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MEDIA ADVISORY

AVAILABILITY OF AMERICORPS FUNDS FOR 2001-2002

The Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service announces availability of funds through National Service Programs, established by the National and Community Service Act of 1993 and administered by the Corporation for National Service. AmeriCorps funds will be available competitively. The first step in this funding process is to submit a Concept Paper, due to MCVS no later than January 3, 2001. Grants average \$250,000.

AmeriCorps is the national service program that engages thousands of dedicated Americans in meeting the critical needs of communities in the areas of public safety, education, human needs, and the environment. In exchange for one or two years of service, AmeriCorps members receive educational awards to help finance their college education or pay back student loans.

Non-profit agencies and organizations, educational institutions, and government agencies (state and local) may apply for this source of funding.

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