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Non-FED Match Funds	Non-FED Match In-Kind	FED Match Funds	FED Match In-Kind	Requested From AmeriCorps	TOTAL
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	73500	11025	62475	73500
Participants 50 X 147 Week X 10 weeks			0	0
Other Personnel			0	0
Project Dir (360 wk X 21 Wks = 7560 + 15% Ben.)	0		0	0
5% Ag. Sch. Dir. (18687 X 50%)	9343	9343	0	9343
10% (SCS - Jones)	2564		2564	2564
10% Berg	3711		3711	3711
5% De Munbrun	1463		1463	1463
Crew Leaders (5 X 300 Wk X 10 Wk)	15000		15000	15000
25% Ag employees (12/5) 48109 + 15%			0	0
55325/12=4610X3	17289		17289	17289
SUBTOTAL:	49370	9343	0	49370
Health Care (40 x 300)	12000	1800		12000
Travel	1400			1400
FICA, WORKMAN'S COMP	11862			11862
Van Rental (4 X 1156 mo X 3 mo.)	15684	1804		15684
Truck rental (1 X 2 days X 10 wks X 29.95)	1198		1198	1198
milage .39 mi X 60mi X 20 days	468		468	468
gas 60 mi X 20 Days=1200/12mph = 100 gal X 1.38	138		138	138
gas 60 mi X 50 Days=3000/12mph = 100 gal X 1.38	345		345	345
SUBTOTAL:	17833	0	1804	17833
Telephone (20 calls wk X \$3 X 19 Wks)	1090		600	1090
Rents (4000 mo/30 days = 133 day X 1 day wk (10))	1333		1333	1333
(2000 mo/30 days = 66.65 day X 1 day wk (20))	1333		1333	1333
SUBTOTAL:	2666	0	0	2666
Postage (500 recruits X 2 letters = 100 X .29)	29			29
(50 participants X 4 Letters = 200 X .29)	58			58
(50 support agncy X 2 letters = 100 X .29)	29			29
(300 fund raising X .29)	87			87
SUBTOTAL:	203	0	0	203
Printing (2 flyers X 2 pg X 4000 copies X .02)	160			160
(2 brochures X 8pg X 4000 X .01)	640			640
SUBTOTAL:	800	0	0	800
Copies (50 participants X 5 copies X 4 times X .02)	20			20
Training (10% Ag School teacher)	1383		1383	1383
5 GS12/5 55325/12=4610X3mo X13831 X10% X5 people)	6915			6915
Americorp training	2500			2500
SUBTOTAL:	10798	0	0	10798
Evaluation	1000			1000
Audio-Visual	1500		1500	1500
Supplies	76110		10000	76110
TAX REIMBUR.				0
Uniforms	6125			6125
Health/Safety items	1322			1322
Tools	5020		1000	5020
Payroll/admin	4676		1000	4676
Local Transportation (bus pass 50 X 1.80 day X 50 days)	4500			4500
Liability insurance	1500			1500
Debris Removal/Hvy Equip	6000		4000	6000
Master Gardeners	1188		1188	1188
Police Institute (salary)	4500			4500
Police Institute (travel)	700			700
Total W/BLA	283821	23972	15141	283821

Total W/O BLA	210321	12947	15141	10000	48432	135663	210321
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MATCH PERCENTAGE
(includes living allowance)

NON-FEDERAL	13.78%
FEDERAL	20.59%
CORPORATION	69.81%

MATCH PERCENTAGE
(NO LIVING ALLOWANCE)

NON-FEDERAL	13.35%
FEDERAL	27.78%
CORPORATION	64.50%

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April 25, 1994

Mr. Joel Berg
U.S. Department of Agriculture
14th Street & Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250

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Dear Joel:

Your application, Friends of Chicago High School of Agricultural Sciences Summer of Safety, has been selected for a Summer of Safety award of approximately \$130,000.00. Final award of a grant is contingent upon satisfactorily addressing the issues identified below and submission of an acceptable revised application and revised budget.

To facilitate our final SoS grant award process, please submit a letter or a revised application addressing the following requested changes and explanations. (You may send only the revised application pages with a cover letter if this is more convenient.)

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2. Please identify the specific sites and the specific activities which are being recommended for the SoS program within Ida B. Wells (including the proposed site of a new "tot lot").
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5. Please provide a detailed description of proposed plans to ensure the safety of the SoS participants and supervisors.

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6. Please provide a detailed explanation of how the proposed project would have a direct impact on reducing or preventing the specific "crime and violence related problems" referred to in the application. Please consider including AHA's Project Peace, Victim Assistance Program, and Tenant Patrol Program in your plan to address these issues.
7. Please provide an explanation of the application's reference to how the SoS activities would work "in tandem with local community policing initiatives."
8. Please provide a detailed description of the proposed training for SoS participants.
9. Please provide an explanation of the technical assistance to be provided by the U.S. Department of Justice.
10. Please provide additional information on the source for the purchase or donation of trees, plants, and soil referenced in the application.
11. Please submit a revised budget for \$130,000.00, specifying the number of participants which the applicant proposes to sponsor. In preparing your budget, please be advised that no more than 5% of the funds requested from the Corporation may be used to pay for administrative costs.
12. Please provide information on plans for providing liability insurance for the SoS participants.
13. Please provide a detailed description of how SoS participants would be supervised, including a workplan and timeline for the SoS project.
14. Please actively seek to enroll 25% of your SoS participants from the Corporation for National and Community Service's pool of nationally referred applicants. (These may include individuals who are in fact, from your local area.) In addition, please provide information on your specific plans to actively seek diversity among SoS participants.

Final award selections will be announced on Thursday, April 28. Therefore, please FAX a response to us no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, indicating your agreement with the parameters of the above requested changes and the amount of the award for the revised project. Our

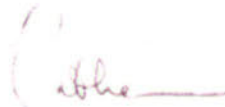
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FAX # is (202) 606-4841. Please send us a revised application, the revised application pages, or a letter which outlines how you will address the requested changes as well as a revised budget no later than Monday, May 2. Please mail your response to: Catherine Pierce, Summer of Safety, Room 7400, CNCS, 1100 Vermont Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20525.

Should you need assistance or should you have any questions, please contact Catherine Pierce, The Director of the Summer of Safety Grants Program, at (202) 606-5000, x456. We recognize we are asking you to respond within a very short timeframe, and it is our hope that this will work in the best interest of all parties. We look forward to hearing from you and we thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Catherine Milton
Vice President



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FAX TRANSMISSION

PHONE: (202) 720-6350 (Joel) FAX: (202) 720-4614
(202) 720-4369 (Kathryn)
(202) 690-3894 (Ron)

TO: CAROL POWELL

FROM: RON DE MUNBRUN

DATE: 5/17/94 NO. OF PAGES: 4
(With Cover)

FAX NUMBER: _____

COMMENTS: Carol - The attached letter is the only "official" description we have of what the Corporation expects to fund. If changes are being discussed, we need to be certain that the Corporation is agreeing to these changes. We also should have some written documentation as to the changes being agreed to and who from the corporation is agreeing to the modification of the requirements listed in the attached letter. Otherwise Catherine Milton may say our changes are unacceptable and reduce our funding. Ron

CHICAGO
PROJECT

02:54 PM		Additional Matches Required				TOTAL
Requested From AmeriCorps	Approved by AmeriCorps	Non-FED Match Funds	Non-FED Match In-Kind	FED Match Funds	FED Match In-Kind	AmeriCorps and Mathces

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SUMMARY

The sheet below shows the break down of the items in the chicago budget

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CHICAGO PROJECT

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10% (SCS - Jones)	2564				2564	0	2564
10% Berg	3711				3711	0	3711
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Crew Leaders (5 X 300 Wk X 10 Wk)	15000				15000	0	15000
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Training (10% Ag School teacher)	1383		1383			0	1383
5 GS12/5 55325/12 = 4610X3mo X 13831 X 10% X 5 people)	6915				6915	0	6915
Americorp training	2100					2100	2100
SUBTOTAL:	10398	0	0	1383	0	6915	10398
Evaluation	1000					1000	1000
Audio - Visual	1500		1500			0	1500
Supplies	75000			10000		65000	75000
TAX REIMBUR.						0	0
Uniforms	6125					6125	6125
Health/Safety items	1322					1322	1322
Tools	5020		1000		1000	3020	5020
Payroll/admin	4676		1000			3676	4676
Local Transportation (bus pass 50 X 1.80 day X 50 days)	4500					4500	4500
Liability insurance	1500					1500	1500
Debris Removal/Hvy Equip	6000		4000			2000	6000
Master Gardeners	1188		1188			0	1188
Police Institute (salary)	4500					4500	4500
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DETAIL

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NON - FEDERAL	13.85%
FEDERAL	20.70%
CORPORATION	67.66%

MATCH PERCENTAGE
(NO LIVING ALLOWANCE)

NON - FEDERAL	13.45%
FEDERAL	27.96%
CORPORATION	61.55%

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5/23/94
Worked up to show
FICA
Budget

CHICAGO PROJECT		05/23/94	02:23 PM	Non-FED Match Funds	Non-FED Match In-Kind	FED Match Funds
TOTAL						
73500 Participants		73500		11025		
50 X 147 Week X 10 weeks						
0 Other Personnel						
Project Dir (360 wk X 21 Wks = 7560 + 15% Ben.)		8694				
5% Ag. Sch. Dir. (18687 X 5%)		934		934		
10% (SCS - Jones)		2564				
10% Berg		3711				
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Crew Leaders (5 X 300 Wk X 10 Wk)		15000				
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55325/12=4610X3		17289				
SUBTOTAL:		49655				
12000 Health Care (40 x 300)		12000				
1400 Travel		1400				
0 FICA, WORKMAN'S COMP						
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6125
3460 (200 T-Shirts)
480 hats
250 gloves
1935 boots

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215707 Total W/BLA	264500	13759	15141	10000
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FEDERAL	16.42%	FEDERAL
CORPORATION	72.65%	CORPORATION

FED Match In-Kind	Requested From AmeriCorps	TOTAL
	62475	73500
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	0	0
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	8694	8694
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2564	0	2564
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	1500	1500
	2000	6000
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	4500	4500
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- D0J-6. Please provide a detailed explanation of how the proposed project would have a direct impact on reducing or preventing the specific "crime and violence related problems" referred to in the application. Please consider including AHA's Project Peace, Victim Assistance Program, and Tenant Patrol Program in your plan to address these issues.
- D0J-7. Please provide an explanation of the application's reference to how the SoS activities would work "in tandem with local community policing initiatives."
- D0J/USDA 8. Please provide a detailed description of the proposed training for SoS participants.
- D0J-9. Please provide an explanation of the technical assistance to be provided by the U.S. Department of Justice.
- USDA 10. Please provide additional information on the source for the purchase or donation of trees, plants, and soil referenced in the application.
- USDA 11. Please submit a revised budget for \$130,000.00, specifying the number of participants which the applicant proposes to sponsor. In preparing your budget, please be advised that no more than 5% of the funds requested from the Corporation may be used to pay for administrative costs.
- USDA 12. Please provide information on plans for providing liability insurance for the SoS participants.
- USDA 13. Please provide a detailed description of how SoS participants would be supervised, including a workplan and timeline for the SoS project.
- USDA 14. Please actively seek to enroll 25% of your SoS participants from the Corporation for National and Community Service's pool of nationally referred applicants. (These may include individuals who are in fact, from your local area.) In addition, please provide information on your specific plans to actively seek diversity among SoS participants.

