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COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVE
Community Service Objective 5

Grantee: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services
Goldendale (10 Members - 8 PL&E/2 RDT)

Site: Washington

SITE SUPERVISOR: David Kreft

PHONE: (509) 773-5823

COUNTY: Klickitat

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENT: Assist public land managing agencies to improve water quality for salmon habitat on public lands.

1. What work will be done?

Assistance will be given in the installation of planned and designed practices to improve salmon habitat.

2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above?

Complete projects during the term of service that assists 4 different state and federal agencies to complete their long-term objectives, with 5 miles of stream benefited.

3. How will you measure the quality of your work?

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) standards and specifications and job specifications will be followed to complete projects. ✓

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

Habitat conditions raised to levels compatible of supporting the life cycle of salmon and other associated aquatic life; standard for water quality set by NRCS and associated agencies.

5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work of your Members?

Based on average visitor day use of public lands, upward of 10,000 people will benefit from this activity. } ✓

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WEST VIRGINIA

TITLE PAGE:

A. Title of Project:	Cultural Resource Restoration
B. Name of Organization:	S. Department of Agriculture, NRCS
C. Team Type:	RDT
D. State of Duty Station:	West Virginia
E. County of Duty Station:	Monongalia
F. Names of counties served	Monongalia, Hardy, Jackson, Putnam, Marshall, Ritchie
G. Congressional District:	1
H. Name of Site Supervisor:	Lynn Shutts (1 Member)
I: Address, phone & fax numbers:	NRCS-75 High St. Rm 301 Morgantown, WV 26505 Ph: (304) 291-4152 FAX: (304) 291-4628
A. Title of Project:	Limited Resource Farmers & Community Assistance
B. Name of Organization:	S. Department of Agriculture, NRCS
C. Team Type:	RDT
D. State of Duty Station:	West Virginia
E. County of Duty Station:	Harrison
F. Names of counties served	Harrison, Doddridge, Marion, Taylor, Barbour, Upshur
G. Congressional District:	1
H. Name of Site Supervisor:	James Hill (1 Member)
I: Address, phone & fax numbers:	NRCS-Professional Bldg 91 W. Main St. Buckahannon, WV 26201 Ph: (304) 472-0884 FAX: (304) 457-3026
E. County of Duty Station:	Tyler
F. Names of counties served	Tyler, Pleasants, Wetzel
G. Congressional District:	1
H. Name of Site Supervisor:	John Carr (1 Member)
I: Address, phone & fax numbers:	NRCS-Seckman Bldg 226 Main St. P.O. Box 125 Middlebourne, WV 26149 Ph: (304) 758-2173 FAX: (304) 758-2512
E. County of Duty Station:	Raleigh
F. Names of counties served	Raleigh, Greenbrier, Pocahontas, Fayette, Nicholas, Summers, Monroe
G. Congressional District:	3
H. Name of Site Supervisor:	John Vandevender (1 Member)
I: Address, phone & fax numbers:	P.O. Box 867 Beckley, WV 25802

Ph: (304) 291-4152 X169
FAX: (304) 256-2936

E. County of Duty Station: Putnam
F. Names of counties served: Putnam, Kanawha, Cabell, Mason, Boone, Lincoln, Wayne
G. Congressional District: 2
H. Name of Site Supervisor: Lowell Wilks
I: Address, phone & fax numbers: 3744 Teays Valley Road, Suite 103
Hurricane, WV 25526
Ph: (304) 757-6682

TITLE OF PROJECT

Sustainable Agriculture
E. County of Duty Station: Berkely
F. Names of counties served: Berkely, Jefferson, Morgan
G. Congressional District: 2
H. Name of Site Supervisor: Norm DeLawder
I: Address, phone & fax numbers: 1450-3 Edwin Miller Boulevard
Martinsburg, WV 2501
Ph: (304) 263-7559
FAX: (304) 267-9172

E. County of Duty Station: Cabell
F. Names of counties served: Cabell, Mason, Putnam, Kanawha, Lincoln, Wayne
G. Congressional District: 3
H. Name of Site Supervisor: Mike Marks
I: Address, phone & fax numbers: 4329 Hughes Branch Road
Huntington, WV 25701
Ph: (304) 736-0196
FAX: (304) 736-0501

E. County of Duty Station: Hardy
F. Names of counties served: Hardy, Grant, Pendleton
G. Congressional District: 2
H. Name of Site Supervisor: Ed Kesecker
I: Address, phone & fax numbers: Route 1, Box 301
Industrial Park,
Moorefield, WV 26836
Ph: (304) 538-2825
FAX: (304) 538-2086

E. County of Duty Station: Preston
F. Names of counties served: Preston, Taylor, Barbour
G. Congressional District: 1
H. Name of Site Supervisor: Mari malone
I: Address, phone & fax numbers: 300 Tunnelton Street
Kingwood, WV 26537
Ph: (304) 329-1922
FAX: (304) 329-3056

E. County of Duty Station: Jefferson
F. Names of counties served: Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan
G. Congressional District: 2

H. Name of Site Supervisor: Bob Schnably
 I: Address, phone & fax numbers: 209 E. Third Avenue
 Ranson, WV 25438
 Ph: (304) 725-3471
 FAX: (304) 725-3472

J: Name of St Project Director: Patrick D. Bowen
 K: Address, phone & fax numbers: NRCS-75 High Street, RM 301
 Morgantown, WV 26505
 Ph: (304) 291-4152 x 169
 FAX: (304) 291-4628

L. Number of Members in PL&E: 0
 M. Number of Members in RDT: 10

WEST VIRGINIA - Cultural Resource Restoration

SUMMARY PAGE:

A. Exactly what specific accomplishments were achieved in the first half year of the project in meeting the community service objectives and boosting the personal development of the Members?

The objective of the Cultural Resource Restoration AmeriCorps Project is to provide cultural resources protection through inventory, investigation, and documentation of archaeological and historical sites in economically depressed areas of rural West Virginia. During the first half year of the project the member has been able to inventory ten sites in ten different communities and has identified and documented six historic and four prehistoric sites. The member has provided important cultural resources protection and restoration training to 150 NRCS personnel and has developed a memorandum of understanding with the state historical preservation officer for NRCS activities. The member has provided assistance on public lands for the US Forest Service, as well as the communities of Milton and Point Pleasant, West Virginia. The member received orientation training, training on teamwork, on helping small communities to survive and on assisting small communities to develop small cities block grants and grants applications in general. In total the member has received over six weeks of formal and informal professional training during the first half year of the program.

B. The key elements of the program design for next year. Specifically describe each new service project performed by the members. Describe any major changes in management structure or partner organizations.

Assist the Hampshire County Historical Development Group develop and preserve an important civil war site known as the Romney Trenches. The site was an important cross roads during the retreat of the confederate forces at the end of the Civil War.

Develop the Fort Randolph historical site in Mason County into a working fort with prehistoric as well as historic exhibits as part of the site.

Assist six rural communities to develop plans to restore or conserve cultural resource sites important to their community. Work with other volunteers to maximize community involvement with the conservation efforts.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE
COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES
Objective 1

GRANTEE: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service **SITE:** West Virginia
Archaeologist (1 Member - RDT)
SITE SUPERVISOR: Lynn Shutts **PHONE:** (304) 291-4152 **COUNTY:** Statewide

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: Through a Rural Development Corps Member Archaeologist, provide (1) cultural resources protection by inventory, investigation and documentation of significant archaeological sites in economically depressed areas of WV. Provide (2) cultural awareness training to USDA staff and (3) archaeological investigations on service community sites

1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?

Inventory, investigation, and documentation of archaeological and historical resources and sites in rural West Virginia. Work will be state wide and will provide service to local communities during community project planning as well as to Forest Service and Park Service sites. Work will not be work otherwise performed by others and will focus on unmet historical and cultural resource needs.

2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above?

Awareness and action by local residents and USDA staff of identification and protection of archaeological or historical sites during community project planning and implementation.

3. How will you measure the quality of your product or impact of your service?

Number of sites identified, recorded and preserved, as appropriate. Greater awareness among USDA of significance of cultural and historical resources.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

100% of significant sites conserved and recorded. Six sites conserved/recorded.

Excellent relationships with state historic preservation officer. All NRCS staff trained in cultural/historical resource awareness. The development of a programmatic agreement with the state historic preservation officer concerning archaeological and historical preservation for local communities.

5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participants perform?

Six communities and over 1800 low income local rural residents will directly benefit from preservation of the sites and their local heritage. One hundred and fifty USDA staff trained and able to protect cultural and historical resources.

WEST VIRGINIA - Sustainable Agriculture

SUMMARY PAGE:

A. Exactly what specific accomplishments were achieved in the first half year of the project in meeting the community service objectives and boosting the personal development of the Members?

The objective of this project is to provide for an enhanced rural environment and economy through nutrient and pesticide management and wetland identification and protection that leads to a 20% reduction of nutrient and pesticide inputs and conservation of wetlands in selected rural watersheds. The project is directed toward promoting economically viable sustainability in agricultural communities and communities that are dependent upon natural resources for their livelihoods. The five members have worked to provide special assistance to landusers with in field soil nutrient testing, manure analysis, wetland and other unique natural resource identification and protection, and pesticide management to reduce excess inputs to the natural system. Over 3,000 acres have been tested and plans developed to lower or limit nutrients and pesticides applied in excess of crop production needs. The net result had been the improvement of the economic state of the individual producers assisted at an estimated net economic benefit of over \$60,000. One hundred and fifty individual producers have received direct assistance with their nutrient and pesticide management plans. Five communities have been assisted through this effort as well as an estimated 25 miles of stream water quality has been improved or impacted to some degree. The members have each received over six weeks of direct formal professional training in teamwork, community development, as well as joint training with the State Commission sub-grantees.

B. The key elements of the program design for next year. Specifically describe each new service project performed by the members. Describe any major changes in management structure or partner organizations.

Continued direct assistance with nutrient and pesticide management in selected watersheds of the State. Assistance to over 250 landusers and 10 communities with water quality related natural resource conservation needs. 5,000 acres of land tested and put under improved management for nutrient and pesticide use. Direct assistance to individuals and communities in economically depressed areas of the state. Continued participation in projects jointly sponsored by the State Commission and the other USDA AmeriCorps projects.

**CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE
COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES
Objective 2**

GRANTEE: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service **SITE:** West Virginia
Sustainable Agriculture (5 Members - RDT)
SITE SUPERVISOR: **PHONE:** **COUNTY:**

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS: Provide for (1) an enhanced rural environment (2) and enhanced economy through sustainable agriculture practices and promotion. Reduction of nutrient and pesticide inputs and (3) conservation of wildlife habitats in service communities. Service to be provided by 3 Rural Development Corps members and 12 Environmental Corps members serving 15 sites in depressed rural communities.

1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?

Promotion of sustainable agriculture practices including lowered input strategies based on in field soil nutrient testing, nutrient and pesticide management and wildlife habitat conservation in community service projects. Work will not be work otherwise performed by others and will focus on unmet needs in the service communities.

2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above?

Reduction of inputs to the agricultural enterprises and reduced nutrient and pesticide loadings from selected agricultural watersheds, the conservation and restoration of riparian vegetation as part of a stream corridor stabilization and wildlife habitat enhancement project conducted in partnership with the Lightstone Foundation, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service Partners for Wildlife Program. The demonstration of streambank stabilization using engineered as well as biotechnical methods and plant materials. The identification and protection of wildlife habitats in community projects which are not covered under any other USDA activities.

3. How will you measure the quality of your product or impact of your service?

Sustainable agriculture projects and plans developed and carried out and acres of soil tested or plans for reduction of nutrients or pesticides used on farms. Conservation of wildlife habitats identified and the restoration of wetland areas.

4. By What standard will you gauge success?

7500 acres of soil tested for nutrients, and 2500 acres of nutrient management plans developed with limited resource farmers. One major sustainable agriculture project per site.

5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participants perform?

750 limited resource farmers in rural communities will directly benefit by lowered costs and 15 communities will benefit due to improved surface water and groundwater quality and improved economic sustainability.

OPERATING SITE BUDGET FORM

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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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	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		\$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

G. CHILD CARE

Estimated #
of Children

Grantee Share

	Number of Participants	Amount per Participant	Total
H. EDUCATION AWARDS			
Full - Time Participan	606		\$2,863,350
Part - Time Participan	0		\$0

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
RURAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
(RECD)

AMERICORPS PROJECT(S)

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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	<u>252</u>		<u>\$3,024,000</u>	<u>\$3,024,000</u>
1 Year PT 900			<u>\$0</u>	
Sub-Total:			<u>3,024,000</u>	<u>3,024,000</u>
FICA (7.65%)	<u>252</u>		<u>231,336</u>	<u>231,336</u>
Worker's Compensation				
Health Care	<u>252</u>		<u>\$302,400</u>	<u>302,400</u>

SUB-TOTAL A:

 + \$3,557,736 = \$3,557,736

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

ITEM B: OTHER MEMBER COSTS COSTS

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

ITEM C: STAFF

Salaries			
Benefits			
Training			
Other			
Item C Subtotal			

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1. MAT-SU RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT, INC.

Preapplication for 1996 AmeriCorps Program Participation

- a. Name of EZ/EC Applicant Entity:** Mat-Su Resource Conservation & Development, Inc.
- b. Name of 99Contact Person:** Mike Sims, Executive Director
- c. Name of Person Who Will Provide Supervision for AmeriCorps Member:**
Mike Sims, Executive Director
- d. Address of Entity:** 351 W. Parks Highway, Suite 100, Wasilla, AK 99654
- e. Counties in Which the Work will Take Place:** Matanuska-Susitna Borough
- f. Congressional Districts in which the Work will Take Place:** Rep. Don Young - ALASKA
- g. Telephone;** 907/373-1062 **FAX:** 907/373-1064

2. AmeriCorps Project Objective Statement:

With limited staff and financial resources, Mat-Su RC&D is seeking additional help in meeting its mission. Opportunities in business/industrial development and tourism/recreation development require data, tools and structures that are not presently in place. The AmeriCorps person assigned to Mat-Su RC&D will accomplish two primary objectives during their year of service and if time permits a third secondary, objective:

Primary Objective #1 Develop, and initiate implementation of a five-year Overall Economic Development Plan (OEDP).

An OEDP is essential to provide the strategic framework necessary to draw together diverse elements so that programs and projects reinforce each other and produce measurable results. The AmeriCorps person will be involved in developing OEDP planning guidelines, conducting public forums throughout the borough, establishing priorities, goals and tasks, and writing the draft and final plans. Progress benchmarks will be formulated during the next 30 days.

Primary Objective #2 Obtain designation as an Economic Development District.

