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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



AMERICORPS

DIRECT RENEWAL APPLICATION

May 1, 1995

PARENT ORGANIZATION TITLE PAGE

1.....LEGAL APPLICANT/

PARENT ORGANIZATION: UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Organization Name

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4.....GRANT TYPE

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Operating

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Education Awards Only

5.....1996 NATIONAL ISSUE
AREA PRIORITIES

Education....

☐

School Success

Public Safety

☐

Community Policing

☐

Victim
Assistance

Human
Needs

☐

Early childhood Development

Environment

☐

Neighborhood/Community Environment

6.....1994 NATIONAL ISSUE
AREA PRIORITIES

Education	☐	School Readiness	☒	School Success
Public Safety	☒	Violence Prevention	☐	Crime Control
Human Needs	☐	Health	☒	Home
Environment	☒	Neighborhood/Community Environment	☒	Natural Environ.

7..PARENT ORGANIZATION BUDGET

Corporation Funds Requested \$3,199,586
Total Budget \$34,345,287

8.....AGGREGATE
OPERATING SITE BUDGETS

Corporation Funds Requested See Above
Total Budget

9.....TOTAL BUDGET

Corporation Funds Requested \$3,199,586
Total Budget \$34,345,287

10.....AMERICORPS MEMBERS

Full-Time 1,831
Part-Time 126

11.....CERTIFICATION

The applicant certifies to the best of his/her knowledge and belief that the data in this application are true and correct and that the filing of the application has been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant and that the applicant will comply with the assurances required of applicants if funding is approved.

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STRUCTURE OF THE 1995 USDA AMERICORPS DIRECT RENEWAL APPLICATION

A quick glance will tell anyone that this is probably the largest application the Corporation will receive. Its size possess a problem as to how to best organize the material. With projects in over 45 states controlled by at least 5 major USDA agencies, there are several ways to want to look at the information. The most convenient however, is to group the projects by sponsoring USDA agency in alphabetical order of the state in which they are located. This allows us to retain the grouping by the entity (USDA agency) that will be supervising the project, while allowing for a quick grouping into states to allow for transmission of the project descriptions to the respective state national service commissions. The application then will have the following structure:

- I. Renewal Narrative
- II. Project Descriptions by USDA agency and State
 - 1. Agricultural Research Service (ARS)
 - 2. Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFSA)
 - 3. Food and Consumer Service (FCS)
 - 4. Forest Service (FS)
 - 5. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
 - 6. Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AMERICORPS PROJECTS

INDEX BY STATES

I. AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

1. Washington, D.C.

II. CONSOLIDATED FARM SERVICE AGENCY

- | | | | |
|----|----------|-----|----------------|
| 1. | Illinois | 10. | Pennsylvania |
| 2. | Iowa | 11. | Rhode Island |
| 3. | Kansas | 12. | South Carolina |
| 5. | Kentucky | 13. | South Dakota |
| 6. | Maine | 14. | Tennessee |
| 7. | Missouri | 16. | Washington |
| 8. | New York | | |
| 9. | Oklahoma | | |

III. FOOD AND CONSUMER SERVICE

1. California
2. Mississippi
3. Vermont
4. Washington, DC
5. Wisconsin

IV. FOREST SERVICE

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. ARIZONA | 7. LOUISIANA |
| 2. ARKANSAS | 8. MAINE |
| 3. CALIFORNIA | 9. MINNESOTA |
| 4. COLORADO | 10. MISSISSIPPI |
| 5. GEORGIA | 11. MONTANA |
| 6. KENTUCY | 12. NEW MEXICO |
| 13. NORTH CAROLINA | 17. VERMONT |
| 14. OREGON | 18. VIRGINIA |
| 15. TENNESSEE | 19. WASHINGTON |
| 16. UTAH | 20. WEST VIRGINIA |

V. NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

- | | |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. Arizona/Four Corners (including Utah, New Mexico, Colorado) | 20. New Jersey |
| 2. Arkansas | 21. New York |
| 3. California | 22. North Carolina |
| 4. Florida | 23. North Dakota |
| 5. Georgia | 24. Ohio |
| 6. Idaho | 25. Oklahoma |
| 7. Illinois | 26. Oregon |
| 8. Iowa | 27. South Carolina |
| 9. Kansas | 28. South Dakota |
| 10. Louisiana | 29. Tennessee |
| 11. Maine | 30. Texas |
| 12. Maryland/Washington, DC | 31. Vermont |
| 13. Massachusetts | 32. Virginia |
| 14. Michigan | 33. Washington State |
| 15. Minnesota | 34. West Virginia |
| 16. Mississippi | |
| 17. Missouri | |
| 18. Nebraska | |
| 19. New Hampshire | |

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VI. RURAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1. Alabama | 17. Nebraska |
| 2. Alaska | 18. New Mexico |
| 3. Arizona | 19. New York |
| 4. Arkansas | 20. North Carolina |
| 5. California | 21. Ohio |
| 6. Delaware | 22. Oklahoma |
| 7. Florida | 23. Oregon |
| 8. Georgia | 24. South Carolina |
| 9. Idaho | 25. Tennessee |
| 10. Illinois | 26. Texas |
| 11. Iowa | 27. Virginia |
| 12. Kentucky | 28. Washington State |
| 13. Louisiana | 29. West Virginia |
| 14. Maine | |
| 15. Minnesota | |
| 16. Mississippi | |

SUMMARY OF RENEWAL REQUEST

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is proposing a carefully thought out strategy to expand the numerical size and geographical reach of its AmeriCorps program while at the same time improving project quality. USDA is requesting operating funds and educational awards to expand the Department's AmeriCorps membership from the current level of 1,200 full time Members serving in 38 states to a level next year of 1,916 (1,790 full time, 126 part time) in 47 states. If CNCS grants the full request of \$3.2 million in operating funds, USDA will still pay more than 90% of the operating funds, requiring CNCS to provide only about \$1,670 in operating funds per Member. Particularly under a recision that will likely further limit CNCS' operating funds/educational awards ratio, the USDA program will continue to allow CNCS to maximize its ability to increase the number of AmeriCorps Members serving in high-quality projects.

USDA proposes to expand only the type of projects that are working best, while at the same time stabilizing, reducing, or ending the types of projects that are facing the greatest challenges. For instance, under this proposal, the Members in the extremely successful USDA Forest Service-run Public Lands Team will double. The Rural Development Team Members -- sponsored by the USDA Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD) mission area --- who are performing highly praised service in many rural Empowerment Zones, Enterprise Communities, and Champion Communities, will be placed in all 227 such rural communities next year.

In addition, the Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFSA) --- which garnered extensive institutional knowledge of AmeriCorps this year by providing regional and state facilitators --- will be sponsoring some Rural Development projects on its own next year.

However, both Environmental and Rural Development projects sponsored by the USDA Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS) will be somewhat reduced, eliminating a few less successful sites. Lastly, the five Anti-Hunger Teams engaging a total of 150 Members --- which faced unique challenges in performing very complex and demanding human service work --- will be stabilized at their current levels.

While proud of the stunning success of the vast majority of its projects, the Department has readily acknowledged problems at certain sites and will continue both this year and the next to engage in continuous improvement activities at every level of program management. As evidenced by the attached applications for operating sites, USDA required all sites for next year to specify community service objectives that are concrete, measurable, precise, and realistic.

All USDA projects will continue to play a significant role in building the national identity of AmeriCorps --- particularly in rural areas that are less likely to be served by AmeriCorps projects sponsored by other direct grantees or by the state commissions.

PROGRESS TO DATE

Meeting Objectives

As detailed in the Department's second quarter report, all USDA projects have achieved serious, meaningful community service objectives in the first half a year of operation, just a few samples of which are listed below:

* Public Lands and Environmental Team Members maintained 241 miles of trails, completely restored 55 individual campsites, completed 551 acres of timber stand improvement, rehabilitated 24,000 acres of land damaged by wildfire, and planted 18,000 willows and cottonwoods in riparian areas, coordinated a program that recycled 40,000 Christmas trees into mulch, prepared 10 community garden sites, and restored 28 windbreaks.

* Anti-Hunger and Empowerment Team Members provided nutrition and food safety education to 11,196 senior citizens, helped over 100 families obtain over \$61,000 in tax refunds --- through the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) --- for "working poor" families; cooked, prepared, and/or served meals for 16,200 people at soup kitchens; provided nutrition education to 5,000 elementary children; and provided post-earthquake assistance for 800 victims a week.

* Members of the Rural Development Team made significant progress in each of the following areas: running water and indoor plumbing; rural economic development; emergency response and prevention; fisheries restoration; alternative uses of natural resources; environmental education facilities; community facilities improvement; personal responsibility development; tree planting, windbreak restoration, and riparian improvement; tourism to boost local economies; land use planning; recycling promotion; American Indian tribal empowerment; woodland management; water quality protection; rural housing improvement; and cultural resource preservation. Many Team Members are working in rural Empowerment Zones, Enterprise Communities, and Champion Communities, contributing significantly to the success of this Presidential initiative. These activities made vital impacts in communities, which often have fewer government programs than urban areas.

We have also made significant progress meeting Member Development objectives by providing each member with significant training, education, and group support. Our best evidence of success in meeting Member development needs is our excellent retention rate, which has been between 85% to 90% since the start of the program.

We have also made significant progress meeting Community Building objectives, since virtually every USDA project is receiving from and/or providing the following to local units of government and non-profit organizations: technical assistance, physical labor, advice, moral support, and funds. The Rural Development Team is making a particularly effective impact strengthening communities. By allowing talented and well-educated young people to return to live in the communities in which they grew up, it is helping reverse the "rural brain drain" which has done so much to deprive rural America of critical human capital.

Strengths and Weaknesses of Program Design

The USDA program has the following four major strengths:

A) The services performed by USDA projects are among the most popular of all services provided by AmeriCorps. USDA projects are repairing trails on National Forests, boosting rural fire protection, helping working poor families obtain tax refunds, protecting shorelines, and keeping businesses from re-locating to Mexico. Such service activities are likely to be supported by the vast majority of mainstream Americans. USDA projects are designed to meet the "Jesse Test;" that is, they are performing service that would be accepted by everyone from Jesse Jackson to Jesse Helms. Consequently, USDA projects have been able to build broad-based community support.

B) The USDA program helps middle class families. Most USDA programs are fully diverse --- including a large representation of Members from solidly middle class families. In addition, many USDA programs also perform service, not only in low-income rural and urban areas, but in middle class and suburban areas as well.

C) The USDA program is a model of reinventing government. The AmeriCorps projects provide daily lessons to all USDA agencies about how we can find new ways to better deliver our services at less cost. Furthermore, many USDA projects exemplify the proper role of the Federal government. For instance, the Forest service is clearly the entity best suited to run projects on Forest Service Lands.

D) The USDA program provides taxpayers with double the "bang for the buck." Most USDA projects are simply utilizing funds that would already be spent by the agency. For instance, USDA Forest Service projects are using some funding from existing trail repair budgets. Not only are the AmeriCorps Members repairing more trails than would be repaired by private contractors, they are also bringing communities together, promoting personal responsibility, and helping earn their own way through college --- all for the same budget that normally would just fund the trail repair.

The major weakness of the USDA program is the difficulty we sometimes face in getting a large bureaucracy to rapidly respond to changing conditions and fully embrace a program that is so different from any other program managed by the Department. However, by empowering front-line career employees, the Department has liberated their energies and talents in order to provide quick, high-quality responses.

Oversight of Parent Organization

The USDA Director of National Service, as well as his staff and the staff of the USDA agencies sponsoring AmeriCorps projects, continue to be hands-on partners in each and every project site.

These staff members are in daily contact with CNCS staff in every conceivable part of the Corporation for National and Community Service, dealing with project management issues, budget issues, media issues, intergovernmental affairs issues, uniform issues, state commission issues, Congressional affairs issues, database issues, NCCC issues, and Federal partnership issues. We continue to be proud that, by tackling many difficult issues proactively, we solve many issues not only on behalf of USDA, but on behalf of other Federal agencies as well.

We are also in daily contact with AmeriCorps facilitators and project managers

throughout the country. Every week, staff from each of the seven USDA agencies involved in funding and managing AmeriCorps projects meet to discuss successes and challenges at project sites, new Departmental requirements, new CNCS requirements, and suggestions for continuous improvement of our projects.

This quarter, we strengthened the roles and clarified the duties of regional facilitators, who focus on identity-building activities. These facilitators also provided weekly progress reports on virtually all of our projects, and served as liaisons to state commissions and to the CNCS state directors. We have almost completed a very detailed revised staff and member handbook which will soon be sent to all sites. We also have played a continuing role in distributing our first quarter report to Congress, state government offices, and the media.

Procedures to Document Progress

AmeriCorps staff from the national office have personally visited countless sites in every region of the country and have provided on-site technical assistance.

The Department carefully reviews weekly reports provided by state and regional facilitators, and provides immediate feedback by either memorandum or by phone when particular successes or problems are identified.

We also obtain frequent feedback from CNCS site visits, the state commissions, and CNCS state staff. The Department also takes the quarterly report process very seriously.

Evaluation and Continuous Improvement

The Director of National Service personally read each of the individual first quarter site reports, totalling over 1,000 pages. He then prepared a 16-page document outlining ways to solve the problems identified in the report. In addition, the Department provided concrete feedback to each of the individual sites on their first quarter reports. The Department is demanding in working with project managers to strengthen the community service objectives and to refine work plans to ensure that the objectives will be met.

Lastly, at a week long training in Memphis, over 125 members of the Rural Development Team --- as well as their project managers --- had extensive conversations with the Department about the specific successes and challenges at each of their individual sites.

Procedures for Sound Fiscal Management

The USDA AmeriCorps Coordinator of Administration, Ron DeMumbrun, monitors the formulation and execution of the individual operating site budgets. Third parties who are sub-grantees to the Department must abide by the provisions of the appropriate OMB circulars including OMB Circular 133-A. Prior to the disbursement of funds, Standard Forms 424 and 424a must be completed and each payment is requested via a Standard Form 270. Quarterly expenditure reports are made via Standard Form 269a to the USDA Director of National Service. The Director's internal audit controls in combination with those of each USDA agency's fiscal office and those of the National Finance Center provide an extensive system of checks and balances to ensure the fiscal integrity of the program. Proposed budgets are evaluated in accordance with the Corporation's regulations and expenditures are monitored in general by the USDA Director of National Service and/or each agency's fiscal officers.

Staffing and Organization Issues

The only major staff change has been John Seymour replacing Lou Woltering as the Forest Service AmeriCorps Coordinator. The Director of National Service continues to have two full-time assistants, one focusing on budget and administrative issues and the other focusing on media and recruitment issues.