Final award selections will be announced on Thursday, April 28. Therefore, please FAX a response to us no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, indicating your agreement with the parameters of the above requested changes and the amount of the award for the revised project. Our

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FAX # is (202) 606-4841. Please send us a revised application, the revised application pages, or a letter which outlines how you will address the requested changes as well as a revised budget no later than Monday, May 2. Please mail your response to: Catherine Pierce, Summer of Safety, Room 7400, CNCS, 1100 Vermont Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20525.

Should you need assistance or should you have any questions, please contact Catherine Pierce, The Director of the Summer of Safety Grants Program, at (202) 606-5000, x456. We recognize we are asking you to respond within a very short timeframe, and it is our hope that this will work in the best interest of all parties. We look forward to hearing from you and we thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'C. Milton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Catherine Milton
Vice President

For FY1 - discussed Carol's short Cooks good JC. our reply to 4/25/94

TO: Corporation For National and Community Service May 25, 1994
Summer of Safety
Room 7400
1100 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, D. C. 20525

Attn: Catherine Pierce
Fax 202-6064841

FROM: Friends of Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences

RE: Requested Changes and Revised Budget

The following fourteen points (14) were discussed at a meeting in Dr. Carol Adam's office at 3833 South Langely, #109, Chicago, Illinois on May 24, 1994. They address the requested changes asked for in Catherine Milton's letter of April 25, 1994. A revised budget is also enclosed. Attendees at that meeting were: Terry Donahue, Department of Justice, Catherine Pierce, National Service, Barbara Neighbors-Glass, National Service, Dr. Barbara Valerious, Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, Dr. Carol Adams, Chicago Housing Authority, Theresa Lipo, Chicago Housing Authority, Bobbie Bolden, Chicago Housing Authority, D. Carole Powell, USDA/AMS, Carzella Pritchett, USDA/ASC.

1. The SOS project sites in Chicago will be located at the Ida B. Wells/Madden Park Housing Development and at 111th Street and Hale (Edna White Park and Metro. An alternate site at West Pullman School is available if necessary.

2. Residents of Ida B. Wells and Madden Park, members of the Resident Advisory Committee, Theresa Lipo and Dr. Adams, in coordination with Dr. Valerious and Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences will hold a meeting of interested residents and the Advisory Committee to determine the specific sites and specific activities of SOS within Ida B. Wells/Madden Park. This meeting will occur before June 20th and be addressed in writing by June 20th, as part of the work plan provided by Dr. Valerious. It will also be addressed in Chicago Housing Authority's letter to the Corporation.

3. Per the May 24th meeting, Dr. Adams and Ms. Lipo agreed that a letter of support from CHA outlining the specific roles in and contributions to the SOS program would be faxed to National Service Headquarters no later than Thursday, May 26, 1994. This fax would be sent to the attention of Catherine Pierce and Barbara Glass.

4. Contact with the Chicago Police Department has been initiated and a letter of support from each of the districts involved outlining their specific roles will be provided to the National Service Headquarters by June 1, 1994 by Dr. Valerious.

5. The attached enclosure from Theresa Lipo of CHA addresses the security component requested by the corporation to ensure the

safety of the SOS participants and supervisors:

To ensure security for the participants in the Summer of Safety program at Ida B. Wells and Madden Park, the Chicago Housing Authority is prepared to do the following:

- *Provide detailed schedule of activities on-site to CHA police officers detailed to the Wells police substation to facilitate foot patrols and monitoring of program participants.

- *Provide schedule of activities to Director of Chicago Police Department District Commander to facilitate drive-by patrols.

- *Provide schedule of activities to Director of the CHA Security Force for security presence on-site.

- *Coordinate with CHA tenant patrols in Wells and Madden Park for tenant patrol supervision on-site.

- *Coordinate group transportation of participants to and from specific site.

- *Provide beepers and portable telephone to supervisor on-site.

- *Identify central location for lunch and breaks.

Close coordination of the program with the Local Advisory Councils of both developments and with other community organization on-site will also help to ensure that participants are seen as part of all the other summer activities occurring within the development. (Enclosure 1)

Additional security will be provided because each ten participants will be supervised by a crew leader provided by USDA. Outreach audiences will include school children at the school site who will be under the supervision of the school staff.

6. The Resident Advisory Committee will identify problems and particular areas of concern. Participant teams will address specifically identified problems within CHA utilizing the resources and training assistance of the Victim Assistance, Domestic Violence prevention, Tenant patrol, and Project Peace. Specific solutions utilizing a problem solving methodology and a problem solving action plan will be developed by each crew. (i.e., SARH)

7. Per the May 24th meeting, Theresa Lipo, *advised* utilizing Weed and Seed programs presently available in Ida B. Wells will define daily participation in Community policing in relationship to participants and recruited volunteers. Letters coming from the various police districts will also refer to this activity.

8. Chicago Housing Authority with the coordination of Theresa Lipo and Dr. Adams will provide specific safety training and an orientation for participants prior to the actual beginning of the work projects at Ida B. Wells/Madden Park. Included in this

personnel orientation will be presentations by CHA security forces, a tour and familiarization of participants with the sites, emergency procedures and responses, as well as, introductions of key CHA personnel and their locations throughout the complex.

9. Terry Donahue has indicated that the Department of Justice Technical Assistant program is still in the process of being developed. Terry will provide details ASAP-technical assistance will be scheduled for utilization within the ten week program.

10. Soil will be made available by ~~SCS~~ ^{SCS} contact person is Paula Jones, USDA Soil Conservation Service, 202-720-1853. Jim Martin will also assist in meeting this commitment. Necessary trees, scrubs, plants and other vegetation will be provided by Department of Environment, the Botanic Gardens, USDA Forestry and other USDA agencies. Delivery of these supplies will be coordinated by Ron Wolford, USDA Extension Service, 312-737-1178, Carzella Pritchett, 312 535-2500, and D. Carole Powell, USDA-Washington, 202-720-0749.

11. Attached is the revised budget requested in the Corporation's letter of April 25, 1994. Enclosure 2

12. A copy of CHA's liability insurance policy was given to Catherine Pierce at the May 24th meeting. This policy will cover all participants and activities while at Ida B. Wells/Madden Park. Arrangements have been made with Community Insurance Center, Inc. for additional liability and accident insurance when participants are at the other site and when they are in transit. This insurance is part of the budget that is funded by the corporation and final application and payment will be made at the time that the corporation provides funds. Agreement has been reached with Community Insurance Center that coverage will be provided from June 6 through August 26, 1994. Our contact person at Community Insurance is Milton Moses, 312-651-6200. Dr. Valerious will provide application information and payment when notified that the grant funds have been transferred. Enclosure 3

13. Information on supervision, workplan, and timeline provided as attached. (answered by Dr. Valerious) Enclosure 4

14. The issue of diversity has been addressed by all parties. It has been agreed to between Dr. Valerious, Dr. Carol Adams, and Joel Berg that selection of participants would be as follows:

- *19 participants from CHA with an equal number of men and women
- *19 participants from Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences with attention to enrollment of hispanic, asian and white participants, as well as gender and differently abled.
- *12 participants would actively be recruited from the Corporation for National and Community Service's pool of nationally referred applicants. Depending upon responses from that pool, Dr. Valerious will supplement from applicants developed from the surrounding Chicago area

with attention to diversity concerns

Budget Information

a guide for
arizona project.
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HERE ARE THE ESTIMATED COSTS OF THE ITEMS
WE DISCUSSED YESTERDAY.

① Project Supplies and MATERIAL is Expected to be
provided by the Forest Service Benefiting Unit on
the ground.

② Enrollee Items for identification :

① Baseball Caps
40 X \$8.00 ea \$320

② Gloves (work)
40 X 5.00 ea \$200

③ T. SHIRTS
40 X 16.50 ea 660.00

④ BOOTS (various sizes) :
40 X \$38.70 = 1,548

TOTAL this section = \$2,728

VEHICLES COST

5 (12) passenger VAN for 3 months @ \$1,156 per month. with
unlimited mileage.

$5 \times 3 \times 1,156 = 17,340$

②

② Other Program items - Health & Safety

1. First Aid KITS - \$13.70

$$40 \times 13.70 = 548.00$$

2. Water Coolers - \$46.00

$$5 \times 46 = 230$$

3. Canteen (water) \$5.25

$$40 \times 5.25 = 210.00$$

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4. Hand HATS: $40 \times 7.50 = 300.00$

Participants are expected to provide their own lunch

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CHICAGO PROGRAM WINS GRANT TO COMBINE URBAN GREENING AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Espy, Reno, Segal Announce Grant for Summer National Service Program

WASHINGTON, April 29--Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy, Attorney General Janet Reno and Corporation for National Service CEO Eli Segal announced a grant for a "Summer of Safety" program that will combine urban greening and public safety work in two neighborhoods in Chicago that now suffer from disabling levels of violent crime.

The program, to be run by a non-profit foundation associated with the Chicago High School of Agricultural Sciences, will engage a socio-economic mix of 50 participants in community service work creating urban gardens, tree planting, renovating playgrounds, and patrolling those areas to create "safe havens" with reduced crime.

Funded by a grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service--the new federal corporation administering President Clinton's national service initiative--the program will also receive staff support from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and technical assistance from the U.S. Department of Justice.

The participants in the program will earn a small living allowance and a \$1,000 educational award in exchange for their vital service to the community.

One neighborhood site will be the Ida B. Wells Public Housing Development, where the service will be guided by the Chicago Housing Authority and the Ida B. Wells Resident Advisory Council. The other neighborhood site, in which an empty lot will be turned into a community garden, has not yet been named.

Staff from three USDA agencies--Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, Forest Service and Soil Conservation Service--will work with the high school to provide supervision to the participants on a daily basis.