The AmeriCorps person will be involved in developing the materials to file an application with the US Economic Development Administration (EDA) for designation of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough as an Economic Development District. Progress benchmarks will be formulated during the next 30 days.

Objective #3 (Secondary) Collect, analyse, and distribute borough economic data for the last three years which will assist in business attraction, expansion, and retention.

To accommodate the growing demand from existing and potential businesses, industries and trade organizations for complete economic data on the borough, Mat-Su RC&D intends to publish in 1996 a publication, entitled, "Statistics & Projections." This publication will contain tabulated data for all areas of the borough economy, as well as projections for the ensuing three year period. The AmeriCorps person will accomplish preliminary data collection and tabulate it by sector. Progress benchmarks will be formulated during the next 30 days.

Accomplishment

The Mat-Su RC&D Executive Director will supervise all work and be responsible for submitting all reports. He will be assisted by the RC&D Coordinator and the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors. An office, furnishings, equipment and supplies will be made available to the AmeriCorps person. All expenses in pursuit of completion of the objectives will be paid by Mat-Su RC&D. Detailed workplans, benchmarks and task responsibilities will be created for all objectives during the next 30 days.

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1. NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH

Preapplication for 1996 AmeriCorps program Participation

- a. Name of EZ/EC Applicant Entity:** Northwest Arctic Borough
- b. Name of Contact Person;** Chuck Greene, Mayor
- c. Name of Person Who Will Provide Supervision for AmeriCorps Member:**
Michael G. Moore, Total Quality Manager
- d. Address of Entity:** P.O. Box 1110, Kotzebue, AK 99752
- e. Counties in Which the Work will Take Place:** Alaska has no counties.
- f. Congressional Districts in which the Work will Take Place:** ALASKA
- g. Telephone;** 907/442-2500 **FAX:** 907/442-2027 or 2930

AmeriCorps Project Objective Statement:

The project is Kotzebue's Priority #3 in the EZ/EC application: To create a Cultural museum/Consortium Library/Mini-mall. The stage of the project is such that the following should be the output of the project in 1 year. At his/her disposal will be \$33,000 for an Engineering Study and an additional \$33,000 for feasibility/marketing work.

Action Plan:

Agreements between the Northwest Arctic borough, NANA Regional Corporation, and Kikkiktagruk inupiat Corporation regarding the tourism use of the facility and the level of revenue.

At least 10 agreements with artisans and craftsmen to use slot space in the Bazaar/Mini-Mall with a percentage of sales as revenue to the owner of the building (Northwest Arctic Borough).

A marketing study showing level and frequency of use and probable revenue for secondary use of the meeting chambers as a theatre. Ideally, this would be followed by a bid and award process to a local agency to manage the theatre operation when the building is built.

A multiple agreement among the School District, Chukchi College, the Northwest Arctic Borough, and the State of Alaska for timed use of the satellite uplink and the already deployed STAR Channel hardware to provide for legislative teleconferencing, college classes, Advanced school classes, and library use of the telecommunications capability, which also states the monies to be provided by each operation.

Completed agreements by all agencies making use of the facility showing understanding of the profits to be derived, the risks to be accepted and the responsibilities to be assumed so that product #6 will have complete back-up.

A complete O&M budget adopted by all applicable bodies.

A document establishing realistically the jobs created and retained.

**1. LOWER KUSKOKWIM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND THE
LOWER YUKON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

Preapplication for 1996 AmeriCorps Program Participation

- a. Name of EZ/EC Applicant Entity:** The Lower Kuskokwim Economic Development Council and the Lower Yukon Economic Development Council.
- b. Name of Contact Person:** Susan Anderson, Executive Director
- c. Name of Person Who Will Provide Supervision for AmeriCorps Member:**
Susan Anderson, Executive Director
- d. Address of Entity:** P.O. Box 154, St. Mary's, AK 99658
- e. Counties in Which the Work will Take Place:** No counties
- f. Congressional Districts in which the Work will Take Place:** Rep. Don Young - ALASKA
Senators Ted Stevens and Frank Murkowski
- g. Telephone;** 907/438-2233 **FAX:** 907/438-2200

2. AmeriCorps Project Objective Statement:

This AmeriCorps project will seek to assist villages within the region to create and initiate implementation of five year community development plans created with input from each organization and interested individual in the village.

These plans will be used by each village to guide development within the community. The plans will set in place a direction and assign responsibility for implementing the plan to appropriate agencies within the village through a permanent village planning committee which will maintain interest in the plan.

The success of this project will be measured by the production and quality of the plan; by the commitment in the plan demonstrated by community involvement in its development; and the progress in implementation of the initial stages of each plan.

We hope that this program will produce a community development plan whose quality will be measured by its effectiveness over its five years of implementation. We also hope that this program will help to train community leaders for future development planning.

The villages in this champion community range in size from 100 to 1000 residents. We will target communities which have expressed a desire to host AmeriCorps members to begin the planning process. There will be 1000 service recipients per AmeriCorps member.

Objective Accomplishment

Susan Anderson, Executive Director of the Lower Yukon Economic Development Council, and a member of the Alaska Community Service Commission, will supervise the AmeriCorps members in each community. The AmeriCorps members will require flip charts for planning meetings and general office supplies. Use of a computer or staff to type the plan will be provided by the host village.

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1. PICKENS COUNTY ALABAMA

Preapplication for 1996 AmeriCorps Program Participation

- a. Name of EZ/EC Applicant Entity:** The Pickens County Board of Education is applying for the AmeriCorps member. Parts of Pickens County make up the Champion community.
- b. Name of Contact Person:** Ralph Smith, Superintendent, Pickens County Board of Education.
- c. Name of Person Who Will Provide Supervision for AmeriCorps Member:**
Ralph Smith, Superintendent, Pickens County Board of Education.
- d. Address of Entity:** Pickens County Board of Education, P.O. Box 32,
Carrollton, AL 35447
- e. Counties in Which the Work will Take Place:** Pickens
- f. Congressional Districts in which the Work will Take Place:** 4th and 7th
- g. Telephone:** 205/367-2080 **FAX:** 205/367-2025

2. AmeriCorps Project Objective Statement:

The development and implementation of educational programs that will maximize students' learning potential in elementary, secondary and post-secondary education in Pickens County.

Tasks for AmeriCorps Member:

(1) Develop and implement a program to encourage adults to complete requirements for their GED.

Result: Increased numbers of adults enrolled in GED classes.

Measure: Compare the number of adults enrolled in GED classes before this initiative begins and again at the end of the school year.

Standard of Quality or Success: State average of high school graduates.

Number of Service Recipients: Equal to number of enrollees.

(2) Maintain periodic contacts with members of the West Alabama Tech-Prep Consortium.

Result: Better coordination of secondary and post-secondary classes.

Measure: Compare the number of students enrolled in the Tech-Prep program before this initiative begins and again at the end of the school year.

Standard of Quality or Success: Determined by percent of increase.

Number of Service Recipients: Equal to number of enrollees.

(3) Develop and implement a program to promote participation in the existing Parental Involvement Program in the public school system.

Result: More parents participating in the program.

Measure: Compare the number of parents participating before this initiative begins and again at the end of the school year.

Standard of Quality or Success: Determined by percent of increase.

Number of Service Recipients: Equal to number of enrollees.

(4) Coordinate training efforts with the University of Alabama and Shelton State Community College in CraftTech 2000, a cooperative technology transfer consortium initiated as a result of the Mercedes-Benz project in nearby Tuscaloosa County.

Result: More Pickens County residents trained in the program.

Measure: Compare the number of students participating before this initiative begins and again at the end of the year.

Standard of Quality or Success: Determined by percent of increase.

Number of Service Recipients: Equal to number of enrollees.

(5) Utilize the federal Drug Free Schools and Communities program to increase efforts to educate students about drug prevention.

Result: Fewer drug-related problems in the schools.

Measure: Compare the number of drug-related incidents before this initiative begins with the number of incidents in subsequent semesters during the school year.

Standard of Quality or Success: Determined by percent of decrease.

Number of Service Recipients: Equal to number of students in targeted grades.

3. How the Project Will Accomplish the Objective:

The superintendent of the Pickens County School System will supervise the work to be performed by the AmeriCorps member. The AmeriCorps member will have access to studies and program materials. She/he will be provided the necessary work space, supplies and information to carry out the tasks that will benefit students in the county. The resources available to school personnel will be made available to the AmeriCorps member. The superintendent will also monitor progress and be responsible for complying with AmeriCorps' reporting schedule.

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1. **BIBB COUNTY, ALABAMA**

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Preapplication for 1996 AmeriCorps Program Participation

- a. **Name of EZ/EC Applicant Entity:** The Bibb County Board of Education is applying for the AmeriCorps member. Parts of Bibb County make up the Champion community.
- b. **Name of Contact Person:** Joe Roy Elam, Bibb County Board of Education.*
- c. **Name of Person Who Will Provide Supervision for AmeriCorps Member:** Joe Roy Elam, Bibb County Board of Education.*
- d. **Address of Entity:** Bibb County Board of Education, Rock Bldg., 103 Davidson Drive, Centreville, AL 35042.
- e. **Counties in Which the Work will Take Place:** Bibb
- f. **Congressional Districts in which the Work will Take Place:** 3rd and 6th
- g. **Telephone:** 205/926-9881 **FAX:** 205/926-5075

*This person will change in July 1995.

Bibb County, Alabama**2. AmeriCorps Project Objective Statement:**

The development and implementation of educational programs that will maximize students' learning potential in elementary, secondary and post-secondary education in Bibb County.

Tasks for AmeriCorps Member:

(1) Develop and implement a program to encourage adults to complete requirements for their GED.

Result: Increased numbers of adults enrolled in GED classes.

Measure: Compare the number of adults enrolled in GED classes before this initiative begins and again at the end of the school year.

Standard of Quality or Success: State average of high school graduates.

Number of Service Recipients: Equal to number of enrollees.

(2) Maintain periodic contacts with members of the West Alabama Tech-Prep Consortium.

Result: Better coordination of secondary and post-secondary classes.

Measure: Compare the number of students enrolled in the Tech-Prep program before this initiative begins and again at the end of the school year.

Standard of Quality or Success: Determined by percent of increase.

Number of Service Recipients: Equal to number of enrollees.

(3) Develop and implement a program to promote participation in the existing Parental Involvement Program in the public school system.

Result: More parents participating in the program.

Measure: Compare the number of parents participating before this initiative begins and again at the end of the school year.

Standard of Quality or Success: Determined by percent of increase.

Number of Service Recipients: Equal to number of enrollees.

(4) Coordinate training efforts with the University of Alabama and Shelton State Commu-

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nity College in CraftTech 2000, a cooperative technology transfer consortium initiated as a result of the Mercedes-Benz project in nearby Tuscaloosa County.

Result: More Pickens County residents trained in the program.

Measure: Compare the number of students participating before this initiative begins and again at the end of the year.

Standard of Quality or Success: Determined by percent of increase.

Number of Service Recipients: Equal to number of enrollees.

(5) Utilize the federal Drug Free Schools and Communities program to increase efforts to educate students about drug prevention.

Result: Fewer drug-related problems in the schools.

Measure: Compare the number of drug-related incidents before this initiative begins with the number of incidents in subsequent semesters during the school year.

Standard of Quality or Success: Determined by percent of decrease.

Number of Service Recipients: Equal to number of students in targeted grades.

How the Project Will Accomplish the Objective:

The assistant superintendent of the Bibb County School System will supervise the work to be performed by the AmeriCorps member. The AmeriCorps member will have access to studies and program materials. She/he will be provided the necessary work space, supplies and information to carry out the tasks that will benefit students in the county. The resources available to school personnel will be made available to the AmeriCorps member. The assistant superintendent will also monitor progress and be responsible for complying with AmeriCorps' reporting schedule.

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HERO

HALE EMPOWERMENT AND REVITALIZATION ORGANIZATION

Contact person: William A. (Sonny) Ryan, Chairman

Person who will supervise AmeriCorps member: Mary Jolly

Address of entity: William A. Ryan
P.O. Box 27
Greensboro, Alabama 36744

County in which work will take place: HALE COUNTY

Congressional District: Hilliard, District # 7

Telephone (205) 624-8561

Fax numbers (205) 624-8841

AmeriCorps Project Objective

The Goal of the Hale County Revitalization - HERO committee is to improve the quality of life of citizens in Hale County.

The objective in this process is to provide safe affordable housing for low and very low residents of Hale County. A majority of the rural poor in Hale County live in substandard housing. Old dilapidated poorly wired and no in-home sanitation facilities are common. Auburn University is contributing technical assistance through its architectural department to assist local people in updating and improving their housing. They are helping others build energy efficient, low cost houses. Assistance is needed in collecting data, informing the public, locating possible participants and implementation of selected remedies.

- Changes in living standards and knowledge of energy efficiency will be gained through the efforts of this project.
- Ten information workshops will be conducted to inform residents of Hale county of the program.
- Twenty-five energy audits will be conducted to determine needs.
- The AmeriCorps member will assist in the upgrade of 5 homes and the construction of at least one home. An extensive evaluation of needs in Hale County will be conducted. Social service agencies will be partnered into the project to assist residents with the improvements.

The project objective will be accomplished in the following ways:

Mary Jolly will provide supervision of the AmeriCorps member on a regular basis. She will also assure that the member is properly trained for all components of the project. The member will work closely with the Auburn group to assist in revitalizing selected housing as well as construction of new housing.

Resources required to accomplish the plans for the AmeriCorps member will be supplies by HERO. Office space and supplies will be furnished as well as any tools necessary. At this time no transportation is available. But, if not available from AmeriCorps, HERO will attempt to obtain necessary transportation to job sites.

A quarterly action plan will be provided listing the accomplishments for that quarter as well as cumulative accomplishments. The report will also indicate progress on project milestones.

HERO developed 20 objectives for meeting its Goal of providing a better quality of life in Hale County. If additional AmeriCorps resources are available, HERO would welcome the opportunity to receive and participate in utilization of the resources.

***NOTE**

The Tombigbee Resource Conservation and Development Council is assisting HERO

with its revitalization process. If questions or additional information on this proposal are needed, please contact Mike Cornett, RC&D coordinator, at (205)759-4716 or FAX (205) 349-4994.