Each agency involved in the program has assigned at least one full-time employee to AmeriCorps duties.

National Identity

USDA has woven the national AmeriCorps identity and philosophy into each step of our program. All USDA members are required to wear at least one article of clothing or a pin at all times identifying them as AmeriCorps Members. All our press releases and informational materials are now required to have at least two standard paragraphs on AmeriCorps. In addition, USDA has strengthened its requirement that all our sub-grantees give full credit to both AmeriCorps and USDA.

USDA regularly sends national newsclips, CNCS talking points, and speeches on AmeriCorps by the President and by Eli Segal to all our members throughout the country. USDA regularly produces promotional flyers, posters, videotapes, and public service announcements to promote the program.

USDA has also begun sending a weekly newsletter to all our AmeriCorps Members.

The USDA Director of National Service and other USDA staff has visited sites --- and, in many cases, performed service alongside the Members and conducted media interviews ---- throughout the country.

All USDA sites participated in launch activities, and many participated in Day of Service and Earth Day activities.

YEAR TWO PLANS

Program Concept and Design

As outlined in the renewal summary, USDA intends to maintain the basic program design of this year, while expanding only the type of projects that are working best, while at the same time stabilizing, reducing, or ending the types of projects that are facing the greatest challenges.

In general, there will be a increased focus on the "cluster" concept, in which all Rural Development Team Members serve in groups of no less than five Members who are within a fifty-mile or one hour drive of a central meeting point.

The cluster groupings allow the Members to meet the unique needs of scattered rural communities, while at the same time meet together regularly, learn the benefits of working in a Team, and receive the constant reinforcement of being in a national program.

At his recent Rural Conference, President Clinton vowed to do more to help family farmers survive. With the increased involvement of the Consolidated Farm Service Agency, more USDA projects will focus on such issues:

- * Helping small and disadvantaged farmers survive economically so they can stay on their land.
- * Aiding young people entering farming to allow them to overcome the environmental, economic, and technical hurdles in their way.
- * Improving and increasing classroom instruction on agriculture, the environment, and farm safety.
- * Providing assistance to farmers who want to diversify their crops.
- * Promoting sustainable agriculture and improving water quality.

In addition, by placing AmeriCorps Members in all 277 communities which are either Empowerment Zones, Enterprise Communities, or Champion Communities, the Rural Development Team will significantly boost this top Presidential initiative by providing human capital to supplement the financial capital provided by the program.

Implementation Plan and Time Line

May --- 40,000 revised recruitment brochures shipped to applicant sites throughout the country; Revised USDA Member applications --- already approved by OMB --- shipped to applicant sites around the country; all sites provided with print out of database gathered by USDA 800 recruitment line

June --- CNCS provides USDA with details on funding and number of Members for next program year; all USDA sites fine-tune their community service objectives; all USDA sites produce recruitment plans; all USDA sites produce preliminary work plans

July --- USDA signs final grant agreement with CNCS; USDA holds staff training for over 200 employees from around the country, including many crew leaders

August --- All USDA sites finalize their recruitment selections; all USDA sites finalize their work-plans for the first quarter; all sites launch activities; uniforms, staff and member handbooks, stationary, signs, and banners shipped to all sites

September 12 - October 1 --- All USDA sites launch activities for next year

Role of Parent Organization

USDA national staff will intensify its focus on quality control at individual sites through intensified site visits and through faster communications through the Department's field office structure. We will work to ensure a more timely distribution of all critical CNCS and USDA information directly to all project managers. We will work towards distributing a newsletter to all our members on a weekly basis. We will prepare our sites for their end of service, by creating graduating "transcripts," preparing graduating certificates, and planning ceremonies at each site.

We will also work hand-in-hand with CNCS to ensure that our database has the same information as the CNCS database.

Leadership and Organizational Capacity

This year, USDA not only ran the largest AmeriCorps program in the Federal government, but we believe the facts demonstrate that we ran one of the best programs in the Federal government. USDA was not just an absentee funder, but we provided daily leadership, guidance, and oversight to all our project sites.

We are proud that we not only solved many important legal and administrative issues for ourselves, but that our leadership in solving these problems was utilized by many of the other Federal agencies.

In addition, the active intervention of USDA kept the DC Service Corps AmeriCorps grants -- including the projects of two other Federal agencies --- in operation during a time of significant staff changes.

While USDA overall is under intense strain from downsizing, reorganization, and proposed budget cuts, Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman has recently offered very strong public support for the USDA/AmeriCorps program.

USDA intends to continue to be a top leader in advancing AmeriCorps.

Cost-Effectiveness and Sustainability

The limited cost/benefit analyses prepared by or for AmeriCorps/USDA provide that the Department's program is extremely cost-effective.

The USDA Forest Service has just calculated that its 236 AmeriCorps Members serving on Public Lands Teams perform at least \$1.51 worth of service for each \$1.00 that the American taxpayer spends to support such service. Although it is difficult to blend cost benefits from different Forest Service regions around the country, the cost-benefit figures are based on an average of the combined cost savings of all recreation projects completed. These costs included all Federal spending, including Member stipends and educational awards.

The Forest Service AmeriCorps Public Lands crews completed recreation projects for 51% less than similar projects completed by force account (if completed by Federal employees), and 68% less than similar services completed by contracted services.

For example, in one area it cost AmeriCorps \$64,185 to complete 53 miles of heavy trail maintenance. The same projects would have cost \$126,000 by Forest Service force account, and \$212,000 if the services were contracted.

The Clinch-Powell Resource Conservation & Development Council in Tennessee calculated that, in the first four months of the program, the four USDA AmeriCorps Rural Development Team Members, who are managed by the Council, performed approximately \$2.73 worth of service for each \$1.00 that the American taxpayer spent to support such service.

The Council calculated that, if purchased on the "open market," one service project performed by one Member would have cost an estimated \$23,975 while another service project performed by three Members would have cost an estimated, \$50,400 bringing the total value of the service performed to \$74,375. The cost of the AmeriCorps Members, prorated to the four months period in which they performed the projects, was \$27,272.

The AmeriCorps USDA program thus provides the nation with significant fiscal dividends, as well as social dividends.

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BUDGET SUMMARY

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	Corporation Share (CNCS) Funds requested from the Corporation	Grantee Share Other Federal / State / Local / Private Funds	Total Total Program Funding
ITEM D: OPERATING COSTS			
Travel	\$28,660	\$1,162,156	\$1,190,816
Transportation	150,679	911,616	\$1,062,295
Supplies	25,631	512,202	\$537,833
Equipment	30,695	122,766	\$153,461
(PLEASE SPECIFY IN BUDGET NARRATIVE) Other	1,206,746	1,362,013	\$2,662,406
Subtotal	\$1,274,411	\$4,070,753	\$5,606,811
ITEM E: INTERNAL EVALUATION	\$16,550	\$163,149	\$179,699
ITEM F: ADMINISTRATION	\$101,354	\$462,565	\$563,919
ITEM G: TOTAL PROGRAM OPERATING COSTS (ITEMS B – F)	\$2,059,845	\$11,130,096	\$13,451,588
ITEM H: TOTAL OPERATING SITE BUDGET (ITEMS A + G)	\$3,199,586	\$30,884,054	\$34,345,287

	Estimated # of Children	Grantee Share
G. CHILD CARE	77	

	Number of Participants	Amount per Participant	Total
H. EDUCATION AWARDS			
Full – Time Participan	1831		\$8,651,475
Part – Time Participan	126		\$297,738

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OPERATING SITE BUDGET FORM

96TOTAL

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Applicant Name: USDA

Program Name: TOTAL USDA AMERICORPS BUDGET

ITEM A: MEMBER SUPPORT COSTS LIVING ALLOWANCE TYPE	Number of Members	Corporation Share (Maximum 85%)	Grantee Share (Minimum 15%)	Total (100%)
1 Year FT 1700	1,831	\$918,317	+ \$16,336,086	= \$17,254,403
1 Year PT 900	126		\$0	
Sub-Total:		918,317	16,336,086	17,254,403
FICA (7.65%)	1,831	71,184	1,249,041	1,320,225
Worker's Compensation	566	39,953	352,657	392,610
Health Care	1,715	110,287	1,816,174	1,926,461

SUB-TOTAL A:

\$1,139,741 + \$19,753,958 = \$20,893,699

5.45% + 94.55% = 100%
(Max 85%) (Min 15%)

ITEM B: OTHER MEMBER COSTS COSTS

Training and Education	\$50,856	\$1,142,223	\$1,193,079
Uniforms	23,544	280,181	303,725
(PLEASE SPECIFY IN BUDG Other	2,995	57,811	60,806
Item B Subtotal	\$77,395	\$1,480,215	\$1,557,610

ITEM C: STAFF

Salaries	\$489,994	\$4,120,306	\$4,610,300
Benefits	79,316	669,749	749,065
Training	8,125	152,881	161,006
Other	\$12,700	10,478	23,178
Item C Subtotal	\$590,135	\$4,953,414	\$5,543,549

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ITEM D: OPERATING COSTS			
Travel		\$1,000	\$1,000
Transportation		1,000	\$1,000
Supplies		2,500	\$2,500
Equipment		1,500	\$1,500
(PLEASE SPECIFY IN BUDGET NARRATIVE) Other			
Subtotal		\$6,000	\$6,000
ITEM E: INTERNAL EVALUATION			
		\$600	\$600
ITEM F: ADMINISTRATION			
		\$3,125	\$3,125
ITEM G: TOTAL PROGRAM OPERATING COSTS (ITEMS B – F)			
	\$1,500	\$51,237	\$52,737
ITEM H: TOTAL OPERATING SITE BUDGET (ITEMS A + G)			
	\$1,500	\$100,000	\$101,500

	Estimated # of Children	Grantee Share	
G. CHILD CARE			
	Number of Participants	Amount per Participant	Total
H. EDUCATION AWARDS			
Full – Time Participant	5	\$4,725	\$23,625
Part – Time Participants		\$2,363	\$0

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Applicant Name: USDA AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE (ENVIRONMENTAL)Program Name: NATIONAL ARBORETUM**ITEM A: MEMBER SUPPORT COSTS**
LIVING ALLOWANCE TYPE

	Number of Members	Corporation Share (Maximum 85%)	Grantee Share (Minimum 15%)	Total (100%)
1 Year FT 1700	<u>5</u>	<u></u>	<u>\$39,725</u>	<u>\$39,725</u>
1 Year PT 900	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
Sub-Total:	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u>39,725</u>	<u>39,725</u>
FICA (7.65%)	<u>5</u>	<u></u>	<u>3,038</u>	<u>3,038</u>
Worker's Compensation	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
Health Care	<u>5</u>	<u></u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>

SUB-TOTAL A:

 + \$48,763 = \$48,763

(Max 85%)

 + 100.00% = 100%
(Min 15%)**ITEM B: OTHER MEMBER COSTS COSTS**

Training and Education	<u>\$1,500</u>	<u>+</u>	<u>\$2,312</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>\$3,812</u>
Uniforms	<u></u>		<u>400</u>		<u>400</u>
(PLEASE SPECIFY IN BUDG Other	<u></u>		<u></u>		<u></u>
Item B Subtotal	<u>\$1,500</u>		<u>\$2,712</u>		<u>\$4,212</u>

ITEM C: STAFF

Salaries	<u></u>	<u>\$35,000</u>	<u>\$35,000</u>
Benefits	<u></u>	<u>3,400</u>	<u>3,400</u>
Training	<u></u>	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>
Other	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
Item C Subtotal	<u></u>	<u>\$38,800</u>	<u>\$38,800</u>

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Applicant Name: USDA

Program Name: TOTAL CFSA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

ITEM A: MEMBER SUPPORT COSTS LIVING ALLOWANCE TYPE

	Number of Members	Corporation Share (Maximum 85%)	Grantee Share (Minimum 15%)	Total (100%)
1 Year FT 1700	125		\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
1 Year PT 900			\$0	
Sub-Total:			1,500,000	1,500,000
FICA (7.65%)	125		114,750	114,750
Worker's Compensation				
Health Care	125		\$150,000	150,000

SUB-TOTAL A:

 + \$1,764,750 = \$1,764,750

 + 100.00% = 100%
(Max 85%) (Min 15%)

ITEM B: OTHER MEMBER COSTS COSTS

Training and Education		\$187,500	\$187,500
Uniforms		\$0	
(PLEASE SPECIFY IN BUDG Other			
Item B Subtotal		\$187,500	\$187,500

ITEM C: STAFF

Salaries			
Benefits			
Training			
Other			
Item C Subtotal			

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	Corporation Share (CNCS) Funds requested from the Corporation	Grantee Share Other Federal / State / Local / Private Funds	Total Total Program Funding
ITEM D: OPERATING COSTS			
Travel		\$437,500	\$437,500
Transportation			
Supplies			
Equipment			
(PLEASE SPECIFY IN BUDGET NARRATIVE) Other	\$259,560	\$110,250	\$369,810
Subtotal	\$91,560	\$547,750	\$807,310
ITEM E: INTERNAL EVALUATION			
ITEM F: ADMINISTRATION			
ITEM G: TOTAL PROGRAM OPERATING COSTS (ITEMS B – F)			
	\$91,560	\$735,250	\$994,810
ITEM H: TOTAL OPERATING SITE BUDGET (ITEMS A + G)			
	\$91,560	\$2,500,000	\$2,759,560

	Estimated # of Children	Grantee Share	
G. CHILD CARE			
H. EDUCATION AWARDS			
Full – Time Participant	125	\$4,725	\$590,625
Part – Time Participant	0	\$2,363	\$0

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Applicant Name: USDAProgram Name: TOTAL USDA ANTI-HUNGER AMERICORPS BUDGET**ITEM A: MEMBER SUPPORT COSTS**
LIVING ALLOWANCE TYPE

	Number of Members	Corporation Share (Maximum 85%)	Grantee Share (Minimum 15%)	Total (100%)
1 Year FT 1700	153	\$918,317	+	\$301,645 = \$1,219,962
1 Year PT 900				
Sub-Total:		918,317		301,645 = 1,219,962
FICA (7.65%)	153	71,184		22,201 = 93,385
Worker's Compensation	153	39,953		15,009 = 54,962
Health Care	153	110,287		40,697 = 150,984

SUB-TOTAL A:

\$1,139,741	+	\$379,552	=	\$1,519,293
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75.02%	+	24.98%	=	100%
(Max 85%)		(Min 15%)		

ITEM B: OTHER MEMBER COSTS COSTS

Training and Education	\$49,356	\$62,042	\$111,398
Uniforms	23,544	8,399	31,943
(PLEASE SPECIFY IN BUDG Other	2,995	4,165	7,160
Item B Subtotal	\$75,895	\$74,606	\$150,501