"I am absolutely delighted that USDA will help increase green spaces and gardens in depressed urban areas, boost public safety and advance the President's AmeriCorps initiative that grants educational awards in exchange for significant community service," said Secretary of Agriculture Espy. "National service will fundamentally change the nation because it creates a new civic compact in which any citizen can be tied to the nation by the simple virtue of making a difference in the lives of others

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"The Chicago High School of Agricultural Sciences--a model magnet public school that has received national acclaim--will use this program to increase the knowledge of agriculture in urban areas, while building community, promoting personal responsibility, and providing educational opportunity," Espy added.

The Ida B. Wells Development is currently a participant in the Department of Justice's innovative "Weed & Seed" program aimed at cracking down on both criminals and the root causes of crime. This program has already provided the Development with substantial assistance in both law enforcement and crime prevention services ranging from recreational to educational activities.

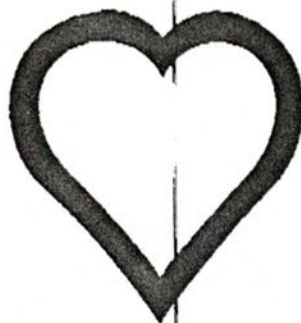
"The Clinton Administration is dedicated to using every resource possible to fight crime and increase community cohesion. Placing more police on the streets and getting assault weapons out of the hands of criminals must be coupled with innovative new approaches that are needed to deter criminal activities and to give young Americans viable alternatives to crime," said Attorney General Reno.

Continued Reno, "The 'Weed & Seed' strategy, so successful to date at sites like Ida B. Wells, is based on first 'weeding' out criminals from neighborhoods, and then 'seeding' the communities with significant support for neighborhood services. The Chicago Summer of Safety project will take a similar approach by promoting community pride and harnessing the immense energy of young people through activities that rebuild Chicago's neighborhoods."

The Summer of Safety program--which will involve nearly 7,000 participants in 91 projects throughout urban and rural America--was designed by President Clinton and the Corporation for National Service to involve citizens of all ages and backgrounds in safety activities that will bolster local anti-crime and violence-prevention efforts.

"Summer of Safety participants will help the American people take their communities back," said Eli Segal, CEO of the Corporation. "Chicago certainly can benefit greatly from more urban greenery and increased efforts in violence-prevention activities. Yet, instead of just talking about these problems, this Administration will get things done. The Chicago Summer of Safety project will meet critical community needs."

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TO: Ron Demunbrun

FROM: Katherine Allen

Answers to your Summer of Service Application query:

Chicago Project

Arizona Project

1. Urban & Community Forestry

Forest Trail Maintenance
Maintenance of Facilities
Trail Construction

2.

3. Cooperative Forestry Assistance
Act of 1978 - PL 95-313 - Section 9Cooperative Funds and Deposits
Act of 1975 P.L. 94-148

(Excerpted pages are being
faxed since I am not
certain of exact nature
of entire project.)

"Secty may enter into coop
agreements with public or private
organizations or persons to
engage in manpower and job training
and development programs..." and to
accomplish resource activities.

4. The work would otherwise go undone due to lack of available resources.
This is an opportunity to accomplish new work - not a replacement
for work planned in either project.

(2) Authorization of appropriations.—There are hereby authorized to be appropriated annually \$10,000,000 to implement this subsection. (16 U.S.C. 2104)

Urban and Community Forestry Assistance

Sec. 9. (a) Findings.—The Congress finds that—

(1) the health of forests in urban areas and communities, including cities, their suburbs, and towns, in the United States is on the decline;

(2) forest lands, shade trees, and open spaces in urban areas and communities improve the quality of life for residents;

(3) forest lands and associated natural resources enhance the economic value of residential and commercial property in urban and community settings;

(4) urban trees are 15 times more effective than forest trees at reducing the buildup of carbon dioxide and aid in promoting energy conservation through mitigation of the heat island effect in urban areas;

(5) tree plantings and ground covers such as low growing dense perennial turfgrass sod in urban areas and communities can aid in reducing carbon dioxide emissions, mitigating the heat island effect, and reducing energy consumption, thus contributing to efforts to reduce global warming trends;

(6) efforts to encourage tree plantings and protect existing open spaces in urban areas and communities can contribute to the social well-being and promote a sense of community in these areas; and

(7) strengthened research, education, technical assistance, and public information and participation in tree planting and maintenance programs for trees and complementary ground covers for urban and community forests are needed to

provide for the protection and expansion of tree cover and open space in urban areas and communities.

(b) Purposes.—The purposes of this section are to—

(1) improve understanding of the benefits of preserving existing tree cover in urban areas and communities;

(2) encourage owners of private residences and commercial properties to maintain trees and expand forest cover on their properties;

(3) provide education programs and technical assistance to State and local organizations (including community associations and schools) in maintaining forested lands and individual trees in urban and community settings and identifying appropriate tree species and sites for expanding forest cover;

(4) provide assistance through competitive matching grants awarded to local units of government, approved organizations that meet the requirements of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or other local community tree volunteer groups, for urban and community forestry projects;

(5) implement a tree planting program to complement urban and community tree maintenance and open space programs and to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, conserve energy, and improve air quality in addition to providing other environmental benefits;

(6) promote the establishment of demonstration projects in selected urban and community settings to illustrate the benefits of maintaining and creating forest cover and trees;

(7) enhance the technical skills and understanding of sound tree maintenance and arboricultural practices including practices involving the cultivation of trees, shrubs and complementary ground covers, of individuals involved in the plan-

ning, development, and maintenance of urban and community forests and trees; and

(8) expand existing research and educational efforts intended to improve understanding of—

(A) tree growth and maintenance, tree physiology and morphology, species adaptations, and forest ecology,

(B) the value of integrating trees and ground covers,

(C) the economic, environmental, social, and psychological benefits of trees and forest cover in urban and community environments, and

(D) the role of urban trees in conserving energy and mitigating the urban heat island.

(c) General Authority.—The Secretary is authorized to provide financial, technical, and related assistance to State foresters or equivalent State officials for the purpose of encouraging States to provide information and technical assistance to units of local government and others that will encourage cooperative efforts to plan urban forestry programs and to plant, protect, and maintain, and utilize wood from, trees in open spaces, greenbelts, roadside screens, parks, woodlands, curb areas, and residential developments in urban areas. In providing such assistance, the Secretary is authorized to cooperate with interested members of the public, including nonprofit private organizations. The Secretary is also authorized to cooperate directly with units of local government and others in implementing this section whenever the Secretary and the affected State forester or equivalent State official agree that direct cooperation would better achieve the purposes of this section.

(d) Program of Education and Technical Assistance.—The Secretary, in cooperation with State for-

esters and State extension directors or equivalent State officials and interested members of the public, including nonprofit private organizations, shall implement a program of education and technical assistance for urban and community forest resources. The program shall be designed to—

(1) assist urban areas and communities in conducting inventories of their forest resources, including inventories of the species, number, location, and health of trees in urban areas and communities, identifying opportunities for the establishment of plantings for the purposes of conserving energy, and determining the status of related resources (including fish and wildlife habitat, water resources, and trails);

(2) assist State and local organizations (including community associations and schools) in organizing and conducting urban and community forestry projects and programs;

(3) improve education and technical support in—

(A) selecting tree species appropriate for planting in urban and community environments and for promotion of energy conservation;

(B) providing for proper tree planting, maintenance, and protection in urban areas and communities;

(C) protecting individual trees and preserving existing open spaces with or without tree cover; and

(D) identifying opportunities for expanding tree cover in urban areas and communities;

(4) assist in the development of State and local management plans for trees and associated resources in urban areas and communities; and

(5) increase public understanding of the energy conservation, economic, social, environmental,



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MEMORANDUM FOR JOEL BERG
DEPUTY DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FROM: Kenneth E. Cohen *Kenneth E. Cohen*
Assistant General Counsel
Research and Operations Division

SUBJECT: National Service Projects

This memorandum summarizes the conclusions of our March 7, 1994, meeting with Terry Russell, Acting General Counsel, Corporation for National and Community Service. The Corporation is charged by Congress with administering the National and Community Trust Act of 1993, Pub. L. No. 103-82, 107 Stat. 785. (References are to Subtitle C, Part I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990, as amended.) Accordingly, courts will be deferential to the Corporation interpretation of the Act.

Based on our discussion with Mr. Russell, we reached the following conclusions:

1. USDA may receive assistance from the Corporation. (section 121(b)(1), 107 Stat. 788).
2. The Act confers upon USDA the authority, if it receives Corporation assistance under section 121, to conduct national service programs or to enter into contracts or cooperative agreements. While USDA is not fettered in the type of entity that may receive assistance from USDA, existing national service programs should under section 121(b)(4) be considered.
3. If USDA receives assistance under section 121, then USDA is authorized and required to pay stipends, health care, and child care. (Sections 140(a), (d), and (e), 107 Stat. 811-813).
4. USDA has no general authority to provide national service educational awards directly and it may not provide funds to the Trust for such purpose.

We also concluded that it is possible for USDA to conduct to some degree national service programs without section 121 assistance, but the extent of such programs would have to be

reviewed case-by-case. Receiving assistance under section 121 confers considerable authority on USDA under the Act that we otherwise would not enjoy generally. No minimum amount of assistance from the Corporation is required to trigger section 121.

Finally, I cautioned that any financing mechanisms used within USDA should assure that agency appropriations are not augmented unlawfully.



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20250

April 6, 1994

DECISION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY/DEPUTY SECRETARY

THROUGH: James Michael Kelly *JKelly*
Associate General Counsel

FROM: Joel Berg *JB*
Deputy Director, Office of Public Affairs

SUBJECT: Justification of Non-Competition of Current National Service Projects

ISSUE:

The Corporation for National and Community Service has given tentative approval to our grant request for money to operate our Summer of Safety project with the Chicago High School of Agricultural Sciences. Their grant will make it possible to run the program this summer. It will provide jobs to participants, many of whom will be recent graduates of the high school, service to the community, and up to 50 education awards worth \$1,000 each for participants who successfully serve the entire summer. In order to accept the Corporation's funds for the Chicago project as well as the major yearlong programs we have planned in the areas of rural development, anti-hunger, and the environment, the Department must award the necessary discretionary cooperative agreements non-competitively for this year's round of applications.

BACKGROUND:

In September of 1993, Congress passed the National and Community Service Trust Act, which enables Federal Departments to manage national service programs individually or manage them in partnership with others. The basic mechanism for the Department to enter into "partnerships" with non-profit groups and State and local organizations for the purpose of implementing national service programs is a discretionary cooperative agreement. Under normal circumstances, such agreements should be awarded on a competitive basis. However, the time between publication of the Corporation for National and Community Service's final rules on March 11, 1994 and the application deadlines of March 14 for Summer of Safety programs and April 29, 1994 for AmeriCorps FY 95 yearlong projects, make it impractical to engage in a competitive process.