1. FEDERATION OF SOUTHERN COOPERATIVE/LAND ASSISTANCE FUND

Preapplication for 1996 AmeriCorps program Participation

- a. Name of EZ/EC Applicant Entity:** Green-Sumter Enterprise Community
- b. Name of Contact Person:** John Zippert, Chairperson
- c. Name of Person Who Will Provide Supervision for AmeriCorps Member:**
John Zippert
- d. Address of Entity:** Rural Training Center, P.O. Box 95, Epes, AL 35460
- e. Counties in Which the Work will Take Place:** Greene & Sumter
- f. Congressional Districts in which the Work will Take Place:** District 7
- g. Telephone:** 205/652-9676 **FAX:** 205/652-9678

AmeriCorps Project Objective Statement:

The Greene-Sumter Enterprise Community is requesting one RBCDS AmeriCorps member to assist us in performing two tasks outlined in our strategic plan. The two task objectives are outlined below:

Objective 1:

To assist the Greene-Sumter Enterprise Community to create a computerized data base of unemployed and under-employed residents of the two counties and a similar data base of persons who have migrated out of the two counties but who are interested in returning if employment opportunities were available. The labor base information will then be provided to businesses who would like to expand or begin operations in the area. The project will result in increased employment opportunities.

The AmeriCorps member would use a computer, made available by the EC program to develop, create and enter information in the database collected from people in the EC area on their education, training, experience, skill levels and availability for employment. A similar database would be developed for persons who have migrated away from these two counties but are interested in returning if job opportunities are available.

Supplying information for the database would be voluntary and open to all people in the EC area. The information would be made available to prospective employers and businesses interested in coming to the area or expanding within the area, to assist them in recruiting local employees or skilled persons interested in relocating back to the EC area.

The AmeriCorps member would require basic computer skills to develop and maintain the database. The member would also help in outreach activities to secure more participants in the database. This would include attending meetings, family reunions, church programs and other community events where people would be gathered that would have an interest in participating in and contributing to the database.

The AmeriCorps member would also prepare reports for prospective employers and other users of the system of beneficial information in the system. For example, suppose a prospective employer wanted to know the names of every person in our database with experience in truck driving; or everyone with a commercial drivers license; or everyone could do word-processing on a computer; a report could be prepared showing the availability of these people in the EC area.

The AmeriCorps member would be supervised by the staff director of the Greene-Sumter EZ and the chairperson of the EC Steering Committee. Computer hardware (a basic, possibly portable personal computer) and appropriate software would be needed. During the first quarter of service, the program would be planned; computer hardware and software selected; the strategy for recruitment and involvement of participants would be planned. In the second and third quarters the recruitment plan would be

carried out with a goal of having at least 1,000 persons entered in the database, while at the same time reports and analysis of the data would be performed.

Objective 2:

To assist the Greene-Sumter Enterprise Community to conduct a survey of all industries and manufacturers in a 100 mile radius of Epes, Alabama, on what they are producing, what raw materials they use and where they get them from, and what business services they use and where they are securing them. The purpose of this "import/input substitution analysis" is to come up with ideas for products and services that can be produced by new and existing businesses within the EC area. The result will be the identification of products or services, we can produce with competitive advantage within the EC area for marketing to other businesses in the area.

The AmeriCorps member would assist the EC staff in conducting, computerizing and analyzing the data for this study. This would closely parallel the work of the computerized employment database and could be done during a similar timeframe. The supervision for this project would be the same as for the employment database.

A major outcome of this "import/input substitution analysis" would be to help start one or more new businesses enterprises in the EC area to increase employment. The EC itself has an overall goal of directly creating 100 new jobs per year for the next ten years.

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Applicant: Crowley's Ridge Development Council, Inc.

Contact: Bobby Yopp, Executive Director

Supervisor: Bobby Yopp, Executive Director

Address:

P.O. Box 1497,
Jonesboro, AR 72403-1497

Tel: (501) 935-8610

FAX (501) 935-0291

OBJECTIVE 1:

Objective: To decrease the number of high school students dropping out of school by 10%.

The work to be done:

To lower the number of students dropping out of school.

What will result from the work:

That there will be fewer drop outs after the program than in the previous year.

How will you measure the quality or success of the work:

Compare the last two years drop out rate to year after start of the program.

The standard of quality or success the program hopes to meet:

There will be a drop in the drop out rate of 10%.

The number of service recipients:

50 high school students.

Objective2: To enable the over 65 population to remain independent and in their own homes. To do this they need some help which can be provided through services offered by Elderchoice and Aging programs. This would give the aid with housework, nursing care and a balanced meal each day.

The work to be done:

To increase the number of seniors citizens enrolled on Elderchoice and Aging program.

What will result from the work:

To have more elderly receiving meals, house keeping services and nursing care so that they are able to remain in their homes.

How will you measure the quality or success of the work:

Compare the number of seniors enrolled in Elderchoice and Aging programs before and after service.

The standard of quality or success the program hopes to meet:

There will be an increase of 10% in the enrolled seniors in the program.

The number of service recipients:

20 senior citizens.

Objective 3: There will be an increase of 5 housing units over the next year. The houses will be built for low income and low-middle income families to buy and rent.

The work to be done:

To build moderately priced housing of families to buy and rent.

What will result from the work:

There will be more houses build for owner occupied and rentals.

How will you measure the quality or success of the work:

Compare the number of houses available for purchase and renting at the end of a one year period.

The standard of quality or success the program hopes to meet:

There will be an increase in housing by 5 units in one year.

The number of service recipients:

5 families

Objective 5: To have a after school, weekend and summer program in place for the students. The program will include structured games, drama, art and advance academic courses.

The work to be done:

A program will be set up to give organized activities for students after school, weekends and summers.

What will result from the work:

There will be a lowering of crimes committed by youths, an increase in the standardize test and a lowering of drug use.

How will you measure the quality or success of the work:

To compare the crime rate, drug use and test scores before and after the program is in place for one year.

The standard of quality or success the program hopes to meet:

There will be a program in place with 15% of the student actively involved.

The number of service recipients:

100 students.

The AmeriCorps Member will be directly **supervised by Tommye McElroy**, with all grants being pre-approved by Bob Yopp. The resources the member will use are Human Services, The School Systems, Delta Technical Institution, Local Governments, Area Churches, The Housing Authorities, and Rural Economic and Community Development Services.

Quarterly Action Plan

October - December

1. Start a day care in school to keep teen mothers in school.
2. Continue to look for over 65 residents and evaluate their needs.
3. Start looking for funding for a relending program for small businesses.
4. Look for land to build homes on.
5. Start an after school and weekend program for teens.

January - March

1. Interview teen mothers using day care to see what other services they may need.
2. Monitor services being performed for senior citizens.
3. Apply for some money for a relending program.
4. Buy land to build homes on.
5. Do survey of students taking part in after school and weekend program.

April - June

1. Do interviews with teen mothers to discover if day care kept them in school.
2. Take part in resource fair to recruit more residents over 65 into Elderchoice program.
3. Begin making loans for new businesses.
4. Start building new homes.
5. Increase the after school program, to offer activities all summer for the youth.

July - September

1. Prepare day care in the school for the new school year, and open the first day of school.
2. Review the services of all the new applications brought in from the resource fair.
3. Do follow up on first small businesses started on relending program.
4. Move first families into new homes.
5. Move the summer program back to after school and weekend program.

AR20-1

Name of EZ/EC Applicant Entity: Mississippi County, Arkansas EOC, Inc.

Name of Contact Person: Sam Scruggs

Name of Person who will provide Supervision: Sam Scruggs

Address of Entity: Post Office Drawer 1289, Blytheville, AR 72316

Counties in which work will take place: Mississippi County

Congressional districts in which the work will take place: 1st

Telephone and Fax Numbers:

Tel: 501 532-2348

Fax: (501) 532-2625

Objective: Organize and train fifteen (15) Neighborhood Improvement Communities

The Work to be Done

- Recruit people from each community as a core group (no less than 7).
- Provide detailed training on the Enterprise Community Concept.
- Conduct training on Planning and Small Town Survival using the Vision Action Concept and the Heartland Center for Leadership Development guide.

What will result from the work?

An active community base group that will be used to provide input to the Enterprise Community implementation team. They will also be able to address other community concerns that were not a part of the EC plan, but were addressed in public meetings.

How will you measure the quality or success of the work?

Our success will be measured by the number of neighborhood groups developed and the activities the group addresses.

The standard of quality or success the program hopes to meet

The quality or success of the program will be determined by the type of activities the group is engaged in, and the outcome.

The number of recipients served

125

Who will supervise the work to be done?

Sam Scruggs

What resources will be required?

Americorp Member
\$50,000 for EC funds

Quarter I:

- a. Survey Communities
- b. Develop training material
- c. Establish three groups
- d. Provide training

Quarter II

- a. Establish four groups
- b. Provide training
- c. Develop action plans

Quarter III Repeat Quarter II

Quarter IV Repeat Quarter II

Objective 2 Rehab twenty homes

The work to be done

Assist in the rehabbing twenty homes of low income families.

What will result from the work

Twenty homes will be repaired for low income families

How will you measure the quality or success of the work

By the number of homes completed

The standard of quality or success or the program hopes to meet

We will transfer twenty sub-standard homes to safe affordable standard homes

The number of services recipients

20

Who will supervise the work to be done

Sam Scruggs

What resources will be required

\$179,000 for RBCDS housing preservation grant, AmeriCorps member

\$25,000 in EC funds and Self-Help Labor

Five houses will be done per quarter

Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

Family Support Services, Inc.
PO Box 697
Bentonville
AR 72712

Area To Be Served: Rural

CNCS Priority Area: Low-income

Project Start Date: 10-01-95

Project Completion Date: 09-30-96

Number of Full Time Members: 2

Number of Part Time Members: 0

Name of Person Submitting the Proposal:

Askins, Bob
501-273-0338
Fax:
501-271-0819

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Employee ID	City	Stat	Work - 1	Result - 1	Impact - 1	Standard - 1	Benefit - 1	Work - 2
58	Bennington BENNINGTON-VILLE	AR	The participant will identify and establish a network with community leaders and groups that provide service to socially disadvantaged and low and very low income residents of rural areas. The participant will provide general information concerning housing and farmer programs to socially disadvantaged and very low income residents and assist these individuals in accessing the programs of the agency.	The program will result in very low income individuals obtaining loans and grants to obtain adequate housing or upgrade existing substandard housing. Socially disadvantaged farmers will obtain financial assistance to improve their economic plight.	Work can be measured by the number of applications submitted to FmHA or other funding sources. The work can also be measured by the number of groups identified that provide service to low income groups.	Groups in the three county areas will be made aware of programs of FmHA/RDA and other government agencies that are available to assist socially disadvantaged and very low income individuals.	500-600 individuals will be benefited through increased awareness of federal programs.	

Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

Chicot Housing Assistance
313 Main St.
Lake Village
AR 71653

Area To Be Served: Rural

CNCS Priority Area: Low-income

Project Start Date: 10-01-95

Project Completion Date: 09-30-96

Number of Full Time Members: 2

Number of Part Time Members: 0

Name of Person Submitting the Proposal:

Cannatella, Joni
501-265-3237

Objective: In conjunction with the RECD's Self-Help Housing Program, will use the AmeriCorps members as Construction Supervisor Assistants to provide guidance to families in basic construction and provide training in construction skills to families while under the supervision of a construction supervisor, learn to read and understand plans and specifications, calculate and order materials, coordinate subcontractors, maintain timely construction schedules, and be exposed to general record-keeping such as maintaining time sheets, mileage forms, telephone records, and the purchase order system for materials ordered for individual houses.

Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

Jonesboro RECD District Office
· 1306 Stone St.
Jonesboro
AR 72403

Area To Be Served: Rural

CNCS Priority Area: EZ/EC, low-income

Project Start Date: 10-01-95

Project Completion Date: 09-30-96

Number of Full Time Members: 1

Number of Part Time Members: 0

Name of Person Submitting the Proposal:

Spencer, Jeff
501-972-4720
Fax:
501-972-4762

Employee ID	City	Stat	Work - 1	Result - 1	Impact - 1	Standard - 1	Benefit - 1	Work - 2
60	Jonesboro	AR	Identify key contacts and leaders in the different communities to help locate and identify socially disadvantaged and low and very low income residents in the county. The participant will then hold several neighborhood meetings to help inform these residents of the different programs available and help identify which program would best help the individual.	Individuals will want to pursue the different programs available and the community will be better improved through improving housing standards, improved financial assistance to disadvantaged farmers and to improve community services through loans and grants.	By the increased interest of community leaders and their willingness to apply for funds that are available.	The community leaders involvement should be such that efforts should be put toward the political leadership to fund more money for socially disadvantaged programs.	It is hoped that approximately 200 families will benefit either directly or indirectly from the work that will be done.	

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AR58-1

A. Applicant

East Central Arkansas Economic Development Corporation - designated EC (West Memphis)

B. Contact Person: Shirley Tucker

C. Supervisor: Ramona Taylor

D. Address:

125 East Grant Street
Forrest City, AR 72335

E. Counties of Work: St. Francis, Lee, Monroe, Cross, Jackson, Woodruff, Poinsett

F. Congressional District: 1st Congressional District

G. Telephone/Fax: (501) 732-7500 Fax # (732-7504)

Objective 1

Assist in coordinating the implementation of the strategic plan with the Eastern Arkansas Enterprise Community.

Objective 2.

Facilitate efforts in the "Champion Communities" to develop and implement their strategic plan.

Objective 3.

To create more affordable housing in the seven county area and to assist in coordinating affordable transportation for the elderly, the handicapped, and the poor, in the seven county Northeast Arkansas Delta.

Objective 4.

During the year, to increase the available housing stock in a seven county area.

1. What work to be done?

The Americorp member will serve as a liaison between East Central Arkansas Economic Developmental Corporation (the applicant agency) and the Eastern Arkansas Enterprise Community. The member will assist low and very low income clients in finding and making applications for affordable housing and other assistance.

Americorp and offices in Forrest City, the Arkansas Delta Housing Development Corporation and the Arkansas Delta Self-help Construction Corporation will work to organize mutual self-help housing program, access federal and state financing and technical assistance and implement fair housing laws in Arkansas Delta Counties.

2. What is the hoped result of the work/activities described above?

A community where there is increased accessibility to affordable and quality housing to live morally, healthy, and environmentally secure lives.

To develop a sustainable neighborhood housing and community improvement/revitalization system with all key actors, residents, private and public sector being "full partners" and "direct beneficiaries" in the redevelopment process.

3. How will you measure the quality of your product or impact of your service?

Work can be measured by the number of low and very low income people that are identified and/or assisted in making application to funding sources for assistance. The work can also be measured by the data compiled on progress of strategies that were identified in the EZ/EC application process.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

The standard will be the number of individuals assisted, the needs identified as well as the resources identified that can be accessed to satisfy these needs.

5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participants

perform?

At least 35 families in the seven county area will be impacted directly by implementation of the strategic plan.