ITEM C: STAFF

Salaries	\$489,994	\$99,108	\$589,102
Benefits	79,316	92,093	171,409
Training	8,125	41,375	49,500
Other	\$500	500	1,000
Item C Subtotal	\$577,935	\$233,076	\$811,011

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ITEM D: OPERATING COSTS			
Travel	\$28,660	\$7,396	\$36,056
Transportation	150,679	63,976	214,655
Supplies	25,631	20,548	\$46,179
Equipment	30,695	18,316	49,011
(PLEASE SPECIFY IN BUDGET NARRATIVE) Other	95,961	100,427	196,388
Subtotal	\$331,626	\$210,663	\$542,289
ITEM E: INTERNAL EVALUATION	\$16,550	\$21,250	\$37,800
ITEM F: ADMINISTRATION	\$101,354	\$58,193	\$159,547
ITEM G: TOTAL PROGRAM OPERATING COSTS (ITEMS B – F)	\$1,103,360	\$597,788	\$1,701,148
ITEM H: TOTAL OPERATING SITE BUDGET (ITEMS A + G)	\$2,243,101	\$977,340	\$3,220,441

	Estimated # of Children	Grantee Share	
G. CHILD CARE	<u>21</u>	<u></u>	
	Number of Participants	Amount per Participant	Total
H. EDUCATION AWARDS	Full – Time Participant <u>153</u>		<u>\$722,925</u>
	Part – Time Participants <u></u>		<u>\$0</u>

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Applicant Name: USDA

Program Name: FOREST SERVICE TOTAL – (PUBLIC LANDS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT)

ITEM A: MEMBER SUPPORT COSTS LIVING ALLOWANCE TYPE

	Number of Members	Corporation Share (Maximum 85%)	Grantee Share (Minimum 15%)	Total (100%)
1 Year FT 1700	690		+	\$4,990,716 = \$4,990,716
1 Year PT 900	126			
Sub-Total:				4,990,716 = 4,990,716
FICA (7.65%)	690			381,996 = 381,996
Worker's Compensation	413			337,648 = 337,648
Health Care	574			589,877 = 589,877

SUB-TOTAL A:

 + \$6,300,237 = \$6,300,237

 + 100.00% = 100%
(Max 85%) (Min 15%)

ITEM B: OTHER MEMBER COSTS COSTS

Training and Education		\$305,369	=	\$305,369
Uniforms		163,922		163,922
(PLEASE SPECIFY IN BUDG Other		53,646		53,646
Item B Subtotal		\$522,937		\$522,937

ITEM C: STAFF

Salaries		\$3,986,198		\$3,986,198
Benefits		574,256		574,256
Training		111,106		111,106
Other	12,200	9,978		22,178
Item C Subtotal	\$12,200	\$4,681,538		\$4,693,738

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ITEM D: OPERATING COSTS			
Travel		\$212,260	\$212,260
Transportation		846,640	846,640
Supplies		489,154	489,154
Equipment		102,950	102,950
(PLEASE SPECIFY IN BUDGET NARRATIVE) Other	492,521	617,336	1,203,504
Subtotal	\$492,521	\$2,268,340	\$2,854,508
ITEM E: INTERNAL EVALUATION			
		\$141,299	\$141,299
ITEM F: ADMINISTRATION			
		\$401,247	\$401,247
ITEM G: TOTAL PROGRAM OPERATING COSTS (ITEMS B – F)			
	\$504,721	\$8,015,361	\$8,613,729
ITEM H: TOTAL OPERATING SITE BUDGET (ITEMS A + G)			
	\$504,721	\$14,315,598	\$14,913,966

	Estimated # of Children	Grantee Share
G. CHILD CARE	56	

	Number of Participants	Amount per Participant	Total
H. EDUCATION AWARDS	Full – Time Participant	690	\$4,725
	Part – Time Participant	126	\$2,363
			\$3,260,250
			\$297,738

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Applicant Name: USDA

Program Name: TOTAL NRCS (Rrural Development & Public Lands) PROGRAM

ITEM A: MEMBER SUPPORT COSTS LIVING ALLOWANCE TYPE	Number of Members	Corporation Share (Maximum 85%)	Grantee Share (Minimum 15%)	Total (100%)
1 Year FT 1700	606		\$6,480,000	\$6,480,000
1 Year PT 900			\$0	
Sub-Total:			6,480,000	6,480,000
FICA (7.65%)	606		495,720	495,720
Worker's Compensation				
Health Care	606		\$727,200	727,200

SUB-TOTAL A:

 + \$7,702,920 = \$7,702,920

 + 200.00% = 200%
(Max 85%) (Min 15%)

ITEM B: OTHER MEMBER COSTS COSTS

Training and Education		\$181,800	\$181,800
Uniforms		\$107,460	\$107,460
(PLEASE SPECIFY IN BUDG Other			
Item B Subtotal		\$289,260	\$289,260

ITEM C: STAFF

Salaries			
Benefits			
Training			
Other			
Item C Subtotal			

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ITEM D: OPERATING COSTS			
Travel		\$0	
Transportation			
Supplies			
Equipment			
(PLEASE SPECIFY IN BUDGET NARRATIVE) Other	\$235,728	\$534,000	\$769,728
Subtotal	\$235,728	\$534,000	\$769,728
ITEM E: INTERNAL EVALUATION			
ITEM F: ADMINISTRATION			
ITEM G: TOTAL PROGRAM OPERATING COSTS (ITEMS B – F)	\$235,728	\$823,260	\$1,058,988
ITEM H: TOTAL OPERATING SITE BUDGET (ITEMS A + G)	\$235,728	\$8,526,180	\$8,761,908

	Estimated # of Children	Grantee Share
G. CHILD CARE		
H. EDUCATION AWARDS		
	Number of Participants	Amount per Participant
	Total	
	Full - Time Participan	
	606	\$2,863,350
	Part - Time Participan	
	0	\$0

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Applicant Name: USDA

Program Name: TOTAL RECD RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

ITEM A: MEMBER SUPPORT COSTS LIVING ALLOWANCE TYPE	Number of Members	Corporation Share (Maximum 85%)	Grantee Share (Minimum 15%)	Total (100%)
1 Year FT 1700	252		+	\$3,024,000 = \$3,024,000
1 Year PT 900				\$0
Sub-Total:				3,024,000 3,024,000
FICA (7.65%)	252			231,336 231,336
Worker's Compensation				
Health Care	252			\$302,400 302,400

SUB-TOTAL A: + =

+ =
(Max 85%) (Min 15%)

ITEM B: OTHER MEMBER COSTS COSTS

Training and Education		\$403,200	\$403,200
Uniforms		\$0	
(PLEASE SPECIFY IN BUDG Other			
Item B Subtotal		\$403,200	\$403,200

ITEM C: STAFF

Salaries			
Benefits			
Training			
Other			
Item C Subtotal			

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ITEM D: OPERATING COSTS			
Travel	<u> </u>	\$504,000	\$504,000
Transportation	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Supplies	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Equipment	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
(PLEASE SPECIFY IN BUDGET NARRATIVE) Other	\$122,976	\$0	\$122,976
Subtotal	\$122,976	\$504,000	\$626,976
ITEM E: INTERNAL EVALUATION			
ITEM F: ADMINISTRATION			
ITEM G: TOTAL PROGRAM OPERATING COSTS (ITEMS B – F)	\$122,976	\$907,200	\$1,030,176
ITEM H: TOTAL OPERATING SITE BUDGET (ITEMS A + G)	\$122,976	\$4,464,936	\$4,587,912

	Estimated # of Children	Grantee Share	
G. CHILD CARE			
	Number of Participants	Amount per Participant	Total
H. EDUCATION AWARDS	Full – Time Participan <u>252</u>	\$4,725	\$1,190,700
	Part – Time Participan <u>0</u>	\$2,363	\$0

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

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AMERICORPS PROJECT(S)

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1. Washington, D.C.

U.S. National Arboretum 1994-1995 AmeriCorps Program

The mission of the USNA AmeriCorps project has been to improve the appearance of the National Arboretum and give the participants an appreciation for the role plants play in our everyday lives. This is being accomplished by renovating and maintaining the collections, working with Arboretum staff and informing the surrounding communities about the value of plants.

October 1994 to present

One team leader, USNA staff member Larry Winston

5 Americorps participants (originally 2 women, 3 men; 1 woman withdrew from the program in, replaced with a 4th man)

Projects completed by the entire team:

Removed weed trees & vines from: Azalea overlook, Juniper hedge, Ellipse planting, Wood edge near the Watnong Pine Collection

Corrected safety hazard in Herb Garden by resetting bricks so they are level with the ground.

Removed excess trees from crabapple evaluation collection, replaced soil, graded, and seeded.

Hauled leaves from native plant garden and replaced with composted leaf material (first time this gardening practice has been completed in this garden area).

Hauled dead material from steep Azalea hillside.

Assumed responsibility for mowing all high visibility areas around the Administration Building once a week.

Performed general cleaning along roadside leading to Mt. Hamilton azalea display before peak visitation which brings upward of 20,000 people per weekend to the site.

The team will be split in two for 4 separate weeks throughout the summer and assigned directly to garden curators. This will allow the participants to work closer with Arboretum staff, and be taught horticultural skills in diverse garden settings.

When the team goes into a different garden setting, an Arboretum staff member gives a tour and orientation to the collection. Other educational programs the participants have been involved in include:

Pesticide Use & Safety

Soils

Pruning

Chainsaw Safety

Sexual Harassment

Piskataway National Park

Bowie State University

Project Learning Tree

First Aid

Anacostia clean-up

Botany for Gardeners

Care at Bowie

Howard University

Work with other USDA AmeriCorps groups:

NRCS - Earth Day display on the mall

DC Services - one crew volunteered on the USNA grounds, 2nd crew to come at a later date.

The major impact the AmeriCorps participants have had on the Arboretum has been the time they have been able to devote to upgrading the grounds in areas which are not closely curated. Invasive exotics are a challenge in any landscape and natural setting which require a large input of labor to control. They team has made significant progress in the areas they have worked. If USNA labor at a GS-5 level had been used to complete the tasks, six additional FTE's would be required at a cost of \$170,000 for labor alone, and an additional \$10-15,000 in supplies and equipment. In recent conversations with the team concerning the impact of the program on them, the following thoughts were shared:

"Before I came I didn't care about trees, now I know the difference between an oak, pine, crepe myrtles and others. Now I will know what I might want to plant in my own yard."

"Sometimes in our neighborhood, when we are together, we talk 'Arboretum' talk, and people are surprised." "Is this good?"
"Well, yes." (said with pride)

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SITE SUPERVISOR: Elizabeth Ley **PHONE:** 202-245-4533
COUNTY: Washington, DC

1. **What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?** Assist in the maintenance of the gardens and natural areas at the 444 acres Washington, DC U.S. National Arboretum site. Remove invasive exotic plants which threaten the health and diversity of the plantings and along wood edges and waterways on the grounds. Assist in public outreach programs which draw non-traditional audiences to the Arboretum. Communicate to school children, both on and off-site, the value of plants in our daily lives, the role of ARS in developing new plants and technologies, and expose the children to the benefits of the Arboretum as an aesthetically pleasing environment and a place to come to learn.
2. **What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above?** The improved appearance and health of the plants growing at the Arboretum. To develop programs and working relationships with area schools which engage and educate students on the role plants play in the ecosystem and in our daily lives.
3. **How will you measure the quality of your product or impact of your service?** Each assignment, ie. removing ivy from New York Ave. Pine planting, will be evaluated for thoroughness of removal of invasive material without damage to the trees, thoroughness of clean-up of area and plan for monitoring any regrowth of unwanted species. Outreach programs will include an evaluation for the students &/or teachers to assess the effectiveness of each program.
4. **By what standard will you gauge success?** Improved appearance of the grounds which has been the result of sound horticultural practices. Increased participation/visitation in educational programs and gardens by school groups which is currently at an insignificant level. Feedback by participants on the effectiveness of the programming.
5. **How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participants perform?** The 350,000 visitors who currently view the garden displays each year, and targeted student populations in the surrounding neighborhoods.

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Applicant Name: USDA AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE (ENVIRONMENTAL)Program Name: NATIONAL ARBORETUMITEM A: MEMBER SUPPORT COSTS
LIVING ALLOWANCE TYPE

	Number of Members	Corporation Share (Maximum 85%)	Grantee Share (Minimum 15%)	Total (100%)
1 Year FT 1700	5		\$39,725	\$39,725
1 Year PT 900				
Sub-Total:			39,725	39,725
FICA (7.65%)	5		3,038	3,038
Worker's Compensation				
Health Care	5		6,000	6,000

SUB-TOTAL A:

	+	\$48,763	=	\$48,763
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(Max 85%)

	+	100.00%	=	100%
		(Min 15%)		

ITEM B: OTHER MEMBER COSTS COSTS

Training and Education	\$1,500	+	\$2,312	=	\$3,812
Uniforms			400		400
(PLEASE SPECIFY IN BUDG Other					
Item B Subtotal	\$1,500		\$2,712		\$4,212

ITEM C: STAFF

Salaries		\$35,000	\$35,000
Benefits		3,400	3,400
Training		400	400
Other			
Item C Subtotal		\$38,800	\$38,800

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ITEM D: OPERATING COSTS			
Travel		\$1,000	\$1,000
Transportation		1,000	\$1,000
Supplies		2,500	\$2,500
Equipment		1,500	\$1,500
(PLEASE SPECIFY IN BUDGET NARRATIVE) Other			
Subtotal		\$6,000	\$6,000
ITEM E: INTERNAL EVALUATION			
		\$600	\$600
ITEM F: ADMINISTRATION			
		\$3,125	\$3,125
ITEM G: TOTAL PROGRAM OPERATING COSTS (ITEMS B – F)			
	\$1,500	\$51,237	\$52,737
ITEM H: TOTAL OPERATING SITE BUDGET (ITEMS A + G)			
	\$1,500	\$100,000	\$101,500

	Estimated # of Children	Grantee Share	
G. CHILD CARE			
H. EDUCATION AWARDS			
Full – Time Participant	5	\$4,725	\$23,625
Part – Time Participants		\$2,363	\$0

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

CONSOLIDATED FARM SERVICE AGENCY

(CFSA)

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PARENT ORGANIZATION: _____

Program Name _____

2.OPERATING SITE ORGANIZATION

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3.....SITE DIRECTOR/TITLE:

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4.....GRANT TYPE

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5.....1995 NATIONAL ISSUE
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Education....

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School Success

Public Safety

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Community Policing

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Victim
Assistance

Human
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Early childhood Development

Environment

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Neighborhood/Community Environment

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Education	☐	School Readiness	☐	School Success
Public Safety	☐	Violence Prevention	☐	Crime Control
Human Needs	☐	Health	☐	Home
Environment	☐	Neighborhood/Community Environment	☐	Natural Environ.