Departmental regulations allow for the award of agreements non-competitively where such awards are in the best interest of the Government and/or where such competition is impractical. The National and Community Service Trust Act makes it clear that Federal departments are expected to manage national service programs and that such participation is necessary for the Corporation to meet its objectives. The lack of sufficient time to compete awards was a factor

imposed on us externally by the Corporation and not the result of any delay within the Department. Combined, these two factors would seem to form a necessary justification for making non-competitive awards in this first year of the program.

In addition to the above issues, I believe that the other factors listed below further justify a decision to make our initial awards non-competitively:

1. The Department is using the implementation of pilot projects for FY 94 Summer of Safety and FY 95 AmeriCorps programs as the mechanism to develop the necessary regulations, procedures, and processes for ensuring maximum competition in future awards.
2. While it is impractical for the Department to initially make awards competitively, the award process is not devoid of competition. The Corporation's approval of applications is based on their own formal competitive process which conforms to all applicable Federal laws and regulations. For the Department's applications for FY 94 Summer of Safety and FY 95 AmeriCorps programs to be approved, they must first be reviewed and graded by a panel of independent experts and then selected on the basis of objective and subjective rankings.
3. The projects that will be sent to you for your final approval are the result of meetings, briefings, calls and mailings to hundreds of farming, anti-hunger, rural development, environmental, and other constituency groups over the last 11 months. We have endeavored to give the broadest possible exposure to TEAM USDA's national service program.

OPTIONS:

1. **Participate** in the national service program for the summer of 1994 and the yearlong programs beginning in September of 1994 and running through June of 1995 by relying on the attached justification for non-competition as well as the competition conducted by the Corporation. In addition, use the experience gained in running programs to establish the necessary competitive procedures for all awards in following years beginning with the Summer of Service programs in June of 1995.

PRO: The Summer of Safety program we are proposing to run in partnership with the Chicago High School of Agricultural Sciences will be able to proceed. This program alone will result in the Corporation awarding up to 50, \$1,000 education awards to participants. The yearlong programs we are proposing will result in the award of up to 1,500, \$4,725 education awards from the Corporation's funds. Both the summer and yearlong programs will also result in significant benefit to the public in the areas of rural development, anti-hunger, and the environment.

CON: An organization or member of Congress may protest based on the lack of competition in our selection process. However, it must be pointed out that our regulations do provide for exemptions to competition and OGC has concurred with the attached justification laying out the rationale for non-competition in this instance.

2. **Do not participate** in the national service program for the summer of 1994 and the yearlong programs beginning in September of 1994 and running through June of 1995 until the necessary competitive procedures can be established.

PRO: No discretionary cooperative agreements would be granted without competition.

CON: The Summer of Safety project involving the Chicago High School of Agricultural Sciences would have to be canceled. We would not be able to run the major yearlong programs we have planned in the areas of rural development, anti-hunger, and the environment you have previously announced. The Department could not participate in any projects until the next Summer of Service period which would be June of 1995.

RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend implementing option one. I request that you endorse the attached justification for non-competition of current national service projects, which will allow us to proceed with any projects the Corporation for National and Community Service approves this year.

As manager of the Department's national service program I want to assure you that I recognize the need for and value of competitive awards. Given the circumstances, every effort is being made to minimize the negative impact of non-competition and to use the existing circumstances to ensure that a sound, long-term process is set in place to foster competition in all future awards. In the interim, the projects that are forwarded to you for final selection as part of the USDA AmeriCorps application were not formulated in a vacuum. They are the result of almost a year's worth of conversations and presentations to the widest variety of constituent groups, non-profit groups, members of the public, and State and local organizations.

As a final note, I would add that the approach recommended here, that is to award non-competitively now while developing proper procedures for competition in all future awards, is an approach that is being adopted by other Federal departments, most notably Health and Human Services.

Agree

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Date

_____4/24/95_____

Disagree

Discuss

Reviewed by

JUSTIFICATION FOR NON-COMPETITIVE SELECTION OF SITES
AND PARTNERS FOR USDA FY 94 "SUMMER OF SAFETY"
AND
FY 95 AMERICORPS YEARLONG PROJECTS

Pursuant to the regulations contained in 7 CFR 3015.158 (d), the Deputy Director for Public Liaison who serves as the Department of Agriculture's National Service Program manager hereby determines that it is in the best interest of the government and necessary to the accomplishment of the goals of the program to award co-operative agreements for FY 94 Summer of Safety and FY 95 AmeriCorps programs non-competitively. As these agreements are being executed, a concurrent effort will be undertaken to develop the rules, policies, and procedures necessary to ensure that all subsequent awards are made competitively. This determination was made after careful consideration of several factors including:

1. USDA participation in national services programs is needed for the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Government to meet the goals for the nation's national service program;
2. The limited time available to apply to the Corporation for funds makes competition impractical;
3. The national service program is new and pilot projects are needed to maximize the Department's ability to define the proper procedures and rules for implementing the program in the future;
4. Because Federal agency involvement in national services programs is designed to build on existing structures, the Department opted to focus on projects that most closely resembled current service structures in order to provide a foundation for expanding structures and services in the future; and
5. The process of awarding funds for projects is not completely devoid of competition because the Department's application to AmeriCorps is approved by the Corporation on a competitive basis.

The following discussion presents a detailed explanation of each factor considered in making the determination to award cooperative agreements non-competitively.

I. ACCOMPLISHMENT OF PROGRAM GOALS

The National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993, P.L. 103-82, clearly states that one of its main objectives is to, "build on the existing organizational service infrastructure of Federal, State, and local programs and agencies to expand full-time and part-time service opportunities for all citizens..."¹ The important role of Federal agency participation in national service programs is reinforced in the Act's provision to allow the Corporation for National and Community Service to, "...enter into a contract or cooperative agreement with another Federal agency to support a national service program carried out by the agency."² It is clearly the intent of the program to use participation by Federal agencies to accomplish its goals. There are even specific funds set aside solely for the purpose of awarding money to Federal agencies who apply to run programs individually or in partnership with other Federal agencies, non-profit organizations, institutions of higher learning, etc. A failure by Federal departments to participate would adversely affect the Corporation for National and Community Service's (AKA AmeriCorps) ability to achieve its goals.

II. TIME CONSTRAINTS

In order to participate, Federal agencies (Federal departments and independent agencies) must submit applications for funds to the Corporation for National and Community Service by the deadlines established by the Corporation's rules. Because the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993 was not signed into law until September 21, 1993, there has been little time for the Corporation for National and Community Service (AKA AmeriCorps) to establish the necessary rules to guide Federal departments in their implementation of the program. Prior to enactment of the law, the Department undertook several initiatives to prepare for its implementation. A work group was established in March of 1993 to begin defining how to implement national service within USDA and to structure the "models" that form the guides for such service. Unfortunately, the late signing of the bill left insufficient time for USDA to complete all the steps necessary to engage in full competition for its projects.

AmeriCorps did not publish its notice of availability of funds for Summer of Safety programs until February 3, 1994. The time between this notice and the application deadline of March 14, 1994 was insufficient to allow for a publication by USDA of a request for proposals, review the applications, and submit an application to AmeriCorps. This left two options: one, do not submit a Summer of Safety application; two, identify projects that had previously been discussed within the Department and see if they were candidates for submission to AmeriCorps. In view of the time constraints, it was determined to be in the best interest of the Government and necessary to carry out the objectives of the USDA National Service program to choose the later option. The precise mechanism for choosing projects is described in Paragraph IV.

¹P.L. 103-82, Sec. 2(a)(7)

²P.L. 103-82, Sec. 121(b)(1)

The severe time constraints placed on applicants in the initial year of the program can be seen in table 1. These time constraints are imposed on the Department externally and are not caused by delay within the Department.

Table 1. Time Line for Significant Events in Preparation of CNCS Application for FY 94 Summer of Safety Application Due 3/14/94 and Yearlong FY 95 AmeriCorps Programs due 3/29/94.

EVENT	DATE OCCURRED	DATE SUMMER OF SERVICE APPLICATION DUE	DATE YEAR-LONG AMERICORPS APPLICATION DUE	TIME AVAILABLE FOR USDA TO ESTABLISH AND CONDUCT COMPETITION ¹	REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME NEEDED TO CONDUCT COMPETITION ²
<u>National and Community Services Trust Act of 1993</u> signed by President Clinton	9/21/93				
Draft Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) regulations published	1/7/94				
Notice of availability of Funds for Summer of Safety programs published	2/3/94				
Comment period on draft regulations ends	2/7/94				
CNCS Regulations approved by OMB	3/11/94	3/14/94		3 DAYS	150 DAYS
CNCS final regulations published	3/18/94		3/29/94	42 DAYS	150 DAYS

¹ Time from the approval of rules to the time an application was due to be delivered to the CNCS.

² Time required to publish a request for proposals, have proposals evaluated by independent review panel, and make award of cooperative agreement, including the time to develop the necessary rules, publishing them, get comments and publish them in final form. The entire process could take 120 to 180 days. 150 days is used here as an average.

III. DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNAL RULES

Because Federal Department involvement in national service programs is new, it is necessary to establish the most effective process for ensuring that all future awards are made with the maximum degree of competition. The Office of Communications is establishing a schedule for the development of the necessary rules and regulations that will allow for full competition of awards beginning with the Corporation for National and Community Service's Summer of Service program in FY 95. The experiences gained in the initial awards will serve as a valuable "testing" ground to final rules and procedures that emphasize the integrity of the Department's program and the maximum benefit to the public.

IV. INTEGRATION OF NATIONAL SERVICE INTO USDA STRUCTURE

In addition to establishing departmental rules and procedures, it is necessary to evaluate how national service programs can be integrated into the Department's organizational structure. It is an obvious goal of the national service program to allow existing Federal organizations to merge, where practicable, their existing program delivery with national service projects. This is a formidable task in a department with 43 agencies and 115,000 plus employees.

Part of the process for developing rules and procedures involves an assessment of how the Department's existing resources can be focused to provide support to national service projects. This assessment involves three steps: 1) identify key agencies; 2) establish national service teams; and, 3) identify pilot projects for FY 94 applications.