AR84-1**A. Applicant**

East Central Arkansas Economic Development Corporation - designated EC (Brinkley)

B. Contact Person: Shirley Tucker

C. Supervisor: Ramona Taylor

D. Address:

125 East Grant Street

Forrest City, AR 72335

E. Counties of Work: St. Francis, Lee, Monroe, Cross, Jackson, Woodruff,
Poinsett

F. Congressional District: 1st Congressional District

G. Telephone/Fax: (501) 732-7500 Fax # (732-7504)

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AR91-1

EZ/EC Applicant: Newton County, Arkansas
Champion Community

Contact person: Nancy Haller
Newton County Resource Council

Supervisor: Fay Knox
Ecotourism Project Director

Address:
Newton County Resource Council
P. O. Box 513
Jasper, AR 72641

Newton County, Arkansas

Third Congressional District

Phone: 501 446-5898

Fax: 501 446-2424

Objective: To develop and implement a management plan to guide tourism development over the next 10 years to ensure that development is sustainable and that the natural environment and local character is preserved.

Resources: The Forest Service, the Park Service, the county government, local tour operators and businesses, Newton County Resource Council, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, and interested citizens

Strategy: These parties will work together to write a management plan to guide tourism activities on public lands over the next 25 years. The plan will establish the carrying capacity in terms of visitation levels for each area or attraction in the county and will establish a plan to monitor the areas for adverse impact. All of the players will be asked to commit to follow the plan. If adverse impact is detected through periodic monitoring, the level of visitation will be reduced by mutual agreement until the area recovers from the damage. Some areas containing endangered species of plants or animals may be put off limits for tourism activities. The definition of adverse impact will be established and agreed upon by all the participants in formulation of the plan. Through this cooperative community effort, we hope to preserve and protect the resources and biodiversity that will form the foundation for the ecotourism industry.

The AmeriCorps member will work under the supervision of the director of the ecotourism project, Fay Knox, to establish a dialogue and to facilitate the community in the process of developing the management plan. The member will work to further the involvement of the Forest Service, the Buffalo River National Park Service, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, community leaders, and other interested parties.

Outcome measures: To have a plan in place by the end of the year that provides for monitoring at least 20 sites on public lands. To have at least 25 parties sign on to abide by and implement the plan in their activities.

One year work program

- To collect all information and inventories of resources that have already been done by the Forest Service, Park Service, Fish and Game Commission, Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, etc.--First Quarter
- To form a management team consisting of the Forest Service, the Park Service, the county government, local tour operators and businesses, and interested citizens--First Quarter
- To write a plan for the sites and resources currently being used for visitation --Second, Third quarters
- To develop a monitoring schedule and monitoring guidelines--Third and Fourth Quarters
- To locate resources for monitoring activities--will include members under the Corporation for National and Community Service Act--Fourth Quarter
- To educate the community about the plan and enlist their cooperation in implementation of the plan.--Fourth quarter
- To devise a method of rewarding those tourism businesses and promoters who agree to abide by the plan.--Fourth quarter

AR136-1

Applicant Entity: Mid-Delta Enterprise Community (Champion)

Contact Person: Margaret Staub

Supervisor: Margaret Staub, Executive Director
610 South Biscoe Street
Helena, AR 72342

Counties: Phillips, Monroe, and Lee in Arkansas

Congressional District: First

Telephone Number: (501) 338-6406

FAX Number: (501) 338-3629

OBJECTIVE #1

The AmeriCorps member will assist the Delta Health Education Center in its ongoing efforts to improve the health care delivery system and the health status of residents located in portions of Phillips, Lee and Monroe Counties. This will be accomplished through efforts directed toward provider recruitment, proper childhood immunizations, improved prenatal care, improved access to transportation, and increased use of telemedicine technology.

Results from these efforts will be measured through the following:

1. An increase in the number of health care providers practicing in the area.
2. A decrease in the number of children registering for entrance in public schools without proper immunizations.
3. A decrease in the infant mortality and morbidity rates for the area.
4. An increase in the number of persons transported to health care services.
5. Increased use by area health care providers of telemedicine linkages with specialty providers.

Approximately 25,000 of the people in Phillips, Lee, and Monroe Counties could potentially be affected by these efforts.

OBJECTIVE #2

The AmeriCorps member will work with local governments of the six communities located in the Mid-Delta Enterprise Community to assist in their efforts to improve the safety of their individual communities. This will be accomplished through efforts directed toward improved street lighting, home security, police protection, fire protection, and citizen education. These efforts will be carried out with the cooperation of local mayors, law enforcement and fire officials, community groups, and local businesses.

Results will be measured through the following:

1. An increase in the number and brightness of street and other security lighting devices in the communities.
2. The number of persons attending home security education and other workshops.
3. An increase in the number of law enforcement officers patrolling the communities.
4. Improved equipment, more trained firefighters, and better water supplies for the provision of fire protection.

Approximately 7,500 persons in Lee, Phillips and Monroe Counties could be affected by these efforts.

HOW PROJECT ACCOMPLISH OBJECTIVES?

Supervisor:

Margaret Staub

Resources Required:

Office space

Administrative support

Travel costs

On-going training

ACTION PLAN:

	OBJECTIVE #1	OBJECTIVE #2
1ST QUARTER	Determine actual needs and recruit accordingly Establish programs	Determine actual needs Develop education programs
2ND QUARTER	Publicize and implement programs	Implement education programs Secure funding
3RD QUARTER	Continued implementation	Continue education and training
4TH QUARTER	Continued implementation and evaluation	Equipment and personnel in place Evaluation

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AR166-1

SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY

Contact Person: Hurley M. Jones

Executive Director/Supervisor: Hurley M. Jones

**P. O. Box 371; 112 North Freeman Street
Dermott, Arkansas 71638**

Counties: Chicot, Desha, Ashley and Drew

Congressional District: 4th

Telephone: (501) 538-5236

Fax: (501) 538-5586

AMERICORP PROJECT OBJECTIVES STATEMENT

OBJECTIVE 1

Conduct research necessary to design and create a regional industrial park and training facility in Southeast Arkansas.

The research is expected to produce a design of a regional industrial park and training facility that can be used as an incentive to attract industry.

The objective of the regional industrial park and training facility is to demonstrate the principle of creating jobs and developing a workforce through an integrated work and training function.

The number of service recipients impacted directly is based on the number of industries that could be attracted to the park. The projected amount is 5, employing between 20 and 50 people.

AMERICORP PROJECT OBJECTIVES STATEMENT

OBJECTIVE 2

Coordinate the delivery of services of the following agencies offering financial products and services to businesses and industries in the Southeast Arkansas area.

- Arkansas Enterprise Group
- Arkansas Industrial Development Commission
- Small Business Administration
- Arkansas Capital Corporation
- Enterprise Corporation Of The Delta
- Arkansas Small Business Development Center

The coordination of these services is expected to produce loans to area businesses through increased access to capital.

These services are designed to help small owner/proprietor businesses and small manufacturing and service businesses seeking to expand in the Southeast Arkansas area.

The member will schedule and advertise the services of these agencies to businesses in the region on monthly "Circuit Ride" and coordinate workshops and individual conferences between agencies and businesses.

AMERICORP PROJECT OBJECTIVES STATEMENT

OBJECTIVE 3

Assist small businesses in conducting local business research in the development of business plans

and feasibility studies.

Small businesses will receive assistance in preparing financial packages and getting loan applications processed and ready for review by the service agencies.

Local and regional follow-up will be performed for businesses who seek financial or technical assistance from agencies participating in the "Circuit Ride" referred to in Objective 2.

PRIMARY SUPERVISION

Supervision will be provided by the Executive Director of PATHWAYS Community Development Commission.

RESOURCES REQUIRED

Travel (as necessary for research, follow up, site visitation)
Office Space Rental
Supplies

QUARTERLY ACTION PLAN

1ST Quarter July 1 - September 30

- Conduct research and establish data base for regional industrial park and training facility
- Schedule, advertise and coordinate monthly "Circuit Rides" of participating agencies
- Assist local businesses in completing items required for submission of 'loan packages'

2nd Quarter October 1 through December 30

- Design regional industrial park and training facility
- Continue scheduling and coordination of "Circuit Rides" of participating agencies
- Assist local businesses in completing items required for submission of 'loan packages', provide research assistance as required

3rd Quarter January 1 through March 31

- Develop applications for funding of training facility
- Continue scheduling and coordination of "Circuit Rides"
- Assist local businesses in development of 'loan packages',
- Provide research assistance as required

4th Quarter April 1 through June 30

- Complete and submit applications for regional training facility
- Continue scheduling and coordination of "Circuit Rides" of participating agencies
- Assist local businesses in completing items required for submission of 'loan packages', provide research assistance as required

AR183-1

A. East Central Arkansas Economic Development Corporation. - Forrest City, Designated
EC

B. Shirley Tucker

C. Tommy Davis

D. 125 East Grant St.
Forrest City, Ar. 72335

E. St. Francis, Lee, Monroe, Cross, Jackson, Woodruff, Poinsett

F. 1st Congressional District

G. (501) 633-7686 Fax# (501) 633-8752

Objective 1

Assist in coordinating the implementation of the strategic plan with the Eastern Arkansas Enterprise Community.

Objective 2.

Facilitate efforts in the "Champion Communities" to develop and implement their strategic plan.

Objective 3.

To create more affordable housing in the seven county area and to assist in coordinating affordable transportation for the elderly, the handicapped, and the poor, in the seven county Northeast Arkansas Delta.

Objective 4.

During the year, to increase the available housing stock in a seven county area.

1. What work to be done?

The Americorp member will serve as a liaison between East Central Arkansas Economic Developmental Corporation (the applicant agency) and the Eastern Arkansas Enterprise Community. The member will assist low and very low income clients in finding and making applications for affordable housing and other assistance.

Americorp and offices in Forrest City, the Arkansas Delta Housing Development Corporation and the Arkansas Delta Self-help Construction Corporation will work to organize mutual self-help housing program, access federal and state financing and technical assistance and implement fair housing laws in Arkansas Delta Counties.

2. What is the hoped result of the work/activities described above?

A community where there is increased accessibility to affordable and quality housing to live morally, healthy, and environmentally secure lives.

To develop a sustainable neighborhood housing and community improvement/revitalization system with all key actors, residents, private and public sector being "full partners" and "direct beneficiaries" in the redevelopment process.

3. How will you measure the quality of your product or impact of your service?

Work can be measured by the number of low and very low income people that are identified and/or assisted in making application to funding sources for assistance. The work can also be measured by the data compiled on progress of strategies that were identified in the EZ/EC application process.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

The standard will be the number of individuals assisted, the needs identified as well as the resources identified that can be accessed to satisfy these needs.

5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participants perform?

At least 35 families in the seven county area will be impacted directly by implementation of the

Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

United Housing & Educ. Dev. Corp.
16150 N Oracle Rd
Tucson
AZ 85738

Area To Be Served: Rural

CNCS Priority Area: EZ/EC, low-income

Project Start Date: 10-01-95

Project Completion Date: 09-30-96

Number of Full Time Members: 2

Number of Part Time Members: 0

Name of Person Submitting the Proposal:

Esquibel, Edward
???-825-7942

Fax:
???-825-7917

Objective: In conjunction with the RECD's Self-Help Housing Program, will use the AmeriCorps members to assist with the leveraging of outside funding sources that would increase land availability and housing loans and production by 4 houses to increase Self-Help program access, and assist the program administrator with the increased workload due to the increased leveraging of funds.

Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

St. Michael's RECD County Office
St Michaels Bldg, Hwy 264, PO Box 859
St. Michaels
AZ 86511

Area To Be Served: Rural

CNCS Priority Area: EZ/EC, low-income

Project Start Date: 10-01-95

Project Completion Date: 09-30-96

Number of Full Time Members: 1

Number of Part Time Members: 0

Name of Person Submitting the Proposal:

Shirley, Lewis
602-871-5038
Fax:
602-871-5039

Employee ID	City	Stat	Work - 1	Result - 1	Impact - 1	Standard - 1	Benefit - 1	Work - 2
17	St. Michael's	AZ	Identify the media, tribal, and community contacts in the St. Michael's County Office service territory and prepare 502/504 informational packets for everyone identified above. Contact and meet with identified individuals.	The media, tribal and community residents will be made aware of the 502/504 loans/grants programs. The target population will receive information and assistance in accessing these programs.	Targeted population will be contacted through outreach effort. The identified individuals will be met with and informed about the FmHA housing programs.	A questionnaire will be designed to evaluate the effectiveness of the outreach message and mailed to one third of the contacts met with. One third of the contacts met with will be contacted by telephone and asked if additional meeting or information would be helpful. The returned questionnaires will be reviewed and followup action will be taken where needed.	20% of a total 509 individuals meet housing program eligibility, that percentage has increased by 5%. The outreach program specifically will increase the total number of new intakes by another 10%, or 51 individuals.	

Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

Grtr Flagstaff Econ Counc
1300 S. Milton Rd., Suite 125
Flagstaff
AZ 86001

Area To Be Served: Rural

CNCS Priority Area: EZ/EC, low-income

Project Start Date: 10-01-95

Project Completion Date: 09-30-96

Number of Full Time Members: 2

Number of Part Time Members: 0

Name of Person Submitting the Proposal:

602-779-7632

Fax:

Employee ID	City	Stat	Work - 1	Result - 1	Impact - 1	Standard - 1	Benefit - 1	Work - 2
18	Flagstaff	AZ	Develop a questionnaire necessary to survey the various municipalities types and levels of funding needs. Kidetify key personnel to contact with survey within the various communities.	Key personnel within the various communities will receive the survey and an explanation of the purpose of the survey. Funding types and levels needed for municipal projects will be identified.	Public, private and community organizations which may be a potential source of investment capital for a regional revolving loan fund will be identified.	Survey findings will be analyzed and a final report developed to reflect the findings.	Directly the program will creat an anticipated 300 jobs, 142 jobs will also be saved. The percentage of total individuals benefited by the work plan is hard to determine in a rural community.	

Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

Willcox RECD County Office
153 Wasson St., PO Box 160
Willcox
AZ 85644

Area To Be Served: Rural

CNCS Priority Area: EZ/EC, low-income

Project Start Date: 10-01-95

Project Completion Date: 09-30-96

Number of Full Time Members: 1

Number of Part Time Members: 0

Name of Person Submitting the Proposal:

Toll, Dave
602-384-3529
Fax:
602-384-5330

Employee ID	City	Stat	Work - 1	Result - 1	Impact - 1	Standard - 1	Benefit - 1	Work - 2
19	Willcox	AZ	Identify every media and community contact in the Willcox county office service territory. Prepare 502/504 informational packets for everyone identified. Contact and meet with tribal officials, media contacts, community officials, and private and nonprofit organizations.	There will be an increase in the awareness level of the rural residents, especially the very low and low income residents living in the service territory of the FmHA Willcox County Office, about the FmHA 504 and 502 housing loan programs available.	The targeted outreach individuals and groups in the service territory will be identified and met with to inform them and their members, readers, listeners, etc. about the FmHA housing programs.	A questionnaire will be designed to evaluate the effectiveness of the outreach message and mailed to one third of the contacts met with. Contact by telephone will be made to one third of the contacts met with and inquiry will be made as to whether an additional meeting or information would be helpful. The returned questionnaires will be reviewed and any followup action required will be implemented.	By increasing the amount of information distributed from an outreach program, persons living in unsuitable housing will gain the most benefit. The population in the county is 97,624. It is expected that the number of new intakes will increase by 15% for the 504 and 10% for the 502 housing programs, 45 and 30 respectively.	

Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

Casa Grande RECD County Office
930 Florence Blvd., Suite C
Casa Grande
AZ 85222

Area To Be Served: Rural

CNCS Priority Area: EZ/EC, low-income

Project Start Date: 10-01-95

Project Completion Date: 09-30-96

Number of Full Time Members: 1

Number of Part Time Members: 0

Name of Person Submitting the Proposal:

Torres, Cecilio
602-836-3164
Fax:
602-836-4628

Employee ID	City	Stat	Work - 1	Result - 1	Impact - 1	Standard - 1	Benefit - 1	Work - 2
22	Casa Grande	AZ	Identify every media, tribal, and community contact in the Casa Grande county office service territory. Contact and meet with tribal officials, media contacts, community officials, and private and non-profit organizations. Evaluate effectiveness of the outreach effort and followup where necessary.	502/504 informational packets will be prepared for every media, tribal and community contact in the service territory. Will meet with as many contacts as possible. Community will be met with and informed about the FmHA housing programs.	The rural residents will have increased awareness, especially the very low and low income residents living in the service territory, about the FmHA 504 and 502 housing loan programs available.	A questionnaire will be designed to evaluate the effectiveness of the outreach message and mailed to one third of the contacts met with. One third of the contacts met with will be contacted by telephone to inquire if an additional meeting or information would be helpful. The returned questionnaires will be reviewed and any necessary followup action will be taken.	Outreach program consists of contacting 60% of 59,705 citizens in Pinal County. Given the opportunity, 62% or 22,210 citizens in the county will benefit from members' work.	

AZ18-1

APPLICANT: CITY OF ELOY, ARIZONA

CONTACT PERSON: JENNY GARVIN

SUPERVISOR: JENNY GARVIN/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ENTITY: ELOY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 305 Stuart Boulevard
P.O. Box 788, Eloy, AZ 85231

COUNTY: PINAL, ARIZONA

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 7 (SMALL PORTION IN DISTRICT 6)

TELEPHONE: (520) 466-3411 **FAX:** (520) 466-4698 (call first)

2. AMERICORPS PROJECT OBJECTIVE STATEMENT

The Eloy Chamber's AmeriCorps Member for 1996 will promote the importance of agriculture in Eloy to help farming remain an important part of the local economy. The Member will create an Eloy Agriculture Cluster Team to assess types of viable and potential crops that require food processing, to encourage the development and processing of locally-grown products, to add value to those local products, to promote public education and communication regarding the agriculture industry and changes occurring in that industry, while establishing closer relationships with ASU and U of A Agriculture Departments will improve Eloy's ability to participate in the GSPED Food/Fiber/Natural Products Cluster group.

Results of this program will insure a strengthened agricultural base for Eloy, Arizona. Success of this program will be measured by an increase in acres planted, diversification of those crops, an increase in local processing and warehousing of those crops.

Educating our citizens on the value of agriculture to Eloy in the future will ensure a respect and support for an invaluable portion of our economy. Additional employment opportunities in the processing field as well as additional acres planted will reflect a positive impact on Eloy's economy. By enlarging the variety of viable crops for Eloy, we plan to increase our amount of acreage planted.

3. Eloy's 1996 AmeriCorps Member will be supervised by the Chamber's Exec. and work closely with the managers of two local farmers associations. Resources provided will include computer capability, normal copying and postage needs, telephone.

Quarterly Action Plan will include:

1st Quarter:

Public education campaign in local newspaper
Activation of Cluster team

2nd Quarter:

Establish close relationship with ASU and UofA
Research alternative crops viable for Eloy

3rd Quarter:

Establish dialog with local schools to ensure training of future agriculture industry participants

4th Quarter:

Strategy development for continuation of Cluster

AZ28-1

Entity: GREATER FLAGSTAFF ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC.
A Federally Designated Champion Community

Contact and Supervisory Individual
David Spaur, CEO

Address:
1300 S. Milton Rd., No. 125
Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

Tel. (520) 779-7658 Fax (520) 556-0940

AMERICORPS PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

A COORDINATED STRATEGIC PLAN DESIGNED FOR AN USDA RURAL BUSINESS AND COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT SERVICE (RBCDS) AMERICORPS MEMBER, TO ASSIST GREATER FLAGSTAFF ECONOMIC COUNCIL (GFEC), INC. IMPLEMENT THE FLAGSTAFF STRATEGIC PLAN FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

VISION STATEMENT

All Northern Arizona Communities have a shared vision of creating economic opportunity and encouraging self-sufficiency for all residents and promoting sustainable community development.

MISSION STATEMENT

The AmeriCorps member will assist community leaders implement portions of the Flagstaff Strategic Plan for Economic Development developed by a grass roots community effort to activate economic renaissance in the greater Flagstaff region.

He/she will work closely with the Greater Flagstaff Economic Council, Inc. to improve the economic well-being and opportunities for area citizens. He will provide technical support and research skills often unavailable in the community in three specific programs:

- Local business retention and expansion assistance
- Marketing and recruitment of basic-sector employer
- Film industry recruitment

For additional information, national office personnel can refer to the Greater Flagstaff Region EZ/EC Strategic Plan.

KEY FACTS TO CONSIDER

Area	Population	Area	Below poverty level
Coconino County	96591	Coconino	16.9%
Flagstaff	45857	Flagstaff	10.4%

Area	Unemp.	Tribal Nations within District	
Coconino	4497	Navajo	Hopi
Flagstaff	1903	Havasupai	Kaibab Pauite

SITUATION STATEMENT

Flagstaff is located in the north-central part of Arizona on a volcanic plateau at the base of the highest mountain in Arizona. The plateau is known as the Colorado Plateau. Flagstaff is the county seat for Coconino County, which is the second largest county (in area) in the United

States. The Economic Development District covers 18,619 square miles, or 17% of the State's total land mass, an area approximately the size of West Virginia. Only 17% of the land is private, 45 % is Indian Reservations with the balance being a checkerboard of federal and state lands. The limited amount of private land places great restrictions on economic development, this is particularly true of checkerboard areas in rural portions of the county.

Coconino County has maintained a steady population ratio in relation to the State since the 1940's, always falling within 1 to 3 percent of the total State population. The 1950's and 1960's saw most count growth within the cooperate boundaries of the City of Flagstaff (75%), however, this trend has changed with more population growth in the rural areas surrounding Flagstaff in the 1970's and the 1980's. This trend may be due in part to the general trend of people raising families wanting a more rural environment, as Coconino County provides rural living.

The local economy of Flagstaff can be divided into those goods and services consumed totally within the community (support industries) and those that are produced for consumption outside the community (basic industries). Most goods and services produced within the community are support industries and are generally not sufficient to satisfy demand; thereby necessitating the import (leakage) of goods from outside the area.

There are large pockets of poverty and unemployment across the district. The sudden decline in the timber industry has adversely transformed the economy of many small communities. Employment is seasonal as much of the remaining economic activity is related to tourism and ranching.

Greater Flagstaff Economic Council, Inc. has developed a strategic plan which is realistic and the residents of the communities are supportive in proceeding with plan implementation. The AmeriCorps program will provide a vital ingredient to the plan implementation process.

This plan is designed to result in a practical and useful experience for the AmeriCorps member spanning roughly eleven months (1700 + hours) a period from September 1995 to August 1996. The plan is divided into specific tasks, each of which when completed will ensure that plan goals are achieved.:

- Supplement skill of the AmeriCorps member with training on economic development techniques, various loan and grant programs through federal and non-federal agencies. Training will be provided on an as needed basis by GFEC staff, various USDA/RECDS personnel and the AmeriCorps Program Manager.
- Require the AmeriCorps Member to execute much needed service projects identified by community leaders within the GFEC service area, resulting in a direct contribution to the overall development of the host community.
- Allow the AmeriCorps Member to develop professional and personal skills necessary in the economic development arena.
- Implement an Economic Impact Analysis process.
- Create a Small Business Loan Fund.

Strengthen the Communities Self-Sufficiency Capability

Workplan

Goal 1

Provide the AmeriCorps Member with training on economic development techniques, the various loan and grant programs through federal and non-federal agencies and other areas as identified. The training will allow the member to complete and implement the Strategic Economic Development Plan for the service area with minimal supervision.

Beginning date: Sept. 1995

Completion date: August 1996

Task: The CFO of the Greater Flagstaff Economic Council, Inc. and the AmeriCorps program manager will provide the member with sufficient training on and direction on an as needed basis. It is anticipated that the member will not require extensive training on the techniques necessary to complete the objectives outlined in this plan due to background and skills (recent college undergraduate).

Task: The AmeriCorps program manager and the President of GFEC are expected to communicate with one another regularly to obtain and provide feed back on the progress of the member to determine action needed with respect to training and direction.

Task: The member will notify either the President of GFEC or the AmeriCorps program manager with concerns to additional training or direction needed to complete tasks or projects.

Goal 2

The AmeriCorps Member will develop an Economic Impact Analysis which will be used to measure the benefits of both; business retention and expansion, and of new business location efforts into the region. The analysis will be used in the implementation of the Business Attraction, and Business Expansion & Retention Program action plans.

Beginning date: Sept. 1995

Completion date: August 1996

Task: Develop or modify existing data base to be used for Impact Analysis.

Beginning date: Sept. 1995

Completion date: January 1996

Task: Develop and define steps to complete study, submit draft of model for final approval (GFEC President).

Beginning date: Sept. 1995

Completion date: Feb. 1996

Task: Organize key personnel to partnership in Impact Analysis Committee, include:

City Finance Office

NAU Business Department

Company CFO

Local CPA firm

Beginning date: February 1995

Completion date: March 1996

Task: Complete study for a business described under the Expansion & Retention Program or

Business Attraction Program.

Beginning date: March 1995

Completion date: August 1996

Goal 3

Develop, capitalize and implement a Small Business Loan Fund for the service area. This program will meet the needs of emerging small businesses by supporting activities for which credit is not otherwise available through traditional avenues. The member will incorporated into the program prudent lending practices routinely evidenced within the private sector. Will produce 5 new businesses and 8 business expansions during the year..

Beginning date: November 1995

Completion date: August 1996

Task: Conduct needs assessment of the business community, include input from lending institutions.

Beginning date: November 1995

Completion date: January 1996

Task: Research available funding sources use to provide the seed funds for the program.

Beginning date: January 1995

Completion date: February 1996

Task: Work closely with GFEC staff to secure financial commitments for the program.

Beginning date: February 1995

Completion date: March 1996

Task: Research existing Small Business Loan Programs and develop a program tailored to meet the needs of potential clients in the service area.

Beginning date: March 1995

Completion date: June 1996

Task: Submit draft of program, revise as needed.

Beginning date: June 1995

Completion date: August 1996

Goal 4

Strengthen the communities capability in the areas of Economic Development and self-sufficiency. Secure the Arizona Department of Commerce's Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI).

Beginning date: Sept. 1995

Completion date: August 1996

Task: Completion of industrial/commercial site and building inventories and profiles, to include a listing and mapping of existing infrastructure.

Beginning date: Sept. 1995

Completion date: Dec. 1996

Task: Completion of community audit.

Beginning date: Sept. 1995

Completion date: Oct. 1996

Task: Completion of a marketing analysis identifying the appropriate Industry of groups of industries compatible with the community.

Beginning date: Sept. 1995

Completion date: Oct. 1996

Task: Completion of an in-depth marketing plan.

Beginning date: Oct. 1995

Completion date: Nov. 1996

Task: Development of marketing teams which represent all appropriate services and professions to work with existing potential business prospects.

Beginning date: Nov. 1995

Completion date: Dec. 1996

Resources

Organizational Commitment

Greater Flagstaff Economic Council, Inc. will commit a budget of approximately \$450,000 for the period of July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996 to economic development services for the greater Flagstaff area. This budget will support the AmeriCorps Member's plan of work and implementation of work results.

Resources:

- Training by GFEC, RECDs, other as identified in the first month of service and to continue throughout the member's service period.
- Office space, computer, communication (e.g., telephone, fax) services; postage and miscellaneous costs will all be donated by GFEC pursuant to the agreement with the Corporation for National and community Service will be ready by Sept. 1995.
- Database and a model used for Economic Impact Analysis developed by AmeriCorps member to meet goal 2
- Community assessment, letters of communication, Small Business Program and documents needed for lending activity developed by AmeriCorps member to meet goal 3.
- Listing of site and building inventories, a map of existing infrastructure, marketing analysis, marketing plan, letters of communication developed by AmeriCorps member to meet goal 4.
- Ongoing workshop and economic development courses provided by professional organizations including Economic Development Institute, and the American Economic Development Council will be funded (\$1,000 budgeted) by Greater Flagstaff Economic Council, Inc. and offered for participation to the AmeriCorps Member.

Personnel and Organizational Assignments

The President will be in direct supervision of all work to be performed by the AmeriCorps Member, including specific items appearing on the quarterly report of accomplishments. Participatory supervision will be conducted on a day to day basis.

AZ168-1

1. City of Douglas, Arizona, Rural EZ/EC

Preapplication for 1996 AmeriCorps Program Participation

- a. Name of EZ/EC Applicant Entity:** City of Douglas, Arizona.
- b. Name of Contact Person:** Adriana M. Garza, City Manager.
- c. Name of Person Who Will Provide Supervision for AmeriCorps Member:**
Greg Lucero, Community Development Director.
- d. Address of Entity:** City of Douglas, 425 Tenth Street, Douglas, Arizona 85607.
- e. Counties in Which the Work will Take Place:** Cochise County
- f. Congressional Districts in Which the Work will Take Place:** 5th District
- g. Telephone:** 520/364-7501 **FAX:** 520/364-7507

2. AmeriCorps Project Objective Statement:

Objective One: Border Issues

- Establish a customer service training program for local businesses and border governmental personnel to increase international commerce.

Action- Work with Cochise College Small Business Development Center to set up a training program with input from area businesses and cooperation from U.S. Customs and U.S. Immigration.

Objective Two: Economic Development

- Create 200 new jobs.