7.....POPULATION SERVED

☐	Urban
☒	Rural
☐	Other
☐	Empowerment Zone
☐	Enterprise Zone

Population/community served Limited resource and beginning farmers.

Primary Congressional Districts Served

8.....SITE BUDGET

Corporation Funds Requested \$ 300

Total Budget \$

9.....AmeriCorps Members at Site

Full-Time 1

Part-time

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- A. Project Title:
- B. Address/Location:
- C. State of duty station of AmeriCorps Members: Iowa
- D. County or counties of duty of AmeriCorps Members:
Greene, Dubuque, Iowa, Polk, Johnson, Dallas Carroll, Warren, Black Hawk,
Webster, Story, Boone, Washington, Woodbury
- E. Counties served by Members (up to 15 counties):
- F. Congressional Districts: 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5
- G. Site Supervisors:
- H. Address, phone, FAX of site supervisor(s):
- I. Name of State project Manager: Kevin R. Fitzgerald, Sr.
- J. Address, phone, FAX of site supervisor(s):
Iowa State CFSA Office
10500 Buena Vista Court
Des Moines, Iowa 50322-3782
Phone: 515-254-1540 Ext. 61
FAX: 515-254-1573
- K. Number of full-time AmeriCorps Members: 1
- J. Number of part-time AmeriCorps Members: 0

2. AmeriCorps Project Objective(s) Statement: Educate landowners about the benefits of intensive grazing systems and forage production on highly erodible land currently enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

- a. What work will be done? What service will your Members engage in?

The Member will educate farmers in the target area about pasture and forage systems and alternatives on CRP land after the contract has expired.

- b. What is the hope for result of the activities described above?

More limited resource farmers will decide to leave their CRP acres seeded down, and will better understand the benefits of grazing and forage management practices, and plant trees along with timber stand development and improvement.

- c. How will you measure the quality or success of the service provided?

The amount of acres that are seeded down, remain seeded down or no more than a 10% decrease, of all CRP contracts that expire.

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- d. By what standard will you gauge success?

It is expected that 70-80 producers in a four county area in Southwest Iowa will not put their CRP acres back into production and convert their land to more enduring conservation uses.

- e. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the service your Members perform?

Seventy-five farmers are expected to receive the benefits of the service provided. In addition, these individuals are expected to have increase their knowledge about the benefits forage and pasture management practices, including water systems, forage production on CRP acres.

3 PRELIMINARY WORK PLAN AND MILESTONE SCHEDULE

Objective 1

Task 1

In cooperation with USDA specialists, Members will be trained on proper grazing and forage system techniques and also on the environmental and conservation benefits of protecting highly erodible land. Informational material and exhibits will be prepared. Shows and conventions will be scheduled.

Beginning date : September 1995

Completion Date: October 1995

Task 2

Members will, working with community and civic groups, youths, and others, contact those individuals needing the service. in the targeted area. Members will develop informational material and schedule meetings and appointments with community and civic groups, and local area producers. Members will help conduct informational meetings and attend meetings where targeted audience will participate. Listings of interested producers will be compiled.

Beginning date : October 1995

Completion Date: March 1996

Task 3

Continue to develop new contacts and follow up with communities and farmers. Members will update informational material and attend fairs, meetings and other activities where individuals will benefit from the information being provided.

Beginning date : March 1996

Completion Date: August 1996

Objective 2

Task 1

Members will work in partnership with the County Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD), and USDA offices. Training on agriculture missions and goals CRP provisions and forage and grazing system evaluations will be provided by the County SWCD and USDA Offices. Mailings will be prepared and distributed to CRP producers scheduling appointments.

Beginning date : March 1996

Completion Date:September 1996

Task 2

Meet with CRP producers to explain advantages of leaving their land out of production. While at the residence, members will survey the producers on other environmental and conservation problems on their farms and recommend solutions and assistance available from the various USDA agencies.

Beginning date: December 1995
1996

Completion Date:September

Task 3

Members will assist the County SWCD with explaining conservation and environmental issues based on on-site inspection. Members will work with producers on the scheduling program.

Beginning date: April 1996

Completion Date: August 1996

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PARENT ORGANIZATION:

Program Name

2.OPERATING SITE ORGANIZATION

Iowa State Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFSA)

Contact Person's name/title

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Organization Name

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4.....GRANT TYPE

☒

Operating

☐

Education Awards Only

5.....1995 NATIONAL ISSUE
AREA PRIORITIES

Education....

☐

School Success

Public Safety

☐

Community Policing

☐

Victim
Assistance

Human
Needs

☐

Early childhood Development

Environment

☒

Neighborhood/Community Environment

**6.....1994 NATIONAL ISSUE
AREA PRIORITIES**

Education	☐	School Readiness	☐	School Success
Public Safety	☐	Violence Prevention	☐	Crime Control
Human Needs	☐	Health	☐	Home
Environment	☐	Neighborhood/Community Environment	☐	Natural Environ.

7.....POPULATION SERVED

☐	Urban
☒	Rural
☐	Other
☐	Empowerment Zone
☐	Enterprise Zone

Population/community served Limited resource and beginning farmers.

Primary Congressional Districts Served _____

8.....SITE BUDGET

Corporation Funds Requested \$ 1,500

Total Budget \$

9.....AmeriCorps Members at Site

Full-Time 5

Part-time

36

1. **COVER PAGE**

- A. Project Title:
- B. Address/Location:
- C. State of duty station of AmeriCorps Members: Iowa
- D. County or counties of duty of AmeriCorps Members:
Greene, Dubuque, Iowa, Polk, Johnson, Dallas Carroll, Warren, Black Hawk,
Webster, Story, Boone, Washington, Woodbury
- E. Counties served by Members (up to 15 counties):
- F. Congressional Districts: 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5
- G. Site Supervisors:
- H. Address, phone, FAX of site supervisor(s):
- I. Name of State project Manager: Kevin R. Fitzgerald, Sr.
- J. Address, phone, FAX of site supervisor(s):
Iowa State CFSA Office
10500 Buena Vista Court
Des Moines, Iowa 50322-3782
Phone: 515-254-1540 Ext. 61
FAX: 515-254-1573
- K. Number of full-time AmeriCorps Members: 5
- J. Number of part-time AmeriCorps Members: 0

2. **AmeriCorps Project Objective(s) Statement:** Implement, in cooperation with USDA specialists, production and marketing of alternative crops and livestock for consumption and export. Marketing alternatives for crops now grown.

- a. What work will be done? What service will your Members performed?

Five Members, working with the National Corn Growers, Soybean Association, Beef Producers, Pork Producers, etc., assist to expand the "Pilot Options Program" now being carried out in 4 States in Iowa and educate farmers on alternative crop production. Explain the benefits of producing such crops as waxy corn, white hull soybeans, high lysine crops, lean meats, etc., and other ways to export their crops to markets out of the area, State and country.

- b. What is the hoped for result of the activities described above?

More limited resource farmers will be better informed about the different ways to market various grains and livestock. In addition, new partnerships with other commodity and livestock producers will be created. Also, these individuals receiving the service will want to raise specialty crops and livestock and will have expanded markets to export resulting in increase income. Also, it is expected that this pilot program be expanded to other areas of the state and country.

- c. How will you measure the quality or success of the service provided?

Feedback from commodity and livestock groups, bankers, cooperative managers, USDA extension personnel and the farmers receiving the service should be positive. In addition, those farmers service and others should be more knowledge about these alternative crops uses and new agriculture marketing techniques.

- d. By what standard will you gage success? The standard for success will be the number of producers who increase their knowledge in alternative crops uses and agriculture marketing strategies and pooling of resources. In addition, it is expected that 250 farmers who receive the service will agree to produce for market 10 new crops for export that can be raised on Iowa farms.

- e. How many individuals will receive the benefits of the service your Members perform?

There are approximately 1,000 farmers in the "Pilot" area; and, it is expected that 50% or 500 farmers receiving the information should receive the benefits of the service provided. In addition, other producers in the "Pilot" not receiving the benefits should become more knowledgeable about these alternative crops and marketing techniques through community and civic group meetings.

3. PRELIMINARY WORK PLAN AND MILESTONE SCHEDULE

TASK I: Working with USDA extension specialists, community groups, commodity and livestock, provide AmeriCorps members with training on alternaive crop uses livestock production techniques, and marketing strategies to help sustained farm income and production. This will allow members to provide meaningful information and demonstrations to limited resource farmers. Develop informational packets and exhibits needed demonstrate these techniques.

Beginning date: September 1995

Completion date: December 1995

TASK II: Work with community leaders, civic and youth groups, to develop materials needed and to identify those individuals who would benefit from the service provided. Set-up contact lists and schedule appointments for visits and demonstrations at community meetings, county fairs and other special events. Develop survey questionnaire for obtain feedback from those serviced including community leaders, farmers, and others who view the information.

Beginning date: December 1995

Completion date: February 1996

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TASK III: Provide service to farmers, community groups and others regarding alternative crop uses and livestock production techniques, and marketing strategies. Continually evaluate, based on survey results, the benefit of the service provided to make needed corrections in materials and demonstrations.

Beginning date: February 1995

Completion date: September 1996

OPERATING SITE TITLE PAGE

1.....LEGAL APPLICANT/

PARENT ORGANIZATION:

Program Name Ag Education on the Farm and in the School System

2.OPERATING SITE ORGANIZATION

Kansas State Consolidated Farm Services Agency

Contact Person's name/title Jim Meisenheimer

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State: Kansas

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3.....SITE DIRECTOR/TITLE:

Organization Name _____

(do not P.O. Box) Address _____

City _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone _____

FAX: _____

4.....GRANT TYPE

☐

Operating

☐

Education Awards Only

5.....1995 NATIONAL ISSUE AREA PRIORITIES

Education....

☒

School Success

Public Safety

☐

Community Policing

Human
Needs

☐

Early childhood Development

Environment

☒

Neighborhood/Community Environment

☐ Victim
Assistance

OPERATING SITE TITLE PAGE

1.....LEGAL APPLICANT/

PARENT ORGANIZATION:

Program Name Mason County CFSA Public Lands AmeriCorps Project2.OPERATING SITE ORGANIZATION Illinois State Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFSA)Contact Person's name/title Rod Atterberry, Mason County CFSA Office(do not P.O. Box) Address 930 East Laurel-Office ACity Havana, State: Illinois Zip: 62644Phone (309) 543-2582 FAX: (309) 543-31543.....SITE DIRECTOR/TITLE: Rod AtterberryOrganization Name Illinois State CFSA Office(do not P.O. Box) Address 930 East laurel-Office ACity Havana. State: Illinois Zip: 62644Phone (309) 543-2582 FAX: (309) 545-3154

4.....GRANT TYPE

☒

Operating

☐

Education Awards Only

5.....1995 NATIONAL ISSUE
AREA PRIORITIES

Education....

☐

School Success

Public Safety

☒

Community Policing

☐Victim
AssistanceHuman
Needs☐

Early childhood Development

Environment

☒

Neighborhood/Community Environment

**6.....1994 NATIONAL ISSUE
AREA PRIORITIES**

Education	☐	School Readiness	☐	School Success
Public Safety	☐	Violence Prevention	☐	Crime Control
Human Needs	☐	Health	☐	Home
Environment	☐	Neighborhood/Community Environment	☐	Natural Environ.

7.....POPULATION SERVED

☐	Urban
☒	Rural
☐	Other

☐	Empowerment Zone
☐	Enterprise Zone

Population/community served Rural communities and cities

Primary Congressional
Districts Served

8.....SITE BUDGET

Corporation Funds Requested \$ 1.500

Total Budget \$ _____

9.....AmeriCorps Members at Site

Full-Time 5

Part-time _____

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1. COVER PAGE

- A) **Project Title: Mason County CFSA Public Lands AmeriCorps Project**
- B) **Address/Location**
Mason County CFSA Office
P.O. Box 107
Havana, IL 62644
- C) **State: Illinois**
- D) **County of Duty Station of AmeriCorps Members: Mason**
- E) **Names of Counties Served: Mason, Fulton**
- F) **Congressional Districts: 18**
- G) **Name of Site Supervisor: Rick Sarff**
- H) **Address, Phone Number, and Fax Number of Site Supervisors:**
Mason County CFSA Office
P.O. Box 107
Havana, IL 62644
Phone: 309/543-2582
Fax: 309/543-3154
- I) **State Project Manager: Rod Atterberry**
- J) **Address, Phone Number, and Fax Number of State Project Manager**
Mason County CFSA Office
P.O. Box 107
Havana, IL 62644
Phone: 309/543-2582
Fax: 309/543-3154
- K) **Full-Time Members in AmeriCorps RDT**
5
- L) **Part-Time Members in AmeriCorps RDT**
Zero

2. AmeriCorps Project Objectives Statement: Public Lands Members will assist with flood clean-up in and around Havana and Bath.

- a. **What work will be done? What service will members engage in? Members will work in partnership with the City of Havana, Town of Bath, Mason County Board and the Havana Park District. Areas of homes bought out by FEMA will be restored to governmental guidelines, park district property will be repaired and rehabilitated, and sandbags and sand piles will be cleaned up. Members will assist federal and state agencies in restoring wildlife habitats on their properties.**
- b. **What is the hoped for result of the activities described above? To assist the citizens of Mason County in recovering from the flood of 1993. AmeriCorps projects will restore damaged areas to usable conditions.**

- pc
- c. How will you measure the quality or success of the service provided? Partners, civic groups and private citizens will be surveyed on completed projects. 75% of the surveys should give favorable responses.
 - d. By what standard will success be gaged? Local governmental officials, partners, civic groups, private businessmen and citizens will be surveyed to determine if AmeriCorps members provided needed services and rate the quality of work.
 - e. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the service members perform? Approximately 5000 citizens in and around Havana plus 500 citizens in the Bath area will receive direct benefits. Another 5000 citizens in the other towns of Mason County will receive smaller benefits through community service projects in these towns.

3. Preliminary Work Plan and Milestone Schedule

Task 1

AmeriCorps members will meet with county and park district officials. A schedule of projects will be completed. Work projects in cleaning-up, debris removal, leveling and seeding disturbed areas in FEMA buyout areas. Landscaping and construction of recreational areas and equipment may be included in the plan of operation. Other projects will include sandbag and sandpile removal and disposal, flood repair and renovation in Riverfront Park.

Beginning date: September 1995

Completion Date: December 1995

Task 2

During periods of adverse weather, members will do community service projects in all towns in Mason County. These projects will include interior cleaning, painting, and repairs of government and civic buildings.