1. Identify Key Agencies.

- a. In March of 1993, a national service work group was established in USDA. The group consisted of representatives from all agencies and offices. This group developed a proposed model for deliver of national service programs within USDA. The model consists of three "Teams":

- (1) An Environmental Team
- (2) An Anti-Hunger and Empowerment Team
- (3) A Rural Development Team

- b. In conjunction with the work group, the Office of Communication identified the key agencies that would need to be involved in pilot efforts. Initially, a total of four key agencies or groups of agencies were determined to already have program delivery mechanisms that mirror or closely resemble those necessary for national service projects. The Extension Service (ES), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), and the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) were determined to be the key groups associated with the Anti-Hunger team. The Forest Service (FS), the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) and ES were determined to be the key group associated with the Environmental Team. The Rural Development Administration (RDA), Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), and Rural Electrification Administration (REA), SCS and FS were determined to be the key groups associated with the Rural Development Team.

Several of these agencies have large existing programs or delivery mechanisms that lend themselves to most effectively defining how national service should be implemented within USDA. The Extension Service supports the world's largest volunteer group, the 4-H Clubs. The Forest Service through its human resources division runs Youth Conservation Corps and National Forest Foundation camps that are similar to the type of project expected to be run under national service. The new Rural Development Team groups those agencies which form the focus of services in rural development which is one of the Corporation's priority areas. Finally, the Soil Conservation Service deals daily with the public in an interactive mode quite similar to that proposed for national service.

2. Establish National Service Teams.

Once the key agencies were identified, teams were established to develop the necessary procedures and propose pilot projects for submission in FY 94 applications. The teams were an expansion of the agencies' representatives on the national service work group. Their purpose is to move from a "work group" structure toward integration of national service within the agencies' established organizational structure.

3. Identify Pilot Projects.

- a. As part of the efforts to establish models for national service within the Department, USDA representatives attended a wide variety of forums, meetings, conventions, and briefings where the public was informed of the proposed national service program and the role that Federal departments might play if the law was enacted. In addition to the meetings, interviews were given to magazines and newsletters that would most likely be read by groups interested in engaging in partnerships with the Department.

While these efforts were not official requests for proposals, they served to alert the public of the national service program. As a result of these efforts a few organizations submitted unsolicited proposals to the Department. Three criteria were used to identify candidate pilot projects. Note that these projects are called "candidate" because their identification by USDA does not guarantee that they will be approved by AmeriCorps. The criteria are:

- (1) Does the project conform to the criteria established by the Corporation for National and Community Service;
- (2) Does the project maximize the Department's ability to use its resources in unique ways with an emphasis on the greatest number of partnerships between other Federal agencies, public, and non-profit organizations;
- (3) Does the project maximize the Department's ability to establish sound Department-wide rules, policies, and, procedures for the implementation of national service within its agencies.

- b. Table 2. shows the projects selected for the FY 94 Summer of Safety application submitted by the Department and the reasons for their selection.

Table 2. FY 94 Summer of Safety Pilot Projects

PROJECT	CRITERIA	RATIONALE FOR SELECTION
Chicago High School of Agricultural Sciences	1. Conform to AmeriCorps criteria.	Participants will be doing work in three areas identified as appropriate for Summer of Safety: Youth as a Resource Restoring Safety to Public Spaces Youth Safety Initiatives
	2. Maximize Department's ability to use its resources and partner with other agencies.	Run in conjunction with the Justice Department, this project involves the participation of the Extension Service, Forest Service, Soil Conservation Service, The Chicago Public School District, and The Chicago Housing Authority. This mix of partners was not found in any other potential pilot project.
	3. Maximize Department's ability to establish sound policies and procedures for future awards.	The large number of partners, the relationship between USDA and the Justice Department and several local agencies lends itself to identifying issues and solutions in a wide variety of situations
Arizona Department of Youth Treatment and Rehabilitation	1. Conform to AmeriCorps criteria.	Participants will be doing work in three areas identified as appropriate for Summer of Safety: Youth as a Resource Restoring Safety to Public Spaces Youth Safety Initiatives

PROJECT	CRITERIA	RATIONALE FOR SELECTION
Arizona Department of Youth Treatment and Rehabilitation	2. Maximize Department's ability to use its resources and partner with other agencies.	Participants in this project include the State of Arizona Department of Youth Treatment and Rehabilitation, Arizona State University, the Forest Service and the Maricopa County Court System. It provides an expansion of the existing Youth Conservation Corps concept with the providing of service in an urban setting.
	3. Maximize Department's ability to establish sound policies and procedures for future awards.	The largest existing program in USDA that mirrors the national service concept is the Youth Conservation Corps. This project provides the opportunity to explore ways to expand that concept and integrate it with national service. It also provides an opportunity to work with elements of the local justice system to determine ways to best structure national service programs targeted at crime related issues.

V. EXISTING COMPETITION

There is already an element of competition in the award process. Projects developed by the Department are submitted to the Corporation for National and Community Service. All applications are reviewed by panels of independent experts, graded, and then evaluated by the Corporation's management before they are rejected or approved.



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PHOTOCOPY
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TO : Ron DeMunbrun
Office of Public Affairs

FROM : Grant Buntrock
Administrator

Grant Buntrock

SUBJECT: National Service - Chicago Project

ASCS has agreed to provide a second person for a ten week period to work on the Chicago Project - Supplemental Project.

Expenses for the activity can be found under "ASCS Direct Appropriation Salary and Expenses."

Authorizing legislation can be found in the Public Law which authorized ASCS County ASC Committee.



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MEMORANDUM FOR JOEL BERG, Office of Public Affairs

THROUGH: James R. Lyons
Assistant Secretary, NRE

FROM: Jack Ward Thomas *JWT*
Chief

SUBJECT: National Service Budget Deadline

The Forest Service expects to implement the National Service program primarily by refocusing a portion of our employment emphasis toward the national service program objectives. As such, all Forest Service appropriations (including Permanent and Trust Funds) could potentially be utilized to implement the program.

A listing of all Forest Service appropriations is enclosed.

As outlined in your March 9 memo, we will follow this appropriation identification with specific guidance and program impacts by March 15.

Questions concerning our responses can be directed to Robin Thompson of the Program Development and Budget Staff (202) 205-0987 or Katherine Allen of our Human Resource Program Staff (703) 235-8855.

Enclosure



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USDA, FOREST SERVICE
APPROPRIATION IDENTIFICATION
PROPOSED NEW STRUCTURE

INTERNATIONAL FORESTRY

FOREST RESEARCH

STATE & PRIVATE FORESTRY

NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM

FOREST AND RANGELAND PROTECTION

LAND ACQUISITION

RANGE BETTERMENT FUND

BRUSH DISPOSAL

TIMBER SALVAGE SALES

COOPERATIVE WORK, KNUTSON-VANDENBERG (KV)

COOPERATIVE WORK, OTHER (CWFS)

REFORESTATION TRUST FUND

From: Joel Berg (JBERG)
To: RDEMUNBRUN
Date: Friday, March 11, 1994 2:37 pm
Subject: File from Vertis -Reply -Reply -Reply

More Chicago budget numbers:

The Principal has volunteered:

clerical services payroll (\$1,000 per week for 10 weeks)

classrooms for teams

audio/visual equipment (\$1,00 for 10 weeks)

You still need to find out about the Project Director. Will she do it? If so, we have to pay her extra?

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OF CALL

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TO:

Ron

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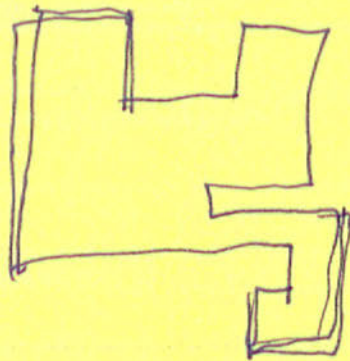
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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM FOR JOEL BERG, Office of Public Affairs

THROUGH: James R. Lyons
Assistant Secretary, NRE

FROM: Jack Ward Thomas *JWT*
Chief

SUBJECT: National Service Budget Deadline

The Forest Service budget levels for the National Service Program are for project-related activities and do not include funds for the participants stipends. This is a startup year for the program, and field units will be encouraged to partner with other entities in actively seeking out National Service program funding at the State level.

APPROPRIATION

FUNDING

STATE & PRIVATE FORESTRY
Community Resource Management
Forest Health Management
Community Economic Well-Being Activities

Up to \$3 million

NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM
Tree Planting
Timber Stand Improvement
Trail Maintenance
Range Improvements
Soil, Water, and Air Improvements
Recreation Maintenance

Up to \$4 million

State and Private Forestry: Up to 2 percent of the total State and Private Forestry appropriation may be used for National Service. (Nationally approximately \$3 million.) This is to be accomplished by working through State and local governments and other entities to support grass-roots efforts in community resource management, forest health management, and community economic well-being activities.

National Forest Systems: Up to \$4 million of National Forest System appropriations may be used for National Service. This would be accomplished through tree planting, timber stand improvement, trail maintenance, improvements in range, soil, water, and air improvements, and recreation maintenance activities on National Forest lands. This list is not inclusive and other activities may also be appropriate.



INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM FOR JOEL BERG, Office of Public Affairs

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As discussed in our March 11 memorandum, we expect to implement the National Service Program primarily by refocusing a portion of our employment emphasis toward the National Service Program objectives.

This would only have an adverse impact on program objectives if the costs of accomplishing work through the National Service program are greater than what would be incurred under regular hiring and contract methods.

Questions concerning our response can be directed to Robin Thompson of the Program Development and Budget Staff (202) 205-0987 or Katherine Allen of our Human Resource Program Staff (703) 235-8855.

Reviewed by: _____

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3/14/94

TO: Ron Demunbrun

FROM: Katherine Allen

Answers to your Summer of Service Application query:

Chicago Project

1. Urban & Community Forestry

2.

3. Cooperative Forestry Assistance
Act of 1978 - PL 95-313 - Section 9

(Excerpted pages are being
faxed since I am not
certain of exact nature
of entire project.)

4. The work would otherwise go undone due to lack of available resources.
This is an opportunity to accomplish new work - not a replacement
for work planned in either project.

Arizona Project

Forest Trail Maintenance
Maintenance of Facilities
Trail Construction

SPECIFIC
APPROPRIATIONS

Cooperative Funds and Deposits AUTHORIZATION
Act of 1975 P.L. 94-148

"Secty may enter into coop
agreements with public or private
organizations or persons to
engage in manpower and job training
and development programs..." and to
accomplish resource activities.