Action- Develop business incentive policy. Work with business incubator to increase the number of start up businesses and assist in the establishment or expansion of existing businesses. Tap into RECD Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program and Rural Economic Development

Loan and Grant Program. Work with Arizona Department of Commerce with business prospects tapping into Economic Strength Fund grant money for job training and infrastructure. Work with existing businesses to assist in retention and expansion efforts.

- Generate 100 additional new shoppers in the Downtown Business District.

Action- Through Arizona Main Street Program the AmeriCorps member will work with business to develop merchants association and improve marketing efforts to attract out of town customers. Through RECD Rural Enterprise Grants clean up and beautify Downtown Business District to attract more tourist traffic.

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1. City of San Luis, Arizona

Preapplication for 1996 AmeriCorps Program Participation

- a. Name of EZ/EC Applicant Entity:** City of San Luis, Arizona
- b. Name of Contact Person:** Victor Stevens, City Manager.
- c. Name of Person Who Will Provide Supervision for AmeriCorps Member:**
Gail Gallagher, Community Development Director.
- d. Address of Entity:** City of San Luis, P.O. Box S, 23222 First Street, San Luis, Arizona
85349-0429
- Counties in Which the Work will Take Place:** Yuma County
- f. Congressional Districts in Which the Work will Take Place:** 2nd District
- g. Telephone:** 520/627-2027 **FAX:** 520/627-3879

2. AmeriCorps Project Objective Statement:

To have two positions: Community Development Technician and Community Services Technician.

Work to be done:

- Assist in establishing a Planning and Zoning Department.
- Community Development Technician: Assist in carrying out City Projects.
- Assist in the newly formed Chamber of Commerce to get the operation running.
- Community Service Technician: To institute new recreational programs for youth and youth at risk in the city.
- Carry out recreational programs for Youth Development and Conduct marketing of recreational programs for youth.

What will Result From Work:

- The Community Development Technician's work will result in setting up a working Planning and Zoning Department which will result in a higher quality of life for local residents.
- The grants writing and research will result in the implementation of various community programs and projects.
- Developing a Chamber of Commerce which will result in a more vital business climate in the community.

Community Services Technician

Measure:

- Having a completed written program plan for recreation.
- The number of children and youth served as a result of programs being conducted.
- Any grants received as a result of applications submitted to youth recreational programs.

Standard of quality or success:

- Community Development Technician- Having a working planning and zoning department.
- Community Services Technician- Having a working Recreational Department for youth.

Number of Service Recipients:

Community Development Technician: 200 persons

Community Services Technician: 200-300 children

CA35-1

1. IMPERIAL COUNTY ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY

Preapplication for 1996 AmeriCorps Program Participation

a. Name of EZ/EC Applicant Entity: Imperial County Enterprise Community

b. Name of Contact Person: Maria Matthews, Manager

- c. **Name of Person Who Will Provide Supervision for AmeriCorps Member:**
Maria Matthews, Manager
- d. **Address of Entity:** 836 Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243
- e. **Counties in Which the Work will Take Place:** Imperial County
- f. **Congressional Districts in which the Work will Take Place:**
- g. **Telephone:** 619/337-7814 **FAX:** 619/337-8907

2. Vision Statement:

Unite the Imperial Valley Community to improve the quality of life by improving people to develop strategies and solutions to physical social, economic environmental barriers.

Objectives:

In order to fulfill the vision state above the AmeriCorps member will achieve the following objectives:

-) Develop and present four public meetings throughout the designated areas to inform low to moderate income persons of housing rehabilitation loan programs, health services, food services etc., available through Community Economic Development. Healthy Start Centers and other Enterprise Community Programs.
-) Assist a minimum of 100 families in completing housing rehabilitation applications. These application drives will be targeted to the POE and El Dorado Colonias, as well as the unincorporated portions of the EC designated areas.

Will work at least 16 hours per week providing direct aid to low to moderate income families at the two Healthy Start Centers located with the EC designated area Calexico and Brawley. services to be provided will consist of assistance in completion applications for assistance and housing rehabilitation, loan programs, acting as teachers assistant in adult education classes at centers.

Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

El Centro RECD County Office
1699 W. Main St., Suite K
El Centro
CA 92243

Area To Be Served: Rural

CNCS Priority Area: EZ/EC, low-income

Project Start Date: 10-01-95

Project Completion Date: 09-30-96

Number of Full Time Members: 2

Number of Part Time Members: 0

Name of Person Submitting the Proposal:

Lopez, Raphael
619-352-3314
Fax:
619-668-0219

Employee ID	City	Stat	Work - 1	Result - 1	Impact - 1	Standard - 1	Benefit - 1	Work - 2
25	El Centro	CA	Community meetings will be held in all of the unincorporated areas of the Imperial county regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). This will help with the rehabilitation of homes, Public Facilities, Community Facilities, and Economic Development for the Target Income Group we are trying to help.	It is hoped that after our community meetings individuals as well as business proprietors will take advantage of the program in order to improve their living conditions as well as their community.	Impact of success will be based upon the number of inquiries and applications received in our office.	Success of the community outreach service will be measured by the amount of loans, and the amount of homes and businesses we will be able to help in the fiscal year of 1995.	It is estimated that the Imperial County has a population of 173,000 which encompasses all rural communities. Individuals seeking our assistance need to meet certain requirements such as the individuals need to have owned a home for at least two years and must be part of the Targeted Income Group.	

Employee ID	City	Stat	Work - 1	Result - 1	Impact - 1	Standard - 1	Benefit - 1	Work - 2
26	El Centro	CA	Meetings will be conducted in the rural towns within Imperial County to inform local home owners regarding FmHA 504 rural housing repair loans and grants. Requirements such as income level for loans, and income level and age requirements for grants will be covered. The kind of repairs that qualify will also be discussed.	It is hoped that after attending the town meetings, the local home owners will gain confidence and trust in FmHA and will look for assistance from the local FmHA programs regarding housing repair loans and grants under section 504.	Impact of success will be measured by how many inquiries and applications are received requesting program assistance under the 504 loan/grant rural housing program.	Success of the community outreach service will be measured by how much funding for loans, and how much funding for grants are used during the fiscal year of 1995.	It is estimated that the Imperial County has a population of 173,000 which encompasses all rural communities and the city of el Centro (the county seat). Out of the 173000 it is further estimated that about 25,000 county residents could potentially qualify for the 504 loan/grant under the rural housing program guidelines.	

Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

Rural California Housing Corp.
2125 19th St., Ste 101
Sacramento
CA 95818

Area To Be Served: Rural

CNCS Priority Area: EZ/EC, low-income

Project Start Date: 10-01-95

Project Completion Date: 09-30-96

Number of Full Time Members: 4

Number of Part Time Members: 0

Name of Person Submitting the Proposal:

Hull, Cynthia
916-442-4731
Fax:
916-442-1701

Objective: In conjunction with the RECD's Self-Help Housing Program, will work with the pre-construction team to develop home ownership materials and train families in home-ownership skills; with the construction team to develop a safety program for supervisors and families, conduct training sessions, organize homeowner warrantee notebooks, train families in the use of home equipment and in home maintenance, and facilitate bill paying through group meetings on site; with the Deputy Director to develop and implement a public education and information program and to develop a community land trust.

Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

Self-Help Housing Enterprises
8445 W Elwin Ct, PO Box 351
Visalia
CA 93279

Area To Be Served: Rural

CNCS Priority Area: EZ/EC, low-income

Project Start Date: 10-01-95

Project Completion Date: 09-30-96

Number of Full Time Members: 3

Number of Part Time Members: 0

Name of Person Submitting the Proposal:

Sparks, Greg
209-651-1000
Fax:
209-651-3634

Objective: In conjunction with the RECD's Self-Help Housing Program, one AmeriCorps member will plan and coordinate the construction of one or more family houses at a time, supervise construction volunteers assigned to work at the site, work with and guide the families in construction, another will perform routine data entry, record accounts payable/receivable/cash disbursements, compare invoices to purchase orders, research discrepancies, and post to proper account, reconcile petty cash, purchase orders, and close outs, review work for accuracy, perform routine filing, and use computer terminal and telephone.

CA61-1
City of Shafter

1. Cover Page Information

- a. Name of Applicant:** City of Shafter (Champion Community)
- b. Name of Contact Person:** Paul M. Saldana
- c. Name of Person who will provide supervision:** Paul M. Saldana
- d. Address:** 336 Pacific Avenue
Shafter, Ca 93263
- e. County:** Kern
- f. Congressional District:** 20th (Calvin Dooley)
- G. Telephone:** (805) 746-6365
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2. AmeriCorps Project Objectives Statement:

The Shafter Strategic Plan identified several areas that required further research and study to determine what specific actions were necessary to achieve particular strategies. Our objective in using a AmeriCorps member will be to further assist the community in the identification and implementation programs, activities and events that are specified below.

Shafter Link Partnership

Shafter Link Partnership was envisioned to coordinate economic opportunity and community services, by providing area residents physical and electronic access to government and businesses. The center of focus for contact would be a single site service point that also provides electronic access to computerized databases that provide information. A copy of the portion of the strategic plan further describing this element is attached.

The primary need in the community is to have access to these services. Although services are available in the region, the community is not "large" enough for some agencies to warrant having an office or even in scheduling time in the community. And since no comprehensive needs assessment has been conducted, the service providers do not have information to necessitate their involvement in the community. Since many agencies success is determined on how they deliver services to their constituencies, a need would be documented and a partnership established to provide basic human services within the community.

The AmeriCorps member will be primarily involved in the research, development and implementation of the "link". By providing the link for local residents, the program will improve coordination of services by:

- providing a centralized system in the community for distributing information to individuals or agencies through electronic means (ie; telephone interactive computer database, or on-line service);
- aid in the assessment of the overall needs of residents through identification of gaps and duplications in services;
- streamlining services through network collaboration and further long-range planning.

This project will benefit community residents by empowering individuals with accurate information and allowing them to make informed choices regarding available resources.

The following are the preliminary **objectives** identified to accomplish the overall strategy.

- 1. Establish a coordinating committee to participate in the development of Shafter Information Link, with an emphasis on ensuring current available programs are not duplicated.**

Proposed Work Scope: Would include working with the project supervisor in identifying

organizations that would have an interest in the project and invite their participation in the program. This would allow for the community to identify existing mechanisms for information and referral services within the region.

Anticipated Results: It is anticipated that a coordinating committee will be developed within the first 6 to 8 weeks of the program initiation.

Quality/success measurements: The success of this objective will be measured on the recruitment of coordinating committees and that participating agencies are involved and feel "ownership" for the project.

Anticipated quality/success standards: The success this objective hopes to accomplish is that all agencies with a "vested" interest in the outcome of the project are willing participants and passionate supporters.

Number of recipients: It is anticipated that at least 25 agencies will be involved.

4. Establish the Shafter "link", including the physical and electronic infrastructure to accomplish the overall project goal of providing a one-stop mechanism for residents to access economic and human services.

Proposed Work Scope: In collaboration with the coordinating committee, technical staff of the city, and the results of needs assessment and resource assessment, a plan will be designed and implemented creating mechanisms for linking the community with services providers. This may take the form of a physical, electronic, or other form, and would include a mechanism for the coordinating committee to evaluate and accommodate future changes. Current models will be investigated and current information utilized.

Anticipated Results: It is anticipated that a physical site is identified and secured, participating agencies recruited, and an electronic or other form of self-assistance is included. Additionally, current State of California computer and on-line services will be obtained, including the "Info-Cal" kiosk and the state job match system, and placed at the service delivery point.

Quality/success measurements: the success of this phase of the project will be the opening of the center.

Anticipated quality/success standards: The objective, and program strategy, hopes to create a user friendly, physical and electronic access point, for community residents to utilize in the identification and request for all human, housing, economic and social services available.

Number of recipients: The "center" will facilitate as many clients as necessary, with a minimum goal of initially providing access to 5 recipients per day.

3. How will this project accomplish the objectives?

The project will be supervised on a day-to-day basis by the City's designated Community & Economic Development manager Paul Saldana. Mr. Saldana is the primary coordinator of the City's enterprise community strategic plan and the key staff responsible for supervising these activities.

The physical resources necessary for the AmeriCorps member to accomplish the objectives indicated would include office space, some clerical assistance, and a computer. The City would provide all of the physical resources necessary for completing the tasks. Additionally, it would be helpful if the AmeriCorps member had training in team building, use of computerized technologies, and research. It is assumed that the AmeriCorps member would bring some of these skills and knowledge to the community, however, the City is committed to providing on-the-job as well as formal training (via workshops, etc.) to increase the members knowledge, abilities and skills. Additional staff support will be provided by agencies, including the Kern Economic Opportunity Corporation, Children's Network, United Way, and other current participants in this effort.

It is anticipated that objective 1 will be completed in the first 2 quarters, objective 2 in the third and final quarters.

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- a. Watsonville designated Rural Enterprise Community.**
- b. Contact person:** Carlos Palacios, Assistant to the City Manager.
- c Supervisor:** Carlos Palacios.
- d. Site Location:**
City of Watsonville
215 Union Street, 2nd Floor
P.O. Box 50000
Watsonville, CA 95077
- e. Work will take place in Santa Cruz County.**
- f. Congressional District:**
17th Congressional District, represented by Sam Farr.
- g. Telephone:**
(408) 728-6033;
FAX: (408) 761-0736

2. AmeriCorps Project Objective Statement.

The Watsonville Rural Enterprise Community Strategic Plan articulates two primary goals set by the Watsonville City Council: (1) Development of Employment Skills in Youth; and (2) Economic Development to Provide Jobs Which Provide Stability and a Livable Wage. The importance and appropriateness of these goals can be seen by a review of some key demographic characteristics regarding the Watsonville Enterprise Community area. Specifically, approximately 35 percent of the population is under 18 years of age, the unemployment rate averages over twenty percent, and the percent of persons below the poverty level is greater than 26 percent.

OBJECTIVE 1: WATSONVILLE YOUTH JOBS PROGRAM

The Work to be Done. The AmeriCorps member will help assist in establishing and ensuring the success of the Watsonville Youth Jobs Program. The member will focus on one specific component of the program which involves the recruitment and counseling of at-risk youth. The program will provide 1,000 hours of on-the-job training to approximately 40 youth annually aged 16 to 25. It is anticipated that approximately 10 of the program participants will be youth with a prior history of gang affiliations, substance abuse, or behavioral problems. The AmeriCorps member will focus on counseling and assisting these ten youth in the successful completion of all components of the Youth Jobs Program.

All participants in the program must also be enrolled in an educational program, such as high school, college or vocational training. The goal of the program is to improve the employment skills of participants in the program to allow them to find permanent employment. The program is funded under the Enterprise Community initiative with Title XX Block grant funds. No funds currently exist, however, for the special needs associated with assisting at-risk youth in the successful completion of the program.