Beginning date: January 1996

Completion Date: March 1996

Task 3

Complete flood renovation work in and around Havana and Bath. Members will work with U.S. Fish and Wildlife and State Conservation personnel on restoring wildlife habitat damaged during the 1993 flood. This work will include planting trees, removing dead and damaged trees, and planting wildlife food plots.

Beginning date: April 1996

Completion Date: August 1996

OPERATING SITE TITLE PAGE

1.....LEGAL APPLICANT/

PARENT ORGANIZATION:

Program Name Illinois River Valley RDT CFSA AmeriCorps Project

2.OPERATING SITE ORGANIZATION

Illinois State Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFSA)

Contact Person's name/title Rod Atterberry, Mason County CFSA Office

(do not P.O. Box) Address 930 East Laurel-Office A

City Havana, State: Illinois Zip: 62644

Phone (309) 543-2582 FAX: (309) 543-3154

3.....SITE DIRECTOR/TITLE:

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Organization Name Illinois State CFSA Office

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City Havana, State: Illinois Zip: 62644

Phone (309) 543-2582 FAX: (309) 545-3154

4.....GRANT TYPE

☒

Operating

☐

Education Awards Only

5.....1995 NATIONAL ISSUE AREA PRIORITIES

Education....

☐

School Success

Public Safety

☒

Community Policing

☐

Victim
Assistance

Human
Needs

☐

Early childhood Development

Environment

☒

Neighborhood/Community Environment

6.....1994 NATIONAL ISSUE
AREA PRIORITIES

Education	☐	School Readiness	☐	School Success
Public Safety	☐	Violence Prevention	☐	Crime Control
Human Needs	☐	Health	☐	Home
Environment	☐	Neighborhood/Community Environment	☐	Natural Environ.

7.....POPULATION SERVED

☐	Urban
☒	Rural
☐	Other
☐	Empowerment Zone
☐	Enterprise Zone

Population/community served Limited resource and beginning farmers.

Primary Congressional
Districts Served

8.....SITE BUDGET

Corporation Funds Requested \$ 1.500

Total Budget \$ _____

9.....AmeriCorps Members at Site

Full-Time 5

Part-time _____

1. COVER PAGE

- A) Project Title: Illinois River Valley CFSA RDT AmeriCorps Project
- B) Address/Location:
Mason County CFSA Office
930 East laurel- Office A
Havana, IL 62644
- C) State of Duty Station: Illinois
- D) Counties of Duty Station of AmeriCorps Members: Mason, Fulton, Tazewell
- E) Names of Counties Served: Mason, Fulton, Tazewell
- F) Congressional Districts: 17, 18
- G) Names of Site Supervisors
Fulton County - James Ross
Tazewell County - Guy Mattson
- H) Address, Phone Number, and Fax Number of Site Supervisor:

Fulton County CFSA Office	Tazewell County CFSA Office
P.O. Box 146	2932 Court Street
Lewistown, IL 61542-0146	Pekin, IL. 61554-6229
Phone: 309/547-2233	Phone: 309/346-4462
Fax: 309/547-2235	Fax: 309/346-9441
- I) State Project Manager: Rod Atterberry
- J) Address, Phone Number, and Fax Number of State Project Manager
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Phone: 309/543-2582
Fax: 309/543-3154
- K) Full-Time Members in AmeriCorps RDT
5
- L) Part-Time Members in AmeriCorps RDT
0

- 2. AmeriCorps Project Objective Statement: To increase farm income by developing new speciality crop markets, promoting irrigation scheduling and system evaluation and improve family health by conducting well drinking water, septic system and/or farm chemical mixing surveys in Mason and Tazewell Counties. Increase CFSA program participation in 4 townships of South Fulton County.

- a What work will be done? What service will your members engage in?

Members assigned to the first objective will work with the Manito Area Regional Economic Development Corporation (MARED). They will prepare informational material, develop and follow up contacts with speciality crop processors and consultants, educate producers on speciality crops and markets. Objective 2: Members contact area irrigation farmers and explain irrigation scheduling and system evaluation. Producers will be encouraged to enter into an agreement with the Mason County SWCD for these services. Members will conduct drinking water well, septic system and/or farm chemical mixing proximity surveys. Households found to have health risks will be directed to the Health Department. Objective 3: Members will contact low income producers and explain the benefits of agriculture programs.

- b What is the hoped for results of the activities described above?

Objective 1: Will attract 3 new processors of speciality crops with an increase of 1000 contract acres. Objective 2: 25 irrigators will sign an agreement for irrigation scheduling and system evaluation. Ten households will change drinking water well, septic system, and/or farm chemical mixing proximity. Objective 3: 50 first-time producers will participate in USDA programs in South Fulton Co.

- c Measure the Quality of Success?

Objective 1: Success will be measured by the increase of 1000 acres of speciality crops using 1995 acres as a base and three new markets for crops. Objective 2: 25 farmers will sign-up for irrigation scheduling and system evaluation and ten new well or septic systems will receive Health Department permits.. Objective 3: An increase of 50 first time participants signing up in one of USDA programs.

- d By what standards will success be gaged?

Objective 1: Additional acres of speciality crop contract acres and new markets will be compared with 1995 figures. Objective 2: The number of farmers contracting irrigation scheduling and system evaluation with the Mason County SWCD. Permits issued through the Health Departments for well or septic systems. Objective 3: The comparison of producers in the project area signing up in each CFSA program using 1995 figures as a baseline.

- e How many individuals will receive the benefits of members service?

Objective 1: All farmers in the project area (900) will receive direct (growers contracts, alternative markets) or indirect (possibility of future contracts and markets, and reduced acres of regular crops). Objective 2: 500 producers with irrigation will be contacted and receive irrigation information plus drinking water examinations. Objective 3: 200 farms will receive individual or group CFSA programs explanations.

3 PRELIMINARY WORK PLAN AND MILESTONE SCHEDULE

Objective 1

Task 1

Members will be trained by the Manito Area Regional Economic Development Corporation (MARED) on mission and programs. Informational material and exhibits will be prepared. Shows and conventions will be scheduled.

Beginning date : September 1995

Completion Date: October 1995

Task 2

Members will contact processors and consultants on new speciality crops and promote this area. Members will attend shows and conventions to set-up displays and distribute informational material. Follow up contacts will be made with processors and consultants.

Beginning date : October 1995

Completion Date: March 1996

Task 3

Members will develop informational material and meeting announcements for area producers. Members will help conduct informational meetings and attend meetings of processors and consultants. Listings of interested producers will be compiled and provided to processors and consultants.

Beginning date : March 1996

Completion Date: April 1996

Task 4

Continue to develop new contacts and follow up with processors and consultants. Members will update informational material and attend fairs, shows, and conventions. Prepare speciality crop acreage updates.

Beginning date : April 1996

Completion Date: August 1996

Objective 2

Task 1

Members will work in partnership with the Mason County SWCD, Mason and Tazewell CFSA offices and Health departments. Training on irrigation scheduling and system evaluations will be provided by the Mason County SWCD Office. Drinking water well, septic system and/or farm chemical mixing proximity regulations will be provided by the Health Departments. Mailings will be prepared and distributed to irrigation producers scheduling appointments.

Beginning date : September 1995

Completion Date: November 1995

Task 2

Meet with irrigation producers to explain irrigation scheduling and system evaluation. Producers will be directed to the Mason County SWCD for contracting this service. While at the residence, members will survey the producers on drinking water well, septic systems and farm chemical mixing areas. Measurements will be taken and potential problems will be directed to the respective Health Department.

Beginning date : September 1995

Completion Date: April 1996

Task 3

Members will assist the Mason County SWCD with on site system evaluation. Weather and soil data will be collected and entered into the scheduling program. Members will work with producers on the scheduling program.

Beginning date : April 1996

Completion Date: August 1996

Objective 3

Task 1

Member will receive training from the Fulton County CFSA Office. Training will concentrate on CAT Insurance, Conservation, Price Support and farm production loans, Feed Grain and Wheat programs. Members will prepare and mail introduction letters.

Beginning date : September 1995

Completion Date: December 1995

Task 2

Members will contact and make appointments with farmers. All CFSA program benefits will be explained to the producers. Producers will be encouraged to visit the CFSA office and sign-up for CFSA programs. Members will help producers with USDA paperwork and applications.

Beginning date : December 1995

Completion Date: April 1996

Task 3

Assist 50 low income farmers with crop and livestock marketing programs.

Beginning date : May 1996

Completion Date: August 1996

6.....1994 NATIONAL ISSUE
AREA PRIORITIES

Education	☐	School Readiness	☐	School Success
Public Safety	☐	Violence Prevention	☐	Crime Control
Human Needs	☐	Health	☐	Home
Environment	☐	Neighborhood/Community Environment	☐	Natural Environ.

7.....POPULATION SERVED

☐	Urban
☒	Rural
☒	Other
☐	Empowerment Zone
☐	Enterprise Zone

Population/community served Limited resource farmers and school children.

Primary Congressional Districts Served Congressional District 1, 2, and 3.

8.....SITE BUDGET

Corporation Funds Requested \$ 3,600

Total Budget \$ _____

9.....AmeriCorps Members at Site

Full-Time 12

Part-time _____

1. COVER PAGE

- A. Project Title**
Ag Education on the Farm and in the School System
- B. Address/Location**
Southwest and Southeast Kansas
- C. State of duty station of AC members**
Kansas Consolidated Farm Service Agency
3600 Anderson Ave.
Manhattan, KS 66502
- D. County or counties of duty station of member**
Finney, Ford, Neosho, Franklin
- E. Counties served by members (up to 15 counties)**
Greeley, Wichita, Lane, Rush, Barton, Hamilton, Kearny, Finney, Hodgeman, Pawnee, Stanton, Grant, Haskell, Gray, Ford, Edwards, Stafford, Kiowa, Pratt, Morton, Stevens, Seward, Meade, Clark, Comanche, Barber, Woodson, Shawnee, Douglas, Johnson, Lyon, Osage, Franklin, Miami, Coffey, Anderson, Linn, Greenwood, Woodson, Allen, Bourbon, Elk, Wilson, Neosho, Crawford, Chautauqua, Montgomery, Labette, Cherokee
- F. Congressional District(s) of duty station of the members**
Congressional District numbers 1, 2 and 3
- G. Site Supervisor(s) at the county or local level**
Finney County CED: Thais Frieouf
Ford County CED: Joe Gleason
Neosho County CED: John Hager
Franklin County CED: David Hornung
- H. Address, phone, FAX of site supervisor(s)**
Finney County CFSA, 411 Campus Dr., Garden City, KS 67846-6195
Phone: 316 275-0211 FAX: 316 275-4903
Ford County CFSA, 900 West Frontview, Dodge City, KS 67801-2033
Phone: 316 227-3731 FAX: 316 225-6919
Neosho County CFSA, 124 W State St, STE 2, Box 157, Erie, KS 66733-0157
Phone: 316 244-3491 FAX: 316 244-3582
Franklin County CFSA, 107 E. 23rd St., STE 1, Ottawa, KS 66067-9536
Phone: 913 242-3260 FAX: 913 242-2409
- I. Name of State project manager**
Jim Meisenheimer
- J. Address number, FAX of State project manager**
460 South Broadway, Salina, KS 67402
Phone: 913 823-4539 FAX: 913 823-4540
- K. Number of full time members in AC RDT**
12
- L. Number of part time members in AC RDT**
none

2. **AMERICORPS PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S) STATEMENT:** Provide assistance to limited resource and beginning farmers who are suffering from financial stress by previous and current year's disasters in 2 targeted areas of the State. Teach these individuals how to keep better farm records on crop and livestock production and farm expenses. Provide information about alternative crops, crop insurance protection, farm credit and loans, conservation compliance regulations, and agriculture in general.

A. What work will be done? What service will your members engage in?

Members will individually assist at least 915 of the beginning and limited resource farmers in the target area as well as those who are suffering financial stress caused by prior and current year disaster occurrences and low commodity prices. Producer assistance will consist of: gather and organize production records, consider alternative enterprises, provide crop insurance yield documentation, complete required USDA paperwork and explain conservation program provisions.

Members will also work with school districts, vocational schools, 4-H and FFA groups. Members will help educators and youth leaders with information and exhibits about sustainable agriculture, conservation programs, crop insurance protection, farm credit and loans, and agriculture in general. Members will travel throughout the target area to provide presentations at schools, civic groups, youth meetings, county fairs and to individuals as applicable.

B. What is the hoped for result of the activities described above?

At least 450 limited resource farmers and disaster affected producers will use this assistance to improve their agricultural enterprise and become more self sufficient.

Thirty percent of the youth and beginning farmers who receive the information will have a better understanding and appreciation of agriculture in general. At least 20 percent of the young people would become more knowledgeable about agriculture in general and programs associated with same.

C. How will you measure the quality or success of the service provided?

Success in working with limited resource and beginning farmers, those farmers who have suffered recent crop disaster and farmers who are suffering temporary financial stress would be measured on the number of farmers that successfully develop a financial plan as well as the number of growers that successfully organize their production records necessary to prove yields for crop insurance. It is expected 200 producers would successfully develop a financial plan including the growers that successfully organize their production records to prove yields for crop insurance.

Feedback from educators and youth leaders should indicate whether or not the program is successful. It is expected that 70 percent of these individuals should give positive responses. Success for this aspect of the program will be considered met if at least 20 percent of young people become more knowledgeable about agriculture mission and goals.

D. By what standard will you gauge success?

It is expected that 80-90 percent of the 450 limited resource farmers and disaster affected producers will use this assistance in the targeted areas and will successfully complete the financial management training. At least 450 targeted farmers should show an improvement in record keeping and will become more self sufficient.

The standard for success with the students will be the number of young people who increase their knowledge of agriculture. Success can also be forecast if 70 percent of the educators and youth leaders surveyed give positive feedback about the value and benefits of the program

E. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the service your members perform?

An estimated 200 producers will receive direct benefits from the members. A secondary benefit will be derived by government and private lenders, crop insurance and CFSA through better informed borrowers and participants.

Southwest Kansas has already experienced a crop damaging freeze that will cause a severe economic hardship on the dominant crop of the affected area.

The educational aspect of the project will benefit at least 1,000 students.

3. PRELIMINARY WORK PLAN AND MILESTONE SCHEDULE

TASK I: Provide AMERICORPS members with training on agriculture financial planning using a computerized financial planning model, such as *FINPACK*. Members will become knowledgeable in determining crop yields and alternate crops for the area. and will be provided with training in USDA agriculture missions and programs

Develop information packets, materials, and exhibits which can be used in classrooms, discussions with farmers, youth groups and civic organizations. The training will allow members to effectively assist limited resource, beginning and disaster affected farmers as well as youth.