(2) Authorization of appropriations.—There are hereby authorized to be appropriated annually \$10,000,000 to implement this subsection. (16 U.S.C. 2104)

Urban and Community Forestry Assistance

Sec. 9. (a) Findings.—The Congress finds that—

(1) the health of forests in urban areas and communities, including cities, their suburbs, and towns, in the United States is on the decline;

(2) forest lands, shade trees, and open spaces in urban areas and communities improve the quality of life for residents;

(3) forest lands and associated natural resources enhance the economic value of residential and commercial property in urban and community settings;

(4) urban trees are 15 times more effective than forest trees at reducing the buildup of carbon dioxide and aid in promoting energy conservation through mitigation of the heat island effect in urban areas;

(5) tree plantings and ground covers such as low growing dense perennial turfgrass sod in urban areas and communities can aid in reducing carbon dioxide emissions, mitigating the heat island effect, and reducing energy consumption, thus contributing to efforts to reduce global warming trends;

(6) efforts to encourage tree plantings and protect existing open spaces in urban areas and communities can contribute to the social well-being and promote a sense of community in these areas; and

(7) strengthened research, education, technical assistance, and public information and participation in tree planting and maintenance programs for trees and complementary ground covers for urban and community forests are needed to

provide for the protection and expansion of tree cover and open space in urban areas and communities.

(b) Purposes.—The purposes of this section are to—

(1) improve understanding of the benefits of preserving existing tree cover in urban areas and communities;

(2) encourage owners of private residences and commercial properties to maintain trees and expand forest cover on their properties;

(3) provide education programs and technical assistance to State and local organizations (including community associations and schools) in maintaining forested lands and individual trees in urban and community settings and identifying appropriate tree species and sites for expanding forest cover;

(4) provide assistance through competitive matching grants awarded to local units of government, approved organizations that meet the requirements of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or other local community tree volunteer groups, for urban and community forestry projects;

(5) implement a tree planting program to complement urban and community tree maintenance and open space programs and to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, conserve energy, and improve air quality in addition to providing other environmental benefits;

(6) promote the establishment of demonstration projects in selected urban and community settings to illustrate the benefits of maintaining and creating forest cover and trees;

(7) enhance the technical skills and understanding of sound tree maintenance and arboricultural practices including practices involving the cultivation of trees, shrubs and complementary ground covers, of individuals involved in the plan-

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ning, development, and maintenance of urban and community forests and trees; and

(8) expand existing research and educational efforts intended to improve understanding of—

(A) tree growth and maintenance, tree physiology and morphology, species adaptations, and forest ecology,

(B) the value of integrating trees and ground covers,

(C) the economic, environmental, social, and psychological benefits of trees and forest cover in urban and community environments, and

(D) the role of urban trees in conserving energy and mitigating the urban heat island.

(c) General Authority.—The Secretary is authorized to provide financial, technical, and related assistance to State foresters or equivalent State officials for the purpose of encouraging States to provide information and technical assistance to units of local government and others that will encourage cooperative efforts to plan urban forestry programs and to plant, protect, and maintain, and utilize wood from, trees in open spaces, greenbelts, roadside screens, parks, woodlands, curb areas, and residential developments in urban areas. In providing such assistance, the Secretary is authorized to cooperate with interested members of the public, including nonprofit private organizations. The Secretary is also authorized to cooperate directly with units of local government and others in implementing this section whenever the Secretary and the affected State forester or equivalent State official agree that direct cooperation would better achieve the purposes of this section.

(d) Program of Education and Technical Assistance.—The Secretary, in cooperation with State for-

esters and State extension directors or equivalent State officials and interested members of the public, including nonprofit private organizations, shall implement a program of education and technical assistance for urban and community forest resources. The program shall be designed to—

(1) assist urban areas and communities in conducting inventories of their forest resources, including inventories of the species, number, location, and health of trees in urban areas and communities, identifying opportunities for the establishment of plantings for the purposes of conserving energy, and determining the status of related resources (including fish and wildlife habitat, water resources, and trails);

(2) assist State and local organizations (including community associations and schools) in organizing and conducting urban and community forestry projects and programs;

(3) improve education and technical support in—

(A) selecting tree species appropriate for planting in urban and community environments and for promotion of energy conservation;

(B) providing for proper tree planting, maintenance, and protection in urban areas and communities;

(C) protecting individual trees and preserving existing open spaces with or without tree cover; and

(D) identifying opportunities for expanding tree cover in urban areas and communities;

(4) assist in the development of State and local management plans for trees and associated resources in urban areas and communities; and

(5) increase public understanding of the energy conservation, economic, social, environmental,

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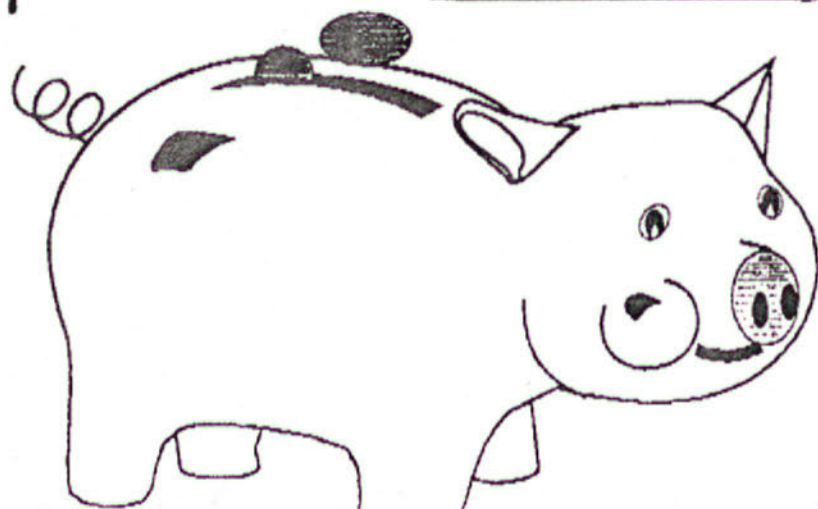
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To: Ron DeMembrun

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- (b) Contracts with landowners in Great Plains area; purpose; timeliness; land use plans; costs; termination; wheat acreage; authorization of appropriations.
 - (c) 1961 agricultural conservation program.
 - (d) 1962 agricultural conservation program.
 - (e) Changes in cropping systems and land uses; agreements with retired resident landowners; land uses; safeguards; modification of prior agreements; regulations; transfer of funds; authorization of appropriations.
 - (f) Use of Commodity Credit Corporation in producer disbursements.
 - (g) 1963 agricultural conservation program.
 - (h) 1964 and 1965 feed grain crops; acreage diversion program; maximum reserves; authorization of appropriations; regulations; payments in kind; termination or modification of prior agreements.
 - (i) 1966 to 1970 feed grain crops; acreage diversion program; maximum reserves; authorization of appropriations; regulations; payments in kind; termination or modification of prior agreements.
- 590p-1. Limitation on wetlands drainage assistance to aid wildlife preservation; termination of limitation; redetermination of need for assistance upon change of ownership of lands.
- 590q. Coverage; "State" defined; short title.
- 590q-1. Sale and distribution of supplies, materials, and equipment to other Government agencies; reimbursement.
- 590q-2. Voluntary relinquishment of allotments.
- 590q-3. Critical lands resource conservation program in Great Plains area.
- (a) Authorization for program.
 - (b) Terms of agreements with owners or operators.
 - (c) Annual adjustment payments.
 - (d) Termination of agreements.
 - (e) Preservation of cropland, crop acreage, and allotment history.
 - (f) Utilization of Federal and non-Federal offices.
 - (g) Program payments.
 - (h) Tenants and sharecroppers.
 - (i) Rules and regulations.
 - (j) Authorization of appropriations; utilization of Commodity Credit Corporation.

CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This chapter is referred to in title 7 sections 524, 1282, 1364, 1385, 1388, 1390, 1392; title 26 section 126.

§ 590a. Prevention of soil erosion; surveys and investigations; preventive measures; cooperation with agencies and persons; acquisition of land

It is recognized that the wastage of soil and moisture resources on farm, grazing, and forest lands of the Nation, resulting from soil erosion, is a menace to the national welfare and that it is declared to be the policy of Congress to provide permanently for the control and prevention of soil erosion and thereby to preserve natural resources, control floods, prevent impairment of reservoirs, and maintain the navigability

of rivers and harbors, protect public health, public lands and relieve unemployment, and the Secretary of Agriculture, from now on, shall coordinate and direct all activities with relation to soil erosion and in order to effectuate this policy is authorized, from time to time—

(1) To conduct surveys, investigations, and research relating to the character of soil erosion and the preventive measures needed, to publish the results of any such surveys, investigations, or research, to disseminate information concerning such methods, and to conduct demonstration projects in areas subject to erosion by wind or water;

(2) To carry out preventive measures, including, but not limited to, engineering operations, methods of cultivation, the growing of vegetation, and changes in use of land;

(3) To cooperate or enter into agreements with, or to furnish financial or other aid to, any agency, governmental or otherwise, or any person, subject to such conditions as he may deem necessary, for the purposes of this chapter; and

(4) To acquire lands, or rights or interests therein, by purchase, gift, condemnation, or otherwise, whenever necessary for the purposes of this chapter.

(Apr. 27, 1935, ch. 85, § 1, 49 Stat. 163.)

SHORT TITLE

See section 590q of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Enforcement functions of Secretary or other official in Department of Agriculture, insofar as they involve lands and programs under jurisdiction of that Department, related to compliance with this chapter with respect to pre-construction, construction, and initial operation of transportation system for Canadian and Alaskan natural gas were transferred to the Federal Inspector, Office of Federal Inspector for the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System, until the first anniversary of date of initial operation of the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System, see Reorg. Plan No. 1 of 1979, §§ 102(f), 203(a), 44 F.R. 33663, 33666, 93 Stat. 1373, 1376, effective July 1, 1979, set out in the Appendix to Title 3, Government Organization and Employees.

Functions of Soil Conservation Service in Department of Agriculture with respect to soil and moisture conservation operations conducted on lands under jurisdiction of Department of Interior were transferred to Department of Interior, to be administered under direction and supervision of Secretary of Interior through such agency or agencies in Department of Interior as Secretary shall designate, by Reorg. Plan No. IV of 1940, § 6, eff. June 30, 1940, 5 F.R. 2421, 54 Stat. 1234, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

Soil Conservation Service consolidated with other agencies into Agricultural Conservation and Adjustment Administration for duration of World War II, see Ex. Ord. No. 9069, Feb. 23, 1942.

POLICY

Declaration of policy to continue the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, see section 1282 of Title 7, Agriculture.

CROSS REFERENCES

Finality of payments and loans under this chapter, see section 1385 of Title 7, Agriculture.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 590b of this title: title 26 section 126.

§ 590b. Lands on which preventive measures may be taken

The acts authorized in section 590a(1) and (2) of this title may be performed—

(a) On lands owned or controlled by the United States or any of its agencies, with the cooperation of the agency having jurisdiction thereof; and

(b) On any other lands, upon obtaining proper consent or the necessary rights or interests in such lands.