What Will Result From the Work. The AmeriCorps member will allow for the establishment of a component in the Watsonville Youth Jobs Program which specifically focuses on youth with a prior history of gang affiliation, substance abuse or behavioral problems. Ten at-risk youth will be enrolled in the program and will receive specific attention and follow-up from the AmeriCorps member. At least one-half of these youth (5 participants) will successfully complete the program and will have the employment skills necessary to find permanent employment. A written manual will be produced which will describe the specific curriculum which was developed for ensuring success of at-risk youth in the Youth Jobs Program.

How Will You Measure the Quality or Success of the Work. The quality of the work will be measured by assessing the number of at-risk youth recruited to participate in the program, the quantity and quality of assistance and follow-up given to each of these youth, the number of at-risk youth who successfully complete the on-the-job training portion of the program, the success of the youth in the educational component of the program, and the quality of the manual which describes the curriculum for the assistance given to at-risk youth in completing an on-the-job training program with an educational component.

The Standard of Quality or Success the Program Hopes to Meet. Ten at-risk youth will be

identified and enrolled in the Youth Jobs Program. These youth will have a prior history of gang affiliation, substance abuse or behavioral problems. All will receive specific attention and follow-up from the AmeriCorps member. At least five of these youth will successfully complete the on-the-job training and educational components of the program. A written manual will be produced which will describe the specific curriculum which was developed for ensuring the success of at-risk youth in the Youth Jobs Program.

The Number of Service Recipients. Ten at-risk young people will receive assistance, referral, counseling and follow-up to successfully complete the Youth Jobs Program. A written manual will be produced to assist in the success of at-risk youth in the program in future years. The program will exist for ten years. Over this time period 100 at-risk youth will participate in the Jobs program and their success will be a direct result of the program curriculum developed by the AmeriCorps member during the first year of the program.

3. How The Project Will Accomplish the Objectives Set Out in #2.

Who Will Supervise the Work to be Done. The work will be supervised by Carlos Palacios, the Assistant to the City Manager. Mr. Palacios is the coordinator for the Watsonville Enterprise Community Project, and has direct responsibility for the Watsonville Youth Jobs Program.

What Resources Will be Required. One AmeriCorps member will implement the at-risk youth component of the Jobs Program. Office space, supplies, reimbursement for work related expenses will be supplied by the City of Watsonville.

Quarterly Action Plan. The first quarter will be composed of advertising, recruitment, individual assessments of participants, and placement in one-the-job training and the educational components of the program. A curriculum for assessment, follow-up, and counseling will also be developed during the first quarter. The second and third quarter will consist of follow-up and counseling of participants. Meetings will be held with the participant's supervisor at work, teachers and family. Referrals to other available services will be made as required. In the fourth quarter follow-up and counseling will continue. Placement in permanent jobs will be sought for participants. A manual describing the curriculum developed for the program will be produced

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Kings County, California-Champion Community

The contact person. Ms. Juanita Galaviz, Director of Emergency Services will be the supervisor of the AmeriCorps member.

The address of Kings Community Action Organization, Inc. is 1222 W. Lacey Blvd. Hanford, Ca. 93230.

Work will take place in Kings County, California which is in the 17 U.S. Congressional District. U.S. Representative Calvin Dooley is our Congressman.

Our telephone and fax number appears on this letterhead stationary.

OBJECTIVE I

Develop a volunteer based food distribution collection program serving 10,000 pounds of food to 2,000 low and fixed income Kings County residents per month by March 31, 1996.

SUPERVISION

The work to be done will be supervised by the Emergency Services Program Director, Juanita Galaviz.

RESOURCES

The AmeriCorps member will be provided with a list of contacts in Kings County and other areas. The member will have the assistance of our warehouse man.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS - FIRST QUARTER

1. Recruit and train 10 volunteers
2. Develop 8 new food sources.
3. Food collection and distribution (Ongoing).
4. Supervise volunteers.

SECOND QUARTER

1. Recruit 10 volunteers for a total of 20 volunteers.
2. Develop 8 more food resources for a total of 16 new sources.
3. Continue to monitor food collection and distribution.
4. Provide training and supervision for volunteers.
5. Develop data base for tracking pounds of food collected, number of clients served and volunteer hours.
6. Increase the diversity and availability of food to the low and fixed income community.

OBJECTIVE II

Develop a thrift shop as part of our women and children's homeless and domestic violence program. Provide the opportunity for our shelter clients to enhance their skills by participating in the operation of the thrift shop. It would provide a supplemental source of revenue for our homeless and domestic violence shelter.

SUPERVISION

The AmeriCorps member will be provided with a list of contacts. Kings Community Action Organization, Inc. will provide financial assistance for the development of the thrift shop with the intent that it becomes self-sustaining.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS - THIRD QUARTER

1. Locate an affordable, appropriate building in the Hanford area.
2. Recruit and train 10 volunteers.

3. Solicit items for the thrift shop through the local news media (radio, television, etc.).
4. Solicit donations from the community for continuing support of the thrift shop.

FOURTH QUARTER

1. Shelter residents would actually participate in the operation of the thrift shop by providing up to 20 hours of volunteer work per month per client.
2. Recruit and train house residents in the operation of the thrift shop. Training includes: stocking, pricing, organizing, sales, book keeping and management skills.
3. This would enhance self-esteem as well as increase client's job skills. A supplemental source of revenue for our shelter program would be available.

CA131-1**A. Name of the EZ/EC applicant entity (whether designated or champion).**

Planada Community Development Corporation (A Champion Community).

B. Name of Contact Person for the AmeriCorps Project.

Merced County Supervisor Gloria Cortez Keene.

C. Name of Person who will provide supervision for AmeriCorps Member.

Merced County Supervisor Gloria Cortez Keene and/or Assistant County Administrative Officer Greg Wellman.

D. Address of Entity.

County of Merced,
2222 "M" Street, Merced, California 95340.

E. Counties in which the work is to take place.

County of Merced, California.

F. Congressional Districts in which the work will take place.

18th Congressional District of the State of California.

G. Telephone and Fax Numbers.

Telephone (209) 385-7366

Fax (209) 385-73752.

THE AMERICORPS PROJECT OBJECTIVE STATEMENT

The object of the AmeriCorps participant's activities will be to help the residents strengthen the economic base of the community of Planada. This will be accomplished by the AmeriCorps member developing the capacities of local citizens to develop an Economic Improvement Plan for the community. In this process, the Member will be responsible for facilitating the process and training Planada residents in workshops.

- Involve Planada as an entire community implementing the goals of the Rural Enterprise Plan and utilizing the collective resources available.
- Serve as a link between the efforts of the Merced County Office of Economic and Strategic Development (a division of the county government); the Merced County Economic Development Corporation (a private, non-profit community based corporation); and the Planada Community Development Corporation (representatives of the local community).
- Collect information from and work with agencies which can provide relevant data pertaining to economic strategies, including but not limited to the Merced County Association of Governments, the Merced County Planning Department, Merced Community College District, and other governmental departments and agencies.
- Work closely with community based organizations (such as the Planada Community Development Corporation), business organizations (such as the Chamber of Commerce and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce), the County government and private businesses in order to accomplish this goal.

3. HOW THIS PROJECT WILL ACCOMPLISH THE OBJECTIVE SET OUT ABOVE

Under the overall supervision of County Supervisor Cortez Keene and the immediate supervision of Assistant County Administrative Officer Wellman (who is also designated as the head of the Merced County Office of Economic and Strategic Development), the AmeriCorps member will be given model Economic Improvement Plans developed for other communities and encouraged to develop and implement a comparable plan for the community of Planada

It is hoped that the following **schedule** can be maintained:

End of First Quarter: Completed survey and review of the available model plans. Completed review of the written resource data which exists. Established initial contact with the Board of the Planada Community Development Corporation as well as with the other relevant agencies and organizations.

End of Second Quarter: In conjunction with the Board of the Planada Community Development Corporation, the member should have developed the goals and a conceptual strategy for achieving the goals in the Economic Development Plan.

End of Third Quarter: Begin to implement action plan component with specific community groups and organizations.

End of Fourth Quarter: Produce a final version of the plan, including a target list of grant and loan resources which might be available to the community using the final plan and other existing resources.

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CA153-1

EZ/EC Applicant Entity: City of Hollister

Contact Person: Barry Johnson

Supervisor for AmeriCorps person: Barry Johnson

Address: 375 Fifth Street, Hollister, CA 95023

County: San Benito

Congressional District: 17th

Telephone Number: (408) 636-4316

Fax Number: (408) 636-4310

Objective Statement

It is the intent to retain the services of an AmeriCorps member for the purpose of working on activities relating to economic development and redevelopment for the City of Hollister. The reason for selecting these activities are:

Hollister's consistent high unemployment rate, typically 15% or more; Hollister's need to finalize recovery from natural disaster (1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake) and arson which devastated many area homes and businesses.

Objective 1

Assist in development rehabilitation of affordable housing units within the City of Hollister.

Result

The execution of agreements leading to or actual construction /rehabilitation of twenty-five housing units.

Measurement

Actual number of affordable units rehabilitated or constructed.

Standard of Quality

Rehabilitation of units within program guidelines and design of new units in accordance with planning and design standards.

Service Recipients

Two or more businesses (according to building design). Entire population benefits from revitalization and job creation.

Objective 2

Market and process existing Revolving Loan Fund funds to downtown business area.

Result

The execution of two Revolving Loan Fund loans resulting in the construction of two buildings or tenant improvements of existing buildings.

Measurement

Actual execution of two loan and commencement of construction activity.

Standard of Quality

Process of loans within program guidelines and construction is in accordance with local design standards.

Service Recipients

Twenty-five low income families.

Objective 3

Completion of business attitude survey.

Result

Compilation of information from existing businesses which can assist in programming future economic development activities.

Measurement

Prepare percentage based upon number of businesses surveyed. Minimum 60% response rate desired.

Standard of Quality

Usefulness of information acquired as attested by users and by actual program changes which may result from information received.

Service Recipients

Local agencies involved in economic development including City of Hollister, Hollister Redevelopment Agency, San Benito County, Economic Development Corporation, Hollister Downtown Association, and the Chamber of Commerce. Entire population benefits from enhanced economic development capability.

Accomplishment for Above Objectives:

The AmeriCorps member will be supervised by the Redevelopment Program Manager, Barry Johnson, who coordinates both commercial economic development and affordable housing activities. The AmeriCorps member will be furnished with an office and all basic supplies and equipment, including a computer. Basic training relating to economic development, affordable housing and local government operations will also be provided. No other resources are necessary besides enthusiasm, common sense, and commitment to public service.

Quarterly Action Plan**1st Quarter**

Basic training relating to economic development, affordable housing and local government operations. Design affordable housing rehabilitation marketing plan. Design Revolving Loan Fund marketing Plan. Commence contact with local business for Revolving Loan Fund. Host focus group meeting for Revolving Loan Fund. Initiate Affordable Housing Rehabilitation marketing efforts. Host Affordable Housing Rehabilitation town hall meeting.

2nd Quarter

Host Revolving Loan Fund focus group. Process Revolving Loan Fund inquiries and application. Target market specific eligible businesses. Process rehabilitation inquiries and application. Establish and monitor rehabilitation program tracking system. Track Revolving Loan Fund inquiries and progress. Initiate discussions with local hospitality industry on tourism promotion.

3rd and 4th Quarters

Continue Revolving Loan Fund promotion and/or marketing until projects are complete.

Continue rehabilitation program monitoring until projects are complete. Commence discussions with local economic development agencies on demographic information needed. Begin compilation of demographic information relating to economic development. Design outline of demographic information database. Devise tourism marketing plan outline. Conduct decision discussion on business attitude survey with local agencies involved in economic development. Develop business attitude survey and dissemination program.

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Applicant:

Fresno County, I-5 Business Development Corridor
(Cities of Firebaugh, Kerman, Mendota, San Joaquin;
Fresno County unincorporated area.)

Contact Person:

L. Keyth Durham
Coordinator, I-5 BDC

Supervisor of AmeriCorps member: L. Keyth Durham

Address of Entity:

I-5 Business Development Corridor
c/o City of Firebaugh
1575 Eleventh Street
Firebaugh, CA 93622

County: Fresno County, California

Congressional Districts:

District 18
District 19
District 20

Telephone: (209) 659-2043

FAX: (209) 659-3412

2. AMERICORPS PROJECT OBJECTIVE STATEMENT

Objective: Assist businesses in food and fibre industries to expand their market base from the I-5 Business Development Corridor (I-5 BDC) in western Fresno County.

This work will follow on extensive economic development planning activities that have occurred over the past two years, as described in the Enterprise Community application. Agencies in Fresno County are currently engaged both in business attraction efforts and in assisting existing businesses with marketing and financial planning. However, there is a strong need for more in-depth market intelligence regarding emerging markets for products and services in the food and fibre industries, as well as working with specific industry and business sectors in expanding their markets.

Work To Be Done

The objective will be achieved through a series of activities including analysis of the existing business base, strategic selection of industries with growth potential, in-depth market research on emerging products, and direct technical assistance to existing businesses to help them reach new markets.

The specific activities are as follows:

- 1) Prepare an inventory of food and fibre related businesses in the I-5 BDC.
- 2) Conduct interviews with a sample of businesses representing each industry to determine their existing markets, buyer/supplier relationships, and expansion goals.
- 3) In consultation with I-5 BDC representatives and consultants, select five (5) food and fibre industries for detailed research on their emerging markets.
- 4) Disseminate market research to I-5 BDC companies in the selected industries and to the Fresno Economic Development Corporation, which is the marketing unit for the County and for the I-5 BDC. Create a reference file of the market data for future use.
- 5) Assist in identifying gaps in the buyer/supplier relationships that constitute business expansion or attraction opportunities.
- 6) Assist in identifying infrastructure and financing needs of businesses with expansion potential.
- 7) Assist I-5 BDC representatives in making contacts with businesses in the targeted industries who may be interested in locating in the I-5 BDC.
- 8) Coordinate work with the business-serving resources and activities of the Central California Small Business Development Center, the California Manufacturers Technology Center at Fresno City College, the Training Institute at Fresno City College, and the Futures Institute at Fresno State University.

Results of the Work

This work will assist existing companies to identify and exploit market opportunities, resulting in increased sales for the businesses and job opportunities for local residents. The work will create a reference database which can be expanded in future efforts that will be available to companies and economic development authorities in the County to help target business attraction programs and to assist existing businesses to capture expansion opportunities.

Measures of Quality and Success

The success of the program will be measured through increases in market penetration, new markets exploited, and new businesses established.