Beginning date: September 1995
1996

Completion date: May

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TASK II: Work with CES, Kansas Farm Assist, school systems, youth groups, NRCS, CFSA, beginning farmers, financial institutions, and crop insurance agencies in the target areas. Conduct informal workshops at community meetings, civic and youth meetings to advertise the services. Advertising would also be implemented through county CFSA and CES newsletters. Schedule meetings with beginning and limited resource farmer groups. Assist targeted farmers in completing USDA paperwork. Assist agriculture educators in providing instructional material.

Beginning date: September 1995

Completion date: May 1996

TASK III: Assist at least 250 limited resource and beginning farmers in developing business/marketing plans. Assist at least 51 vo-ag instructors and 51 youth leaders in providing information about agriculture programs, conduct at least 102 seminars for civic and youth groups, and community groups to advertise the availability of services provided. Assist at least 51 4-H and FFA youth groups in county fairs and civic endeavors.

Beginning date: September 1995

Completion date: May 1996

OPERATING SITE TITLE PAGE

1.....LEGAL APPLICANT/

PARENT ORGANIZATION:

Program Name Kickapoo Agricultural, Environmental, and Heritage Project

2.OPERATING SITE ORGANIZATION

Kansas State Consolidated Farm Services Agency

Contact Person's name/title Jim Meisenheimer

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City Salina,

State: Kansas

Zip: 67402

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3.....SITE DIRECTOR/TITLE:

Organization Name

(do not P.O. Box) Address

City

State:

Zip:

Phone

FAX:

4.....GRANT TYPE

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Operating

☐

Education Awards Only

5.....1995 NATIONAL ISSUE
AREA PRIORITIES

Education....

☐

School Success

Public Safety

☐

Community Policing

☐Victim
AssistanceHuman
Needs☐

Early childhood Development

Environment

☒

Neighborhood/Community Environment

**6.....1994 NATIONAL ISSUE
AREA PRIORITIES**

Education	☐	School Readiness	☐	School Success
Public Safety	☐	Violence Prevention	☐	Crime Control
Human Needs	☐	Health	☐	Home
Environment	☐	Neighborhood/Community Environment	☐	Natural Environ.

7.....POPULATION SERVED

☐	Urban
☒	Rural
☒	Other
☐	Empowerment Zone
☐	Enterprise Zone

Population/community served Kickapoo Native American Tribe in Kansas.

Primary Congressional Districts Served Congressional District 2.

8.....SITE BUDGET

Corporation Funds Requested \$ 900

Total Budget \$ _____

9.....AmeriCorps Members at Site

Full-Time 3

Part-time _____

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1. COVER PAGE

- A. Project Title**
Kickapoo Agricultural, Environmental and Heritage Project
- B. Address/Location**
Kickapoo Tribe In Kansas
P.O. Box 271
Horton, KS 66439
- C. State of duty station of AC members**
Kansas Consolidated Farm Service Agency
3600 Anderson Ave.
Manhattan, KS 66502
- D. County or counties of duty station of member**
Brown
- E. Counties served by members (up to 15 counties)**
Brown and Jackson
- F. Congressional District(s) of duty station of the members**
Congressional District number 2
- G. Site Supervisor(s) at the county or local level**
Brown County CED: Rod Winkler
Kickapoo Project Director: David Knoxsah
- H. Address, phone, FAX of site supervisor(s)**
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3
- L. Number of part time members in AC RDT**
none

2. AMERICORPS PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S) STATEMENT

AmeriCorps Project Objective(s) statement: Provide assistance to the Kickapoo Tribe In Kansas in the planning and construction of a tribal park, building of traditional houses, developing cultural food plots, maintaining cultural heritage, and developing wildlife habitat. Teach tribal members how to benefit from USDA programs. Instruct tribal farmers and ranchers in the use of farm records.

a. What work will be done? What service will your members engage in?

Working with Kickapoo tribal leaders, Department of Landscape, Architecture and Design at Kansas State University and NRCS in developing wildlife habitat at the 472 acre planned watershed multi-purpose lake. Help in construction of several traditional houses near the park.

Work with tribal members in planting 80 acres of traditional food stuffs. The endeavor will be joined by the Kickapoo elders who will serve as mentors. Members will also help in determining means of cultivating and watering the crops.

Teach tribal participants about USDA programs, the fundamentals of agribusiness, including operation of farm equipment and the purpose of conservation measures, crop rotation and alternative crops.

b. What is the hoped for result of the activities described above?

The project will showcase traditional Kickapoo housing and food stuffs. In addition, the development of the wildlife habitat and park facilities will provide recreational facilities for tribal members and area residents.

Kickapoo members will become functional in agribusiness operations. In addition Kickapoo members will gain knowledge of USDA programs.

c. How will you measure the quality or success of the service provided?

A well planned and developed park and wildlife habitat will demonstrate the input of the AmeriCorps members.

By the number of Kickapoo tribal members who enroll in USDA programs. Demonstrating that Kickapoo members have become functional in the use of each piece of farm machinery available. Also, feedback from tribal leaders and tribal members will help determine the success of the program.

By determining that Kickapoo agriculture producers are functional and self sufficient in agricultural production and farm record keeping.

d. By what standard will you gauge success?

By seeing a well designed, planned and constructed park and wildlife habitat. By training 90 percent of Kickapoo farmers and ranchers trained in agriculture record keeping and the operation of agriculture equipment.

By 60 percent of all Kansas Kickapoo farmers and ranchers, knowing how to use USDA programs, and increased participation in CFSA program. By the pride the Kickapoo's display in their newly constructed traditional housing and food stuff planting.

e. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the service your members perform?

Of the 930 tribal members all of them will receive indirect benefit. There are 200 tribal members involved with reservation farming with 30 being directly involved as operators and managers of the land. We anticipate direct contact with the 30 individuals.

3. PRELIMINARY WORK PLAN AND MILESTONE SCHEDULE

TASK I: Working with CFSA, NRCS and CES Specialists, provide AmeriCorps members with training on park and habitat development and record keeping. This will allow members to provide meaningful habitat and park development. It will allow members to teach tribal members on how to use farm records and USDA programs.

Beginning date: September 1995

Completion date: May 1996

TASK II: Work with Kansas Kickapoo members to develop their planned multi purpose park and wildlife habitat. Also to work with tribal members in the development of traditional housing and cultural food plots. Develop instructional information and seminars on how to use farm records. Help tribal members better understand CFSA and NRCS programs and how to complete the required paperwork.

Beginning date: September 1995

Completion date: June 1996

TASK III: Visit with tribal council and members about USDA programs and record keeping. Explain use of alternate crops, perform safety demonstrations for Kickapoo teenagers and adults.

Beginning date: October 1995

Completion date: March 1996

OPERATING SITE TITLE PAGE

1.....LEGAL APPLICANT/

PARENT ORGANIZATION: KY CFSA AmeriCorps

Program Name _____

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4.....GRANT TYPE

☒

Operating

☐

Education Awards Only

5.....1995 NATIONAL ISSUE AREA PRIORITIES

Education....

☐

School Success

Public Safety

☐

Community Policing

☐

Victim
Assistance

Human
Needs

☐

Early childhood Development

Environment

☒

Neighborhood/Community Environment

**6.....1994 NATIONAL ISSUE
AREA PRIORITIES**

Education	☐	School Readiness	☐	School Success
Public Safety	☐	Violence Prevention	☐	Crime Control
Human Needs	☐	Health	☐	Home
Environment	☐	Neighborhood/Community Environment	☐	Natural Environ.

7.....POPULATION SERVED

☐	Urban
☒	Rural
☐	Other

☐	Empowerment Zone
☐	Enterprise Zone

Population/community served Limited resources and beginning farmers.

Primary Congressional Districts Served

8.....SITE BUDGET

Corporation Funds Requested \$ 1,500

Total Budget \$

9.....AmeriCorps Members at Site

Full-Time 5

Part-time

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1. COVER PAGE

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- D. County or counties of duty station of member:**
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5
- L. Number of part time members in AC RDT**
none

- 2. AMERICORPS PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S) STATEMENT:** To organize and educate limited resource and beginning farm family in record keeping of pesticides, fertilizers, and actual production history primarily targeting ecosystem watersheds. Provide educational information and demonstrations at schools, to civic and youth organizations, and on the farm to promote farm safety; to encourage alternative crops, and to enhance marketing techniques.

- a. What work will be done? What service will your members engage in?**

Members will assist 75 small limited resource farm families per county to set up and maintain fertilizer, pesticides, actual production history and cropping system records to comply with required paperwork and regulatory provisions. This would include soil testing to allow for better utilization of economic resources.

Members will use this service to assist 50 small farm families. Additionally, 4-H, FFA, and vo-agri youth groups, in the county schools, and 5 civic organizations will be serviced to promote good farm safety habits, to encourage alternative income crops which will off-set the declining Burley Tobacco market, and to facilitate the establishment of a Farmer's Market, and other outlets to sell alternative crops.

- b. What is the hoped for result of the activities described above?**

Seventy-five limited resource farm families will improve their method of record keeping, and increase agricultural investment returns. It is expected that an additional 15% of the county's producers will also begin to maintain adequate record keeping practices and techniques and increase farm income.

At least 250 students, educators, parents, and organization members will receive training to recognize and eliminate potential hazards on the farm. Fifty small farm families will be provided sources of information needed to select and produce suitable alternative crops. Members will work with growers to organize, congregate and implement a Farmer's Market which would encourage the establishment of potential county based cooperatives.

c. How will you measure the quality or success of the service provided?

Expectations are that 75 limited resource farm families will readily receive the educational assistance and will reap benefits of adequate chemical record keeping, and as an added result, see increased agricultural benefits from maintaining production history records. It is expected that 90 percent of those families serviced will see an increase in actual farm income by maintaining proper records and an additional 5 percent will agree to begin establishing adequate records.

Members will conduct surveys of civic and youth groups, educators and parents to seek measurable success to determine if potential hazards on the farm have been identified and corrections put into place. Members will conduct follow-up surveys with producers to weigh the number of farms planting or increasing acreage of alternative crops, and to monitor additional new marketing outlets. It is expected that 75% percent of those introduced to farm safety education will implement effective changes. Fifteen percent of farm families will select, plant, and market an alternative crop with a potential increase of 10% per year for the next 8 years as producers become more knowledgeable of alternative crops. Success will be the increase in production and marketing of the alternative crops, through a Farmer's Market, roadside stands, and retail outlets.

d. By what standard will you gauge success?

A survey will be conducted by the Member with each farm family to seek participation level. This survey will show a 95% improvement in record keeping and at the same time increased agricultural benefits. Fifty percent of the farmers who are not serviced will also agree that incomes can be increased by the education assistance received.

Success will be gaged by the number of students, educators, farm families and others who benefit by the educational information and demonstrations presented. It is expected that 75% overall success rate will be observed through the surveys conducted and positive feedback.

e. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the service your members perform?

At least 75 limited resource farm families will receive benefits from the Member service. In addition, 80% of the other county producers should also benefit from the service as an outgrowth of the Member activities.

It is expected that at least 250 individuals will directly benefit from the Member service with additional indirect benefits to 100 others.

3. PRELIMINARY WORK PLAN AND MILESTONE SCHEDULE

TASK I: Members will be trained on agriculture programs in general specifically record keeping requirements, types, and uses of chemicals, knowledge of county, infrastructure, watersheds, and type of farming practices in the county. This training will provide the Member with communication skills and workable knowledge of general agricultural aspects in order to create a positive learning atmosphere between the Member and the farm families:

Provide Members with training on farm hazards and known acceptable farm safety measures by working with other USDA agencies, state and community colleges, and others. Provide training on alternative crops and marketing strategies with the University of Kentucky' Cooperative Extension Service, Farm Bureau, and active alternative crop producers and existing cooperatives.

Beginning date: October 1995

Completion date: October 1995

TASK II: Introduce Members to the community and work with USDA agencies to identify limited resource farm families in need of service. Develop survey and a record keeping packets which will include photocopy of farm, CFSA related documents as to soils information, cropping practices, yields, etc. Set up schedule of appointments with farm families to introduce the Member service.

Introduce Members to the community. Work with all USDA agencies and available support groups and individuals to develop survey and an educational packet on farm and chemical hazardous materials and acceptable corrective measures. Prepare listing of alternative crops and existing alternative crop producers, soil information and potential markets, prepare documentation on estimate net returns. Beginning planning on site demonstrations at alternative crop farm. Secure and enlist community leaders, farmers, and retailers to participate and support production and marketing of fresh products.

Beginning date: November 1995

Completion date: December 1995

TASK III: Members will begin working with 50 small farm families, schools, civic and youth organizations on educational materials, Member will participate in community events, and county fair to demonstrate and promote preferable farm and chemical safety options, to upgrade crop selection and foster production to encourage a market for alternative crops.

Begin assistance to 75 small farm families in education of the need for proper record keeping, better resource management, increasing income potential and compliance with general agricultural requirements. Conduct enlistment through radio, newspapers, USDA newsletters, community meetings and seminars.

Beginning date: January 1996 Completion date: September 1996

OPERATING SITE TITLE PAGE

1.....LEGAL APPLICANT/

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5.....1995 NATIONAL ISSUE
AREA PRIORITIES

Education....	☐	School Success	
Public Safety	☐	Community Policing	☐ Victim Assistance
Human Needs	☐	Early childhood Development	
Environment	☒	Neighborhood/Community Environment	

6.....1994 NATIONAL ISSUE
AREA PRIORITIES

Education

School Readiness

School
Success

Public Safety

Violence Prevention

Crime Control

Human
Needs

Health

Home

Environment

Neighborhood/Community
Environment

Natural
Environ.

7.....POPULATION SERVED

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Urban

Rural

Other

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ent Zone

Enterprise
Zone

Population/community served Limited resource farmers.

Primary Congressional
Districts Served

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8.....SITE BUDGET

Corporation Funds Requested \$ 1.500

Total Budget \$

9.....AmeriCorps Members at Site

Full-Time 5

Part-time

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2. **AMERICORPS PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S) STATEMENT:** Members will write specific and measurable farm and family goals and make those written goals available for all members of the family and employees to review; will develop and use farm business management tools including farm financial record systems, business plans, as well as partial, enterprise and whole farm budgets, to evaluate their cost of production in relationship to farm returns; will increase their ability to develop complete financial statements and to use such to evaluate and manage business performance, business planning, credit worthiness, farm profitability and sustainability.

a. What work will be done? What service will your members engage in?

Each member will establish a working group of at least 35 limited resource farmers and help them to understand the process and benefits of writing specific and measurable farm and family goals. The members will then assist the farmers in setting up a complete farm financial record keeping system to be used in measuring the progress of the established goals. Finally, members will assist the farm managers in developing financial summary statements to track overall business profitability.

b. What is the hoped result of the activities described above?