(Apr. 27, 1935, ch. 85, § 2, 49 Stat. 163.)

§ 590c. Conditions under which benefits of law extended to nongovernment controlled lands

As a condition to the extending of any benefits under this chapter to any lands not owned or controlled by the United States or any of its agencies, the Secretary of Agriculture may, insofar as he may deem necessary for the purposes of this chapter, require—

(1) The enactment and reasonable safeguards for the enforcement of State and local laws imposing suitable permanent restrictions on the use of such lands and otherwise providing for the prevention of soil erosion;

(2) Agreements or covenants as to the permanent use of such lands; and

(3) Contributions in money, services, materials, or otherwise, to any operations conferring such benefits.

(Apr. 27, 1935, ch. 85, § 3, 49 Stat. 163.)

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

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Functions respecting lands under jurisdiction of Department of Interior, see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 590a of this title.

§ 590d. Cooperation of governmental agencies; officers and employees, appointment and compensation; expenditures for personal services and supplies

For the purposes of this chapter, the Secretary of Agriculture may—

(1) Secure the cooperation of any governmental agency;

(2) Subject to the provisions of the civil-service laws and chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, appoint and fix compensation of such officers and employees as he may deem necessary, except for a period not to exceed eight months from April 27, 1935, the

Secretary of Agriculture may make appointments and may continue employees of the organization heretofore established for the purpose of administering those provisions of the National Industrial Recovery Act which relate to the prevention of soil erosion, without regard to the civil-service laws or regulations and the Classification Act, as amended; and any persons with technical or practical knowledge may be employed and compensated under this chapter on a basis to be determined by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management; and

(3) Make expenditures for personal services and rent in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, for the purchase of law books and books of reference, for printing and binding, for the purchase, operation, and maintenance of passenger-carrying vehicles, and perform such acts, and prescribe such regulations, as he may deem proper to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(Apr. 27, 1935, ch. 85, § 4, 49 Stat. 164; Oct. 28, 1949, ch. 782, title XI, § 1106(a), 63 Stat. 972; 1978 Reorg. Plan No. 2, § 102, eff. Jan. 1, 1979, 43 F.R. 36037, 92 Stat. 3784.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The civil-service laws, referred to in par. (2), are set forth in Title 5, Government Organization and Employees. See, particularly, section 3301 et seq. of Title 5.

The National Industrial Recovery Act, referred to in par. (2), is act June 16, 1933, ch. 90, 48 Stat. 195, as amended, which was classified to sections 401 to 414 of Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works, terminated June 30, 1943, by the provisions of act June 27, 1942, ch. 450, § 1, 56 Stat. 410. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

The Classification Act, as amended, referred to in par. (2), is the Classification Act of 1923 (approved Mar. 4, 1923, ch. 265, 42 Stat. 1488), as amended, which was repealed by section 1202 of the Classification Act of 1949 (approved Oct. 28, 1949, ch. 782, 63 Stat. 972).

CODIFICATION

In par. (2), "chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5" was substituted for "the Classification Act of 1949, as amended" on authority of Pub. L. 89-554, § 7(b), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 631, the first section of which enacted Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

AMENDMENTS

1949—Par. (2). Act Oct. 28, 1949, substituted "Classification Act of 1949" for "Classification Act of 1923".

REPEALS

Act Oct. 28, 1949, ch. 782, cited as a credit to this section, was repealed (subject to a savings clause) by Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, § 8, 80 Stat. 632, 655.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Enforcement functions of Secretary or other official in Department of Interior related to compliance with system activities requiring coordination and approval under this chapter and such functions of Secretary or other official in Department of Agriculture, insofar as they involve lands and programs under jurisdiction of that Department, related to compliance with this chapter with respect to pre-construction, construction, and initial operation of transportation system for Canadian and Alaskan natural gas were transferred to the Federal Inspector, Office of Federal Inspector for the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System, until

the first anniversary of date of initial operation of the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System, see Reorg. Plan No. 1 of 1979, §§ 102(e), (f), 203(a), 44 F.R. 33663, 33666, 93 Stat. 1373, 1376, effective July 1, 1979, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

"Director of the Office of Personnel Management" was substituted for "Civil Service Commission" and "Commission" in par. (2), pursuant to Reorg. Plan No. 2 of 1978, § 102, 43 F.R. 36037, 92 Stat. 3783, set out under section 1101 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, which transferred all functions vested by statute in the United States Civil Service Commission to the Director of the Office of Personnel Management (except as otherwise specified), effective Jan. 1, 1979, as provided by section 1-102 of Ex. Ord. No. 12107, Dec. 28, 1978, 44 F.R. 1055, set out under section 1101 of Title 5.

Transfer of functions respecting lands under jurisdiction of Department of Interior, see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 590a of this title.

§ 590e. Soil Conservation Service; establishment; utilization and transfer of existing governmental agencies

The Secretary of Agriculture shall establish an agency to be known as the "Soil Conservation Service", to exercise the powers conferred on him by this chapter and may utilize the organization heretofore established for the purpose of administering those provisions of sections 202 and 203 of the National Industrial Recovery Act which relate to the prevention of soil erosion, together with such personnel thereof as the Secretary of Agriculture may determine, and all unexpended balances of funds heretofore allotted to said organization shall be available until June 30, 1937, and the Secretary of Agriculture shall assume all obligations incurred by said organization prior to transfer to the Department of Agriculture. In order that there may be proper coordination of erosion-control activities the Secretary of Agriculture may transfer to the agency created under this chapter such functions, funds, personnel, and property of other agencies in the Department of Agriculture as he may from time to time determine.

(Apr. 27, 1935, ch. 85, § 5, 49 Stat. 184.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Sections 202 and 203 of the National Industrial Recovery Act, referred to in text, which were classified to sections 402 and 403 of Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works, terminated June 30, 1943, by the provisions of act June 27, 1942, ch. 450, § 1, 56 Stat. 410.

CODIFICATION

A provision of this section, which made funds provided in Joint Res. 117, Apr. 8, 1935, ch. 48, 49 Stat. 115, available for expenditure under this chapter was omitted as executed.

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Functions respecting lands under jurisdiction of Department of Interior, see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 590a of this title.

Soil Conservation Service consolidated with other agencies into Agricultural Conservation and Adjustment Administration for duration of World War II, see Ex. Ord. No. 9069, Feb. 23, 1942.

COMPENSATION OF ADMINISTRATOR OF SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

Compensation of Administrator, see section 5316 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 590e-1. Limitations on cost of construction, purchase, or improvement of buildings for Soil Conservation Service

The cost of any permanent building, purchased, erected, or as improved, exclusive of the cost of constructing a water supply or sanitary system and connecting the same to any such building and with the exception of buildings acquired in conjunction with land being purchased for other purposes, shall not exceed \$10,000, except for one building to be constructed at a cost not to exceed \$100,000 and eight buildings to be constructed or improved at a cost not to exceed \$50,000 per building and except that alterations or improvements to other existing permanent buildings costing \$5,000 or more may be made in any fiscal year in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 per building.

(Oct. 1, 1988, Pub. L. 100-460, title II, § 201, 102 Stat. 2249.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the appropriation act cited as the credit to this section, and not as part of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act which comprises this chapter.

SIMILAR PROVISIONS

Similar provisions were carried in the following prior appropriation acts:

Dec. 22, 1987, Pub. L. 100-202, § 101(k) [title II, § 201], 101 Stat. 1329-322, 1329-343.

Oct. 18, 1986, Pub. L. 99-500, § 101(a) [title II, § 201], 100 Stat. 1783, 1783-18, and Oct. 30, 1986, Pub. L. 99-591, § 101(a) [title II, § 201], 100 Stat. 3341, 3341-15.

Dec. 19, 1985, Pub. L. 99-180, § 101(a) [H.R. 3037, title II, § 201], 99 Stat. 1185.

Oct. 12, 1984, Pub. L. 98-473, title I, § 101(a) [H.R. 5743, title II, § 201], 98 Stat. 1837.

Nov. 14, 1983, Pub. L. 98-151, § 101(d) [H.R. 3223, title II, § 201], 97 Stat. 972.

Dec. 18, 1982, Pub. L. 97-370, title II, § 201, 96 Stat. 1802.

Dec. 23, 1981, Pub. L. 97-103, title II, § 201, 95 Stat. 1480.

Dec. 15, 1980, Pub. L. 96-528, title II, § 201, 94 Stat. 3108.

Nov. 9, 1979, Pub. L. 96-108, title II, § 201, 93 Stat. 833.

Oct. 11, 1978, Pub. L. 95-448, title II, § 201, 92 Stat. 1085.

Aug. 12, 1977, Pub. L. 95-97, title II, § 201, 91 Stat. 821.

July 12, 1976, Pub. L. 94-351, title II, § 201, 90 Stat. 862.

Oct. 21, 1975, Pub. L. 94-122, title II, § 201, 89 Stat. 658.

Dec. 31, 1974, Pub. L. 93-563, title III, § 301, 88 Stat. 1837.
 Oct. 24, 1973, Pub. L. 93-135, title III, § 301, 87 Stat. 484.
 Aug. 22, 1972, Pub. L. 92-399, title III, § 301, 86 Stat. 606.
 Aug. 10, 1971, Pub. L. 92-73, title III, § 301, 85 Stat. 195.
 Dec. 22, 1970, Pub. L. 91-566, title I, § 101, 84 Stat. 1484.
 Nov. 26, 1969, Pub. L. 91-127, title I, § 101, 83 Stat. 248.
 Aug. 8, 1968, Pub. L. 90-463, title I, § 101, 82 Stat. 642.
 Oct. 24, 1967, Pub. L. 90-113, title I, § 101, 81 Stat. 323.
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 Oct. 24, 1962, Pub. L. 87-879, title I, § 101, 76 Stat. 1206.
 July 26, 1961, Pub. L. 87-112, title I, § 101, 75 Stat. 229.
 June 29, 1960, Pub. L. 86-532, title I, § 101, 74 Stat. 235.
 July 8, 1959, Pub. L. 86-80, title I, § 101, 73 Stat. 170.
 June 13, 1958, Pub. L. 85-459, title I, § 101, 72 Stat. 191.
 Aug. 2, 1957, Pub. L. 85-118, title I, § 101, 71 Stat. 335.
 June 4, 1956, ch. 355, title I, § 101, 70 Stat. 231.
 May 23, 1955, ch. 43, title I, § 101, 69 Stat. 54.
 June 29, 1954, ch. 409, title I, § 101, 68 Stat. 310.
 July 28, 1953, ch. 251, title I, § 101, 67 Stat. 215.
 July 5, 1952, ch. 574, title I, § 101, 66 Stat. 346.
 Aug. 31, 1951, ch. 374, title I, § 101, 65 Stat. 236.
 Sept. 6, 1950, ch. 896, Ch. VI, title I, § 101, 64 Stat. 668.
 June 29, 1949, ch. 280, title I, § 101, 63 Stat. 340.
 June 19, 1948, ch. 343, § 1, 62 Stat. 524.
 July 30, 1947, ch. 356, title I, § 1, 61 Stat. 523.
 June 22, 1946, ch. 445, § 1, 60 Stat. 287.
 May 5, 1945, ch. 109, § 1, 59 Stat. 156.
 June 28, 1944, ch. 296, § 1, 58 Stat. 451.
 July 12, 1943, ch. 215, § 1, 57 Stat. 411.
 July 22, 1942, ch. 516, § 1, 56 Stat. 679.
 July 1, 1941, ch. 267, § 1, 55 Stat. 421.
 June 25, 1940, ch. 421, § 1, 54 Stat. 545.
 June 30, 1939, ch. 253, § 1, 53 Stat. 954.
 June 16, 1938, ch. 464, § 1, 52 Stat. 725.
 June 29, 1937, ch. 404, § 1, 50 Stat. 410.
 June 4, 1936, ch. 489, title I, 49 Stat. 1436.