The quality of the work will be judged from the number of inquiries from businesses seeking access to the market information developed through the activity. I-5 BDC representatives will maintain logs of business outreach and inquiries to document instances where the AmeriCorps member has been able to help business with market intelligence they would not otherwise have.

All of the benefits of this activity cannot be expected to surface in one year's time. However, the AmeriCorps position can help create an ongoing service function for local businesses to help them enhance their competitiveness in new markets.

Standard for the Project

The project will be structured and monitored with the assistance of the economic development consultants who worked with the I-5 BDC to prepare the strategic plan contained in the Enterprise Community application. In addition, the AmeriCorps worker will be working regularly with the City Managers of the 4 cities and the County staff who have been the working unit of the I-5 BDC. The involvement of professional government staff and consultants will help the AmeriCorps worker achieve a high professional standard in his or her work and produce maximum benefit to the communities and businesses.

Number of Service Recipients

Although local economic development agencies such as the I-5 BDC, the Central California Small Business Development Center, and the Fresno County Economic Development Corporation will benefit from this activity, the primary beneficiaries will be the businesses in selected food and fibre industries addressed in the work scope. Fresno County has nearly 600 businesses in agriculture and food processing, not including firms that supply goods and services to this sector. It is estimated that at least ten percent of these businesses are located in the I-5 BDC. This activity should result in direct services to at least 20 percent of the food and fibre businesses in the BDC. That is, we anticipate that twelve businesses will be provided with market data useful for their business planning and job growth activities.

3. HOW PROJECT WILL ACCOMPLISH THE OBJECTIVE

Who Will Supervise The Work

Supervision will be provided by the Coordinator of the I-5 BDC, L. Keyth Durham. He will incorporate into the supervision the assistance of I-5 BDC consultants who can provide technical

expertise to supervise the market analysis. Mr. Durham will also ensure the project activity is appropriate coordinated with the staffs of the Fresno County Economic Development Council, the Small Business Development Center, and the two academic institutions.

What Resources Will Be Required

The member local governments of the I-5 BDC will provide the local matching funds and the office space, supplies, and support services. This can be accommodated in the Fresno County office building in Fresno, and in the City Halls of the various cities -- as appropriate for the phases of the project. To begin with the AmeriCorps worker will use an office located at the Firebaugh City Hall, where Mr. Durham is located. Access to community organizations, officials, residents, public schools, and businesses will be through the City Managers and County staff who are the working unit of the I-5 BDC.

Quarterly Action Plan

First Quarter: Business inventory and interviews
Second Quarter: Two research reports
Third Quarter: Three additional research reports, begin business consultations
Fourth Quarter: Continue consultations and follow-on activities

FL89-5

1. RURAL FLORIDA AMERICORPS PROJECT

Preapplication for 1996 AmeriCorps Program Participation

- a. Name of EZ/EC Applicant Entity:** Rural Florida AmeriCorps Project
- b. Name of Contact Person:** Karen Prentiss, Executive Director
- c. Name of Person who will provide Supervision for AmeriCorps Member:**
Karen Prentiss, Executive Director
- d. Address of Entity:** 443 Collins Building, 107 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee,
FL 32399-2000
- e. Counties in which the Work Will Take Place:**
- f. Congressional Districts in which the work will take Place:**
- g. Telephone:** 904/921-0123 **FAX:** 904/922-9596

2. AmeriCorps Project Objective Statement:

The proposed project will utilize 5 AmeriCorps members during a 12 month period. Each host organization is prepared to commit a minimum of \$1,500 cash and additional inkind resources to this effort.

Objective 1:

To plan and develop implementation of a specific project which falls into the category of public safety. An expected outcome will be the documentation that two new direct service activities, targeted to public safety benefiting 100 community residents will be initiated over the twelve month period by the host organization and implemented/developed by an AmeriCorps participant.

Objective 2:

To develop, publish and implement an action plan and job related development activities for the participants of the Jackson County Enterprise Community so that their job development related needs, based on the national AmeriCorps priority areas, for the unserved and/or low income are addressed. Activities will result in the creation of a minimum of 20 jobs targeted to unserved and/or low income community residents.

Objective 3:

a. To conduct a one day training event, developed by FSRDC, for 40 AmeriCorps participants and community leaders which will have a targeted focus on partnership development and leveraging resources. Participants may receive instruction on the fundamentals of leveraging and resource development and the establishment of an AmeriCorps network which will meet on a regular basis.

b. To utilize a circuit rider, housed at FSRDC, who will serve the project target areas by providing technical assistance and training relating to environmental compliance and impediment removal. The circuit rider, will use regulatory negotiation and other consensus-based decision processes to reach agreement on particular regulatory requirements. The circuit rider, on a case-by-case basis, working with EPA, the Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection and representatives of all major affected groups, will utilize land (and provide training as appropriate) comparative risk techniques and risk tools to assist the affected participants with meeting specific environmental related community and compliance related needs. An expected outcome from achieving this activity will include documentation which indicates the removal of a minimum of ten federal/state environmental related impediments over a twelve month period.

The Florida State Rural Development Council (FSRDC) will develop a project work plan to build the necessary technical, training and communication infrastructure to connect activities and resources to support the program related work effort of targeted participating host organizations and their AmeriCorps participants.

GA211-1

NAME: Crisp/Dooly Partnership, Inc.
Designated Rural Enterprise Community

CONTACT: Lonnie M. Edenfield, Jr.

SUPERVISOR: Executive Director of Crisp/Dooly
(To be designated)

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 38
118-A East 12th Avenue
Cordelf, GA 31015

COUNTIES: Crisp & Dooly

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS: District 2 & 8

Tel: 912-273-9570

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PROJECT OBJECTIVE:

While plan initiatives deal with almost every aspect of community life, the Crisp/Dooly EC Strategic Plan is strongly focused on youth services and family strengthening. Programs for raising personal self esteem and building community unity and pride are at the forefront of the plan. Changing ingrained attitudes, values and expectation levels is seen by residents as a key to improving life in Crisp and Dooly Counties. These goals are linked in the plan with the primary economic development issues of education and job creation. Implementation of the plan will improve the overall quality of life in the two counties. Basic needs such as access to public transportation, health care, social services, and affordable housing are addressed in the plan. The plan also responds to the community's need for more cultural and recreational resources and programs and enhanced public safety services. The physical appearance and environmental safety of the counties will receive attention in the form of community water quality protection education, efforts to protect the area from noxious and incompatible land uses, litter control and beautification.

The AmeriCorps member would act as administrative assistant to the Executive Director of the Crisp/Dooly Partnership, Inc. in implementing the Action Plans set forth in the Strategic Plan. Specific outcome objectives for the AmeriCorps EC Administrative Assistant will be determined by the yearly benchmarks in the Crisp/Dooly Strategic plan. The initial outcome objective for the AmeriCorps member shall be to assist the EC Executive Director in supporting and coordinating the activities of the five task forces assigned to implement the Crisp/Dooly EC Strategic Plan.

Work to be Done - Administrative staff support to the EC Executive Director that would include task force meeting coordination, research, and development of appropriate media information informing the general public on the progress of the EC program.

Results from the Work - Increased effectiveness of five task forces in implementing the Crisp/Dooly EC Strategic Plan plus a more informed and involved general public within the two county area.

Measures of Work Quality/Success - How often the task forces meet and accomplish specific projects.

Standard of Quality/Success of Program - The implementation of the Crisp/Dooly Strategic Plan

Number of Service Recipients - The EC Executive Director, members of the five task forces and ultimately the approximately 15,000 individuals in the four census tracts in Crisp and Dooly Counties.

HOW PROJECT WILL ACCOMPLISH OBJECTIVES

The EC Executive Director will supervise the work of the AmeriCorps EC Administrative Assistant. Office location and accompanying furniture and equipment for the most part constitute resources anticipated for accomplishing the aforementioned outcome objective. These resources are presently available for both. A quarterly action plan of accomplishments will be provided by

the AmeriCorps member as the task force groups meet to implement the Strategic Plan.

FIRST YEAR BENCHMARKS OF CRISP/DOOLY EC STRATEGIC PLAN

Economic Development and Employment Opportunities

- \$250,000 in SBA or other business loans made to residents of EC.
- One new major employer (100 new jobs) attracted to EC.
- Unemployment rate reduced by 12%.
- Existing industries hiring new workers and retraining existing employees.

Better Education and Workforce Training

- New job training programs in place.
- Parenting fairs held; documentation of 30% attendance of parents in grades 6-12.
- Adult literacy programs reaching 20% more clients than in 1994.
- 1996 dropout rate below the state average.
- PTA participation increased by 20%
- Goals 2000 curriculum in place.
- Three new courses based on local employer's needs added at South Georgia Tech.

Reduction in Drugs, crime and Teen Pregnancy

- Expanded drug/alcohol education in place.
- New cultural and recreation programs for all age groups administered from a community center within the EC.
- Mentoring program in place and serving all interested students.
- Policies in operation for new law enforcement training and screening.
- 5% reduction in crime rate.

Reduce Poverty and Reduce Cost of Living

- New discounts for seniors offered by major chain stores.
- A reduction of total household on public assistance.
- Public housing rent reform instituted.
- Work-for-Welfare in place.

Better Access to Social Services and Health Care

- Mobile Clinic operational.
- Preventative care clinic in place in schools.
- Percentage of population receiving indigent care reduced by 10%
- Emergency room visits reduced by 10%
- Limited public transportation program in place (Van transportation available to seniors and transportation to major employment centers from the ED).
- Affordable child care centers opened in the EC.
- Abuse shelter programs in effect; facility being developed.

More Government/Private Sector and Citizen Partnerships

- Quality of life indicators established.
- "Consolidation of Services" study completed.
- 15% of 1994 residents moved from public to private housing.
- 10% increase in county percentage of home ownership.
- Clean community (KAB) chapter in Dooly County founded and working with existing Crisp Clean Community on beautification projects and litter control in EC.
- Toll free calling between the two counties in place.
- Better community relations.
- Multi-cultural community group established and meeting regularly.

Maintain Environmental Quality

- Water quality education ongoing.
- Zoning map and land use ordinances reviewed and discussed by local governments with EC resident committee and Oversight Committee.

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1. CITY OF FORT DODGE, IOWA

Preapplication for 1996 AmeriCorps Program Participation

- a. Name of EZ/EC Applicant Entity:** City of Fort Dodge, Iowa
- b. Name of Contact Person:** Dennis Plautz, Director
- c. Name of Person who will provide Supervision for AmeriCorps Member:**
Dennis Plautz
- d. Address of Entity:** 819 1st Avenue South, Fort Dodge, IA 50501
- e. Counties in which the Work Will Take Place:** Webster
- f. Congressional Districts in which the work will take Place:** District 4
- g. Telephone:** 515/573-8321 **FAX:** 515/573-5097

2. AmeriCorps Project Objective Statement:

The City of Fort Dodge's objectives in utilizing an AmeriCorps Member are economic development oriented in nature. the basic conditions relative to the local economic development needs of our EZ/EC areas are described in the attached excerpts from our Enterprise Community Strategic Plan.

The use of the volunteer would be strictly related to the economic development needs of our EZ/EC area and would principally be involved in the development of micro economic development projects, their financial development and the support structure necessary to bring this project to fruition. Economic Development within the EZ/EC area will involve primarily commercial development but also housing and to a lesser extent industrial activities.

The member will be utilized in increasing the financial viability of existing organizations as identified in the attachment and specifically in developing projects that those organizations can assist financially in implementing. We will be able to measure the quality of the success of the program in terms of real estate or business ventures and also jobs created and retained. It is anticipated that this individual would be extremely successful if six real estate or business venture projects could be created during the tenure of the program.

Finally, it is important to note that the organizational infrastructure as identified in the attachment is currently in place but has no paid employees at the current time.

Accomplishing Project Objectives:

The work will be supervised by the Department of Planning, Community Development and building Inspection of the City of Fort Dodge. All financial resources including office space and other operational needs will be paid for by the Department of Planning, Community Development and building Inspection of the City of Fort Dodge, the Development Corporation of Greater Fort Dodge Mainstreet Program

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- a. Name of EZ/EC applicant entity:** Pocatello, Idaho - CHAMPION
- b. Name of Contact person for the AmeriCorps Project:** Steve Ernst, City of Pocatello
Community Development Planner
- c. Name of person who will provide supervision for the AmeriCorps member:** Steve Ernst
- d. Address of entity:** 911 N. 7th, POB 4169, Pocatello, ID 83205
- e. Counties in which the work will take place:** Bannock County, ID
- f. Congressional district in which the work will take place.** Idaho 2nd Congressional District.
- g. Phone:** (208) 234-6188 ; fax (208) 232-6296

2. AmeriCorps Project Objectives Statement:

Objective 1: ASSIST IMPACT AREA RESIDENTS WITH CODE COMPLIANCE:

Work to be done: assist City code enforcement staff and neighborhood impact area residents with abatement of Dangerous Building, Housing, Nuisance, Health & Safety code violations. Tracking systems, including the City's GIS (Geographical Information System) and used to track, and monitor activities.

What will result from the work: abatement of code compliance problems in impact neighborhoods; help Pocatello Neighborhood Housing Services to develop resident volunteers to prevent City code enforcement actions.

How will you measure the quality or success of the work: code violations problems will be track by type of code and abatement will be tracked by type of code in impact areas; also the number of volunteers involved in prevention activities.

The standard of quality or success the program hopes to meet: 100% code compliance in impact areas. 100 code violations resolved; also 25 volunteers for impact area clean-ups. The number of service recipients: 100 households or approximately 250 people will directly benefit from the abatement assistance at the same time the entire impact areas with an estimated population of 2500 will indirectly benefit.

3. How Your Project will Accomplish the Objective Set Out in #2.

Who will supervise the work to be done: City Community Development Planner, Steve Ernst, A.I.C.P., will provide direct day to day Member supervision. Specific work plans and methods will be developed working with several City Community Development Department staff persons and Pocatello Neighborhood Housing Services staff and Committees.

What resources will be required: supplies & equipment \$3,500 (computer and software)

A quarterly action plan of accomplishments toward the objective(s):

fall qtr: establish reporting, tracking, monitoring systems; identify neighborhood impact areas; begin conditions/violations inventory. Achieve 10 abatement cases

winter qtr: complete conditions/violations inventory; meet with test notice abatement system; begin abatement activities; work Pocatello Neighborhood Housing Services Codes & Standards Committee to organize volunteer efforts. Achieve 15 abatement cases. Make a progress evaluation report.

spring qtr: continue reporting, tracking and abatement activities, start volunteer projects. Achieve 25 abatement cases

summer qtr: continue reporting, tracking and abatement activities and volunteer projects. Final evaluation and recommendation report.

2. AmeriCorps Project Objective Statement:

Objective 2: YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Work to be