At least 35 farm families (in connection with each member) will have a more focused understanding of the goals and objectives of their farm operation allowing them to evaluate alternatives with these newly established criteria as to whether an alternative moves them toward or away from their goals. These families will have a financial record system that is designed to gather the relevant information needed to evaluate the progress of these goals. These farm managers will regularly complete farm financial statements to track cash flow and profitability and make farm business and family decisions resulting from analysis of these statements in relation to their farm goals and thus improving profitability and sustainability.

c. How will you measure the quality or success of the service provided?

Targeted farmers will demonstrate an increased knowledge of their farm and family goals and the benefits from sharing those goals and objectives with all family members and employees in improving farm profitability and success. The program farmers, and their families, will show and improved recognition of the role of business records and planning in improving farm profitability and sustainability.

Task 4

Begin the second phase of the program introducing financial record keeping systems identified farmers.

Beginning Date: January 1996 Completion Date: March 1996

Task 6

Begin the Third phase of the program introducing farm business analysis and financial statement preparation.

Beginning Date: March 1996

Completion Date: August 1996

Task 7:

Conduct project completion surveys and analyze results.

Beginning Date: August 1996

Completion Date: August 1996

OPERATING SITE TITLE PAGE

1.....LEGAL APPLICANT/

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Program Name Farmstead Assessments

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5.....1995 NATIONAL ISSUE
AREA PRIORITIES

Education....	☐	School Success	
Public Safety	☐	Community Policing	☐ Victim Assistance
Human Needs	☐	Early childhood Development	
Environment	☒	Neighborhood/Community Environment	

6.....1994 NATIONAL ISSUE
AREA PRIORITIES

Education	☐	School Readiness	☐	School Success
Public Safety	☐	Violence Prevention	☐	Crime Control
Human Needs	☐	Health	☐	Home
Environment	☐	Neighborhood/Community Environment	☐	Natural Environ.

7.....POPULATION SERVED

☐	Urban
☒	Rural
☐	Other

☐	Empowerment Zone
☐	Enterprise Zone

Population/community served Dairy and potato farmers.

Primary Congressional Districts Served

8.....SITE BUDGET

Corporation Funds Requested \$ 1.500

Total Budget \$

9.....AmeriCorps Members at Site

Full-Time 5

Part-time

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- D) County or Counties of duty station of AmeriCorps Members:
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2. **AMERICORPS PROJECT OBJECTIVES STATEMENT:** Conduct one-on-one farmstead assessments on dairy and potato farms in four targeted areas in Maine.

a. What work will be done? What service will your members engage in?

Following an intensive educational program, AmeriCorps members will conduct farmstead assessments on dairy and potato farms in Maine. This educational program was first developed in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Designed as a pollution prevention tool, the Farmstead Assessment Program or Farm*A*Syst (FAS) program has been widely adopted in many states in the country. The program is a process whereby one evaluates the safety of the water supply from potential sources of pollution such as pesticide and fertilizer storage, septic system maintenance, silage and milkroom waste, and many other farm-related activities. The farmer who is unaware of the problems that a particular activity may have, will be educated about the problem, and the FAS practitioner will provide the farmer/landowner with technical assistance to remedy the situation or well condition. We have just completed adapting the program materials for the state. The most effective method for implementing the program has been a one-on-one approach with farmers and landowners. Having the aid of AmeriCorps members, this will provide us with the opportunity of having staff to do the one-on-one implementation that we would otherwise be unable to do.

b. What is the hoped for result of the activities described above?

Following an extensive training period, I foresee Americorps members visiting an individual farm two or three times. Following an initial phone call to describe the plan to an interested farm family, the volunteer would visit the farm, conduct the assessment, and make recommendations for corrective actions. Then, later the volunteer would return to the farm to assess progress made and make any follow-up assessments.

c. How will you measure the quality or success of the service provided?

All participating farm families will have a better understanding of water quality as a result of the FAS assessments. The members will contact a minimum of 125 producers, and conduct assessments with these families. High risk activities will be identified and suggestions made to correct the situation. Of the total number of assessments made, 20% of the families will make corrections to the high or moderately high risk activity.

d. By what standard will you gauge success?

The program will be successful if we reach the number of farms that we say we will reach. High risk activities will be identified and suggestions made to correct the situation. Of the total number of assessments made, 20% of the families will make corrections to the high or moderately high risk activity.

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- e. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the service your members perform?

During the volunteer's time in the program, each volunteer should make 25 contacts. At least 125 farm families will receive the benefits of the FAS program. The outcome will be safer drinking water for the farm family and nearby neighbors.

3. PRELIMINARY WORK PLAN AND MILESTONE SCHEDULE:

Task 1.

AmeriCorps members will undergo a 10-day training/education program to be able to meet the demands of the position. They will pass a test by scoring at least 75% of the test questions.

Beginning Date: September 1995

Completion Date: October 1995.

Task 2.

AmeriCorps members will begin making FAS contacts. There will be a secondary training period for follow-up. Questions or problems will be ironed out at that point.

Beginning Date: October 1995

Completion Date: November 1995.

Task 3.

AmeriCorps members will spend their next 9 months doing FAS visits on farms. They will have contact with Extension individuals for questions and guidance. 125 farm families will be reached.

Beginning Date: November 1995

Completion Date: July 1996.

Task 4.

Members will complete their project - summarize the impacts of the program. Displays and other materials will be compiled to demonstrate the effectiveness of their efforts.

Beginning Date: July 1996

Completion Date: August 1996.

OPERATING SITE TITLE PAGE

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Program Name

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4.....GRANT TYPE

☒

Operating

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Education Awards Only

5.....1995 NATIONAL ISSUE
AREA PRIORITIES

Education....

☒

School Success

Public Safety

☐

Community Policing

Human
Needs

☐

Early childhood Development

Environment

☐

Neighborhood/Community Environment

Victim
Assistance

6.....1994 NATIONAL ISSUE
AREA PRIORITIES

Education	☐	School Readiness	☐	School Success
Public Safety	☐	Violence Prevention	☐	Crime Control
Human Needs	☐	Health	☐	Home
Environment	☐	Neighborhood/Community Environment	☐	Natural Environ.

7.....POPULATION SERVED

☐	Urban
☒	Rural
☐	Other
☐	Empowerment Zone
☐	Enterprise Zone

Population/community served School Children in grades K-6 in 5 elementary schools in Albany, Buffalo, Cayuga, Duchesse, and Millbrook Counties and approximately 8,000 teachers participating in NYAIRC.

Primary Congressional Districts Served Congressional Districts 19, 21, 22, 25, 27, 29, 30, and 31

8.....SITE BUDGET

Corporation Funds Requested \$ 3,000
Total Budget \$

9.....AmeriCorps Members at Site

Full-Time 10
Part-time

1. COVER PAGE

A) Project Title: AMERICORPS: BRINGING LIFE TO AG IN THE CLASSROOM

B) Address/Location:

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C) State of Duty Station of AmeriCorps Members: New York

D) Counties of Duty Station of AmeriCorps Members:

Albany County
Cayuga County
Dutchess/Putnam/Westchester Counties
Erie County

E) Names of Counties to be served by AmeriCorps Members:

Albany, Cayuga, Dutchess/Putnam/Westchester, and Erie Counties.

Note: Surrounding counties may also be served to obtain maximum coverage in both rural and urban areas of the state.

F) Congressional District(s) of Duty Stations:

Albany County --- 21
Cayuga County --- 25, 27, and 31
Dutchess/Putnam/Westchester Counties --- 19 and 22
Erie County --- 27, 29, and 30

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L) Number of part-time members in AmeriCorps RDT --- 0

The implementation of the AmeriCorps project will be completed in partnership with Department of Education at Cornell University. The NYAITC center address is NY Ag in the Classroom

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2. AMERICORPS PROJECT OBJECTIVES STATEMENT: To educate New York school children with New York's agriculture in general.

- a. What work will be done? What service will your members engage in? Each AmeriCorp RDT member will:
1. Work with all faculty and staff, primarily involved with the educational program for students in grades K-6, in at least one school district (or school, based on size) in New York State and help them in implementing the New York Agriculture in the Classroom (NYAITC) program.
 2. Utilize and evaluate the integrated NYAITC curricular materials for use at their school site.
 3. Develop and/or promote instructional materials and/or programs that will help the school establish community support and continuation of the program.
- b. What is the hoped for result of the activities described above? By the end of the year:
1. The NYAITC program will be implemented at the AmeriCorps members' school site(s). These schools will serve as models for other schools participating in the program.
 2. A system will be in place to assure the continuation of the program in the future.
 3. Students at the school site(s) will have a better understanding of the historical, social, scientific, and economic importance of agriculture in our society.

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4. New lessons and ideas will be developed and shared with teachers across the State, helping to foster the continuation and improvement of the program in other schools.
 - c. How will you measure the quality or success of the service provided? Generally, the project will be deemed a success, if by the end of the project year quantitative results show that:
 - a. Greater than 70% of the student population in grades K-6 at the member site school(s) will have received agricultural instruction using the NYAITC integrated curriculum materials.
 - b. One hundred percent of the academic instructional staff (Math, Science, Language Arts, and Social Studies) will have received training on how to use the NYAITC materials.
 - c. Greater than 70% of the instructional staff plan to continue the NYAITC program during the next school year.
 - d. One hundred percent of all schools participating will have at least 70% of the instructional staff utilizing the program. Quantitative results will also show that Students know more about agriculture and its importance in our society and a community network is in place that will continue the program and communicate with the NYAITC coordinator. Teachers are more comfortable using agriculturally related examples in their class-rooms to teach math, science, language arts, and social studies.

- d. By what standard will you gauge success?

Success will be gauged by comparing responses of school teachers and administrators to an initial survey that will assess the school district's involvement with Ag in the Classroom and their understanding of agriculture.

- e. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the service your members perform?

Many people will benefit from the project, including the students and faculty of five elementary schools in and around Albany, Albany County, Auburn, Cayuga County, Millbrook, Dutchess County, and Buffalo, Erie County. In addition, 8,000 plus teachers participating in the NYAITC program across the entire state. It is expected that many adults in these school communities will benefit by becoming more involved in their local school program, and also learn about agriculture. New York agriculture will benefit by dispelling the myths and half truths about current agricultural practices and opportunities.

3. PRELIMINARY WORK PLAN AND MILESTONE SCHEDULE

TASK 1 ---

The AmeriCorp members will spend one year helping a school or school district implement the New York Ag in the Classroom program in grades K-6. Each member will spend four days per week at the school site, where he/she will assist teachers by preparing and teaching integrated lessons using the nationally recognized NYAITC instructional materials. One day per week will be spent meeting with project staff and other members at the CFSA office in Albany, Cayuga, Dutchess, or Erie County, where the members will be trained in using the NYAITC materials by the NYAITC coordinator, extension agents, and other participating teachers. On these days, they will also receive their required AmeriCorp training and have the opportunity to share ideas and suggestions with each other.

The "AmeriCorps: Bringing Life to Ag in the Classroom" project will begin September 1, 1995. It is hoped that many of the participants will be able to attend the New York State Fair in Syracuse and assist in staffing the NYAITC exhibit. Project staff will discuss this opportunity with each member and help make travel and/or lodging arrangements as needed. The first week after Labor Day, will be spent at the CFSA office with other AmeriCorp members for training in using the NYAITC materials, project planning, and getting acquainted with each other. Final arrangements with each participating school will also be made during this time. At least one staff person will accompany the AmeriCorp member to the chosen school site on their initial visit. That staff person will be the individual's project contact, whom he/she should call if any questions or problems arise. At each school, a mentor teacher will be chosen to work with the AmeriCorp member. The school principal will be responsible for finding and providing the AmeriCorp member a desk and access to a phone. While at their school site, the AmeriCorp member should act and be treated the same as the other teaching professionals and follow that school's schedule.

The last few weeks of September will be spent learning about the school schedule and routine, and also about the community. Members will survey the school teachers about their knowledge of agriculture and their use of NYAITC materials. Initially, the AmeriCorp member will work closely with their mentor teacher and his/her students, observing lessons and assisting the teacher in identifying NYAITC lessons that will fit into the school's curricular program. During this time, members will learn about the school and where to find help and resources, including the library and the local extension office. Note that the agriculture extension agents in Albany, Cayuga, Dutchess, and Erie counties have agreed to work closely with our members and their schools. It will be important for members to foster the link between their schools and the extension office so that the program will continue in the future. The last couple of days in September will be spent at the Fall NYAITC conference at the Raddison Inn, Utica, New York, where members will learn more about NYAITC, Farm Bureau, Extension, and NY agricultural education in general.

Beginning Date: September, 1995 Completion Date: October, 1995

TASK 2 ---

During the month of October, members will continue to work with the mentor teacher, spending more time (1/2 time) preparing and teaching NYAIRC lessons. The member will also begin meeting with other, same grade-level teachers and planning when to teach the lessons to their classes. The first news article should be submitted to the NYAIRC coordinator by the end of October. During November, members will continue working with their school's faculty, assessing the agricultural content of the curricula and determining where NYAIRC lessons and other activities can be used. In addition, members will work with the county Extension agent to identify the career opportunities available locally in agriculturally related fields. This information will be shared with teachers and the guidance staff.

Beginning Date: October, 1995 Completion Date: November, 1995

TASK 3 ---

By December, the member should be meeting with teachers teaching a different grade-level and begin preparing lessons for their classes. They will also work with the school librarian to increase the number of agricultural books on hand and help the librarian and teachers become more sensitive to the inaccurate way that agriculture is often portrayed in many children's books. By the end of December, the member should be teaching lessons in at least 2 grades; by the end of January, 3 grades; February, 4 grades; March, 5 grades; April, 6 grades; May, 7 grades. The actual number of classes per day will vary by school and individual, but a typical day could include observing one class, teaching 3 classes and preparing lessons and/or tracking down resources for 4 class periods per day. Throughout the year, members will continue to meet at least once per week at a CFSA site. These days will be spent discussing progress, making adjustments in plans, writing reports, and receiving additional training. The second newsletter article will be due by the end of March 1996.

During April and May, 1996, in addition to their work at their school sites, members will assist the NYAIRC coordinator and extension agents in training teachers from other school districts based on their extensive use of the NYAIRC materials throughout the year. These sessions will be held either at the Extension office or at neighboring school districts. Before leaving their school sites, members will survey the school teachers again about their knowledge of agriculture and use of the NYAIRC materials.

Beginning Date: December, 1995 Completion Date: June, 1996

TASK 4 ---

During the last two weeks of June, members will meet at the CFSA office to review their activities with project staff, write a final report about their activities, including successes and failures, and include a personal analysis of both the NYAITC program and their AmeriCorp project.

Beginning Date: June, 1996

Completion Date: July, 1996

TASK 5 ---

Develop and /or promote instructional materials and/or programs that will help the school establish community support and continuation of the program. Work with local FFA chapters, 4-H, civic and youth groups, and school districts to identify schools where young people would benefit from this assistance. Develop training packages, materials, and exhibits on current agricultural issues. Conduct workshops and programs at county fairs, events at shopping malls, farmsteads, National Agriculture Day, Empire Farm Days, New York Farm Show, and the New York State Fair. In addition, develop a survey format to measure the project success.

Beginning Date: November, 1995

Completion Date: September, 1996

The above tasks will be completed with the AmeriCorp RDT members working as a team within each site. Teams will be responsible for developing an annual plan of action with target dates for completion and member(s) responsible. The status of the plan will be reviewed and evaluated at weekly meetings.

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Beginning Date: September, 1995

Closing Date: October, 1996

TASK 2 ---

Utilize and evaluate NYAITC curricular materials at school site(s). Provide background training on the NYAITC and agricultural issues for faculty members. Prepare, implement, and present lesson plans throughout the school year.

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Beginning Date: November, 1995

Closing Date: September, 1996

TASK 4 ---

Visit all schools within at least one school district to explain the NYAITC. Implement curricular materials and lesson plans in at least 70% of the student population in grades K-6 in participating schools. Conduct workshops, programs, and develop exhibits for community events and farmsteads --- at least two events per month. Develop an annual plan of action and conduct periodic surveys of services provided.

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OPERATING SITE TITLE PAGE

1.....LEGAL APPLICANT/

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5.....1995 NATIONAL ISSUE AREA PRIORITIES

Education....

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School Success

Public Safety

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Community Policing

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Victim
Assistance

Human
Needs

☐

Early childhood Development

Environment

☐

Neighborhood/Community Environment

6.....1994 NATIONAL ISSUE
AREA PRIORITIES

Education	☐	School Readiness	☐	School Success
Public Safety	☐	Violence Prevention	☐	Crime Control
Human Needs	☐	Health	☐	Home
Environment	☐	Neighborhood/Community Environment	☐	Natural Environ.

7.....POPULATION SERVED

☐	Urban
☒	Rural
☐	Other
☐	Empowerment Zone
☐	Enterprise Zone

Population/community served Local school districts, civic organizations, youth groups and community leaders.

Primary Congressional
Districts Served

8.....SITE BUDGET

Corporation Funds Requested \$ 1.500

Total Budget \$

9.....AmeriCorps Members at Site

Full-Time 5

Part-time

1. COVER PAGE

- A) Project Title: Ag in the Classroom/Commodity Marketing Strategies
- B) Address/Location: Oklahoma State CFSA; Stillwater, OK
- C) State of Duty Station of AmeriCorps Members: Oklahoma
- D) County or Counties of Duty Station of AmeriCorps Members: Custer, Creek, Grady, Kingfisher, Kiowa, LeFlore, Pittsburg, Mayes, Muskogee, and Woodward
- E) Names of Counties to be Served by AmeriCorps Members: Counties will be determined later.
- F) Congressional District(s): 2, 3, 4, and 6.
- G) Name of Site Supervisor at the county or local level: CED, FFA Advisors, or Vo-Tech Farm Management Specialist
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- K) Number of full-time members in AmeriCorps RDT: 10
- L) Number of part-time members in AmeriCorps RDT: 0

2. **AMERICORPS PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S) STATEMENT:** The object of the Oklahoma CFSA managed AmeriCorps project is two-fold. The Ag in the Classroom effort will be to help familiarize Oklahoma school children with Oklahoma's agriculture industry - the food and fiber industry. The Commodity Marketing Strategies will help familiarize Oklahoma farmers and ranchers of the marketing options available to maximize financial returns and minimize risks.

- a. **WHAT WORK WILL BE DONE? WHAT SERVICE WILL YOUR MEMBERS ENGAGE IN?** Members will assist in the dissemination and demonstration of Ag in the Classroom curriculum. The dissemination of material will be through personal contact at local schools, civic and youth groups, and 4-H. Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service has developed Ag in the Classroom curriculum to be used by school districts. However, currently no demonstrations or follow-up is being provided. The AmeriCorps members will develop and present exhibits, demonstrations, and answer questions to elementary schools, county fairs, and group meetings to educate participants. AmeriCorps members will also organize visits to farms for school children to provide demonstrations and contacts with local farmers. AmeriCorps members through FFA instructors and State Department of Vocational and Technical Farm Management Specialist will help organize and instruct Oklahoma farmers and ranchers in marketing strategies for agriculture commodities. The members will work with local professionals to provide education in marketing techniques for wheat, cotton, and livestock through local town and community meetings. Members will assist Farm Management Specialists to develop and improve Marketing Clubs which will regularly meet to discuss marketing strategies.

- b. **WHAT IS THE HOPED FOR RESULT OF THE ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED ABOVE?** School-age children of Oklahoma receiving this material through Ag in the Classroom will gain an awareness and appreciation of the importance of agriculture. It is expected that 85% of the school-age children who receive Ag in the Classroom instruction will have a better understanding and appreciation of agriculture. Additional benefits that could be obtained through this AmeriCorps project would be school children choosing to enter an agriculture career. Adult education will be provided to assist farmers and ranchers in maximizing profits and/or cutting losses from the sale of agriculture commodities. It will also provide an opportunity for farmers, their children, and other potential farmers to develop and learn marketing strategies that will enable them to maintain the family farming system which has been and continues to be so valuable to each American's quality of life. It is expected that 90% of the adults who participate in Commodity Marketing Strategies training will be able to put the techniques to use on their individual farm or livestock operation if they so choose.
- c. **HOW WILL YOU MEASURE THE QUALITY OR SUCCESS OF THE SERVICE PROVIDED?** Evaluation forms will be provided to school children and adult participants to provide a response. The feedback will be utilized to identify areas needing improvement to ensure the objectives are being met. In addition, responses from teachers, FFA instructors, Farm Management Specialist, community leaders, and others will provide feedback for the purpose of project evaluation. It is expected that 85% of the school children should give positive responses. It is expected that 70% of the adult students will give positive responses.
- d. **BY WHAT STANDARD WILL YOU GAGE SUCCESS?** The standard for success of Ag in the Classroom will be the number of young people who respond they gained an appreciation and knowledge of agriculture as a result of the AmeriCorps project efforts. Success of Commodity Marketing Strategies will be measured by the participation in educational efforts. Also, this project will be gaged by the local communities, participants, and educators. If the project is successful, other communities will request the programs. It is expected that if 70% of the above individuals give positive responses, then the project will be considered successful.
- e. **HOW MANY INDIVIDUALS WILL RECEIVE THE BENEFIT OF THE SERVICE YOUR MEMBERS PERFORM?** It is expected that the 5 schools representing 1,000 students will receive the benefit of the service. It is anticipated that 40 to 50% of the youth in the target areas will benefit through Ag in the Classroom. Also, it is anticipated that 20 to 25% of the farmers and ranchers within the target areas will participate in Commodity Marketing Strategies classes.

3. PRELIMINARY WORK PLAN AND MILESTONE SCHEDULE:

Task 1

Provide training to AmeriCorps members covering the current Ag in the Classroom curriculum, Commodity Marketing Strategies, and the basics of CFSA farm programs. Vo-Tech Farm Management Specialist, Extension Service, and Oklahoma Department of Agriculture personnel will assist with the training. This training will be vital to the success of the AmeriCorps project.

Beginning date: September, 1995

Completion date: October, 1995

Task 2

Expand current Ag in the Classroom curriculum. This includes but not limited to displays, educational materials, collection of samples of predominate agriculture crops, availability of the mobile dairy, and other hands-on exhibits. Notify schools, groups, and communities of the AmeriCorps project and it's goals, and the availability and desire of it's members to provide demonstrations. Request a calendar of events from communities to determine which events AmeriCorps members could attend. Coordinate with Oklahoma Department of Vocational and Education Department and FFA instructors concerning organizing and further development of Marketing Clubs to instruct farmers and ranchers in Marketing Strategies of agriculture products such as wheat, cotton, and livestock. Coordination will be a key to the success of community meetings and seminars to be held jointly by members of AmeriCorps and other educators. *Some of these activities, such as scheduling demonstrations, will continue until the end of the project.

Beginning date: November, 1995

Completion date: *December, 1995

Task 3

The goal of Ag in the Classroom will be for each target area to visit a minimum of 20 schools, 5 group meetings, and 3 county fairs, ag expos and/or livestock shows to perform demonstrations. Contribute news articles to the local newspapers and to the quarterly newsletter, *The Corner Post*, to advise County Extension agents of the availability of AmeriCorps members. Provide demonstrations at the Ag in the Classroom teacher institute. In addition, Marketing Strategies training will be held in no less than 5 communities within each target area. Personal visits to individual farming and ranching operations will be made on at least 10 operations within the target area to gain a working knowledge and create a personal working relationship.

Beginning date: January, 1996

Completion date: August, 1996

OPERATING SITE TITLE PAGE

1.....LEGAL APPLICANT/

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Education....

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School Success

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Community Policing

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Needs☐

Early childhood Development

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Neighborhood/Community Environment

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7.....POPULATION SERVED

☐	Urban
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☐	Other
☐	Empowerment Zone
☐	Enterprise Zone

Population/community served Local school districts, civic organizations, youth groups and community leaders.

Primary Congressional Districts Served _____

8.....SITE BUDGET

Corporation Funds Requested \$ 1.500

Total Budget \$ _____

9.....AmeriCorps Members at Site

Full-Time 5

Part-time _____

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1. COVER PAGE

- A. Project Title-"Ag in the Classroom"
- B. Address/Location -- Lock Haven, Clinton County, PA (Enterprise Community)
- C. State of Duty Station of AmeriCorps Members -- Pennsylvania
- D. Counties of Duty Station of AmeriCorps Members -- Clinton
- E. Names of Counties to be served by AmeriCorps Member--Rural and urban counties across Pennsylvania will be targeted based on study. Generally, may be in northern, rural tier as well as elsewhere.
- F. Congressional Districts of Duty Station of the AmeriCorps Members -- Clinton County -District 5
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- I. Number of full-time members in AmeriCorps RDT -5
- J. Number of part-time members in AmeriCorps RDT-0

2. AMERICORPS PROJECT OBJECTIVES STATEMENT-- Provide assistance to local school districts, civic organizations, youth groups, and community leaders to explicate how agriculture contributes to rural, suburban, and urban economies. Develop information and exhibits about sustainable agriculture, conservation and environmental programs, farm credit and loans programs, and crop insurance initiatives that can be used by junior and senior high school students.

- a. What work will be done? What service will the members engage in?

AmeriCorps members will work with local school districts, civic organizations, youth groups, and community leaders to create, develop, and deliver services and programs to school districts designed to explicate how agriculture contributes to rural, suburban, and urban economies. Agricultural aspects will include information and exhibits about sustainable agriculture, conservation programs, farm credit and loans, crop insurance, risk protection, farm management, agriculture's role in local economies, and agriculture as national and international policy issue. Members will travel throughout the target area to deliver "train-the-trainer" seminars and direct delivery to junior/senior high schools. Efforts will be coordinated with the "Ag Awareness Foundation" a non-profit organization operating in Pennsylvania through summer teacher programs, in conjunction with Penn State University, and it's own paid staff.

b. What is the hope for result of the activities described above?

1. Plan to gain substantive access to 40 school districts.
2. Goal is to reach twenty five percent of the youth in school districts so that they will have a better understanding and appreciation of agriculture in general.
3. Goal is to reach least 45 percent of teachers in designated school districts providing training to permit incorporation of agriculture information into core and career education curriculum

c. How will the quality or success of the service provided be measured?

Feedback from educators, civic and youth groups, junior/ senior high students, and other community leaders should indicate whether or not the program was successful. It is expected that 70 percent of these individuals should give positive responses.

d. By what standard will we gauge success?

The standard for success will be the number of teachers and young people who increase their knowledge of agriculture in general as a result of these* demonstrations. The goal is to have a positive response from 75 percent of teachers, students, and community leaders surveyed.

e. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the service our members perform?

1. Expect to reach 25 percent of teachers in targeted districts with substantive program delivery (approximately 750 teachers. In addition, expect to reach an additional 25 percent with substantive background material (approximately 750 teachers).
2. Expect to reach 30 percent of students in targeted districts with substantive program delivery (approximately 4000 students).

3. PRELIMINARY WORK PLAN AND MILESTONE SCHEDULE:

Task 1

Provide AmeriCorps members with training on general agriculture mission and goals. The training will allow the members to deliver meaningful training session with teachers and students. The members will also be able to deliver their own demonstrations. Training will be assisted by the "Ag Awareness Foundation" a non-profit organization.

Beginning Date: September-1995

Completion Date: September 1995

Task 2

Work with local community leaders, enterprise community and champion community volunteers, youth groups, and educators. Work includes development of contact lists, access visits, conduct of general information activities at community meetings teacher organization meetings, agency and youth meetings to create an awareness of the AmeriCorps activities and the services available. They will schedule meetings with farmer groups, 4-H clubs, and FFA organizations.

Beginning Date: October 1995

Completion Date: November 1995

Task 3

Members will conduct "train-the-trainer" seminars in targeted districts and conduct student presentations. These will be done in conjunction with school districts, the Ag Awareness Foundation, and as well as individual teachers. This is the major delivery phase of the project.

Beginning Date: December 1995

Completion Date: June 1996

Task 4

Participate in preparation for and delivery of annual Pennsylvania State University training events for Pennsylvania teachers.

Beginning Date: June 1996

Completion Date: August 1996

OPERATING SITE TITLE PAGE

1.....LEGAL APPLICANT/

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4.....GRANT TYPE

☒

Operating

☐

Education Awards Only

5.....1995 NATIONAL ISSUE AREA PRIORITIES

Education....

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School Success

Public Safety

☐

Community Policing

☐

Victim
Assistance

Human
Needs

☐

Early childhood Development

Environment

☐

Neighborhood/Community Environment

6.....1994 NATIONAL ISSUE
AREA PRIORITIES

Education	☐	School Readiness	☐	School Success
Public Safety	☐	Violence Prevention	☐	Crime Control
Human Needs	☐	Health	☐	Home
Environment	☐	Neighborhood/Community Environment	☐	Natural Environ.

7.....POPULATION SERVED

☐	Urban
☒	Rural
☐	Other
☐	Empowerment Zone
☐	Enterprise Zone

Population/community served Elementary, junior and senior high schools

Primary Congressional
Districts Served

8.....SITE BUDGET

Corporation Funds Requested \$ 1.000
Total Budget \$ _____

9.....AmeriCorps Members at Site

Full-Time 2
Part-time _____