§ 590e-2. Employment of local engineers

Qualified local engineers may be temporarily employed at per diem rates to perform the technical planning work of the service.

(Oct. 1, 1988, Pub. L. 100-460, title II, § 201, 102 Stat. 2249.)

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§ 590f. Authorization of appropriation

There are authorized to be appropriated for the purposes of this chapter such sums as Congress may from time to time determine to be necessary.

Appropriations for carrying out this chapter allocated for the production or procurement of nursery stock by any Federal agency, or funds appropriated to any Federal agency for allocation to cooperating States for the production or procurement of nursery stock, shall remain available for expenditure for not more than three fiscal years.

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April 25, 1994

Mr. Joel Berg
U.S. Department of Agriculture
14th Street & Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Joel:

Your application, Friends of Chicago High School of Agricultural Sciences Summer of Safety, has been selected for a Summer of Safety award of approximately \$130,000.00. Final award of a grant is contingent upon satisfactorily addressing the issues identified below and submission of an acceptable revised application and revised budget.

To facilitate our final SoS grant award process, please submit a letter or a revised application addressing the following requested changes and explanations. (You may send only the revised application pages with a cover letter if this is more convenient.)

1. Please limit the proposed SoS project to site #1 in Chicago. In addition, please provide confirmation that the one target site for the SoS program is the Ida B. Wells housing development.
2. Please identify the specific sites and the specific activities which are being recommended for the SoS program within Ida B. Wells (including the proposed site of a new "tot lot").
3. Please provide a letter of support from the Chicago Housing Authority which outlines its specific roles in and contributions to the SoS program.
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9. Please provide an explanation of the technical assistance to be provided by the U.S. Department of Justice.
10. Please provide additional information on the source for the purchase or donation of trees, plants, and soil referenced in the application.
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Sincerely,

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CHICAGO PROGRAM WINS GRANT TO COMBINE URBAN GREENING AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Espy, Reno, Segal Announce Grant for Summer National Service Program

WASHINGTON, April 29--Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy, Attorney General Janet Reno and Corporation for National Service CEO Eli Segal announced a grant for a "Summer of Safety" program that will combine urban greening and public safety work in two neighborhoods in Chicago that now suffer from disabling levels of violent crime.

The program, to be run by a non-profit foundation associated with the Chicago High School of Agricultural Sciences, will engage a socio-economic mix of 50 participants in community service work creating urban gardens, tree planting, renovating playgrounds, and patrolling those areas to create "safe havens" with reduced crime.

Funded by a grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service--the new federal corporation administering President Clinton's national service initiative--the program will also receive staff support from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and technical assistance from the U.S. Department of Justice.

The participants in the program will earn a small living allowance and a \$1,000 educational award in exchange for their vital service to the community.

One neighborhood site will be the Ida B. Wells Public Housing Development, where the service will be guided by the Chicago Housing Authority and the Ida B. Wells Resident Advisory Council. The other neighborhood site, in which an empty lot will be turned into a community garden, has not yet been named.

Staff from three USDA agencies--Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, Forest Service and Soil Conservation Service--will work with the high school to provide supervision to the participants on a daily basis.

"I am absolutely delighted that USDA will help increase green spaces and gardens in depressed urban areas, boost public safety and advance the President's AmeriCorps initiative that grants educational awards in exchange for significant community service," said Secretary of Agriculture Espy. "National service will fundamentally change the nation because it creates a new civic compact in which any citizen can be tied to the nation by the simple virtue of making a difference in the lives of others

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"The Chicago High School of Agricultural Sciences--a model magnet public school that has received national acclaim--will use this program to increase the knowledge of agriculture in urban areas, while building community, promoting personal responsibility, and providing educational opportunity," Espy added.

The Ida B. Wells Development is currently a participant in the Department of Justice's innovative "Weed & Seed" program aimed at cracking down on both criminals and the root causes of crime. This program has already provided the Development with substantial assistance in both law enforcement and crime prevention services ranging from recreational to educational activities.

"The Clinton Administration is dedicated to using every resource possible to fight crime and increase community cohesion. Placing more police on the streets and getting assault weapons out of the hands of criminals must be coupled with innovative new approaches that are needed to deter criminal activities and to give young Americans viable alternatives to crime," said Attorney General Reno.

Continued Reno, "The 'Weed & Seed' strategy, so successful to date at sites like Ida B. Wells, is based on first 'weeding' out criminals from neighborhoods, and then 'seeding' the communities with significant support for neighborhood services. The Chicago Summer of Safety project will take a similar approach by promoting community pride and harnessing the immense energy of young people through activities that rebuild Chicago's neighborhoods."

The Summer of Safety program--which will involve nearly 7,000 participants in 91 projects throughout urban and rural America--was designed by President Clinton and the Corporation for National Service to involve citizens of all ages and backgrounds in safety activities that will bolster local anti-crime and violence-prevention efforts.

"Summer of Safety participants will help the American people take their communities back," said Eli Segal, CEO of the Corporation. "Chicago certainly can benefit greatly from more urban greenery and increased efforts in violence-prevention activities. Yet, instead of just talking about these problems, this Administration will get things done. The Chicago Summer of Safety project will meet critical community needs."

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Catherine Milton
Vice President

CHICAGO PROJECT		Non-FED Match Funds	Non-FED Match In-Kind	FED Match Funds	FED Match In-Kind	Requested From AmeriCorps	TOTAL
Participants	73500	11025				62475	73500
50 X 147 Week X 10 weeks						0	0
Other Personnel						0	0
Project Dir (360 wk X 21 Wks = 7560 + 15% Ben.)	0					0	0
5% Ag. Sch. Dir. (18687 X 50%)	9343	9343				0	9343
10% (SCS - Jones)	2564				2564	0	2564
10% Berg	3711				3711	0	3711
5% De Munbrun	1463				1463	0	1463
Crew Leaders (5 X 300 Wk X 10 Wk)	15000				15000	0	15000
25% Ag employees (12/5) 48109 + 15%						0	0
55325/12=4610X3	17289				17289	0	17289
SUBTOTAL:	49370	9343	0	0	40027	0	49370
Health Care (40 x 300)	12000	1800				10200	12000
Travel	1400					1400	1400
FICA, WORKMAN'S COMP	11862					11862	11862
Van Rental (4 X 1156 mo X 3 mo.)	15684	1804				13880	15684
Truck rental (1 X 2 days X 10 wks X 29.95)	1198		1198			0	1198
milage .39 mi X 60mi X 20 days)	468		468			0	468
gas 60 mi X 20 Days = 1200/12mph = 100 gal X 1.38)	138		138			0	138
gas 60 mi X 50 Days = 3000/12mph = 100 gal X 1.38)	345					345	345
SUBTOTAL:	17833	0	1804	1804	0	14225	17833
Telephone (20 calls wk X \$3 X 19 Wks)	1090		600		490	0	1090
Rents (4000 mo/30 days = 133 day X 1 day wk (10))	1333		1333			0	1333
(2000 mo/30 days = 66.65 day X 1 day wk (20))	1333		1333			0	1333
SUBTOTAL:	2666	0	0	2666	0	0	2666
Postage (500 recruits X 2 letters = 100 X .29)	29					29	29
(50 participants X 4 Letters = 200 X .29)	58					58	58
(50 support agney X 2 letters = 100 X .29)	29					29	29
(300 fund raising X .29)	87					87	87
SUBTOTAL:	203	0	0	0	0	203	203
Printing (2 flyers X 2 pg X 4000 copies X .02)	160					160	160
(2 brochures X 8pg X 4000 X .01)	640					640	640
SUBTOTAL:	800	0	0	0	0	800	800
Copies (50 particpants X 5 copies X 4 times X .02)	20					20	20
Training (10% Ag School teacher)	1383		1383			0	1383
5 GS12/5 55325/12=4610X3mo X1383l X10% X5 people)	6915				6915	0	6915
Americorp training	2500					2500	2500
SUBTOTAL:	10798	0	0	1383	0	6915	10798
Evaluation	1000					1000	1000
Audio-Visual	1500		1500			0	1500
Supplies	76110			10000		66110	76110
TAX REIMBUR.						0	0
Uniforms	6125					6125	6125
Health/Safety items	1322					1322	1322
Tools	5020		1000		1000	3020	5020
Payroll/admin	4676		1000			3676	4676
Local Transportation (bus pass 50 X 1.80 day X 50 days)	4500					4500	4500
Liability insurance	1500					1500	1500
Debris Removal/Hvy Equip	6000		4000			2000	6000
Master Gardeners	1188		1188			0	1188
Police Institute (salary)	4500					4500	4500
Police Institute (travel)	700					700	700
Total W/BLA	283821	23972	15141	10000	48432	198138	283821

Total W/O BLA	210321	12947	15141	10000	48432	135663	210321
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Until AmeriCorps publishes its final rules it is not clear if they will compute the matching requirement based on the total program cost including the basic living allowance or the total cost excluding the basic living allowance. For that reason match percentages have been computed two ways to ensure that in both cases our application does request more than 75% of the funds from Americorps.

MATCH PERCENTAGE
(includes living allowance)

NON-FEDERAL	13.78%
FEDERAL	20.59%
CORPORATION	69.81%

MATCH PERCENTAGE
(NO LIVING ALLOWANCE)

NON-FEDERAL	13.35%
FEDERAL	27.78%
CORPORATION	64.50%