Since these grants fall outside of the AmeriCorps grant competition structure and funding stream and will likely include applicants proposing new models for service, many issues under traditional AmeriCorps program models (such as cost-per-member) will not be applicable.

Organizations may focus on various issue areas including, but not limited to: education, health and human services, homeland security, public safety, or other critical areas. Additionally, it may be of particular interest to note that applicants for these grants may target for these funds, either as service recipients or volunteers, disadvantaged youth/children and immigrant and refugee populations, among other

service areas. We also list several other possible, non-exhaustive, areas where these programs could focus in their service models in the Notice of Funding Availability. This notice can be found on the aforementioned website.

I hope that you will help us by encouraging organizations that you know of to apply for these grants, as we try to make a commitment to service an ever larger part of the lives of all Americans.

Rosie K. Mauk
Director of AmeriCorps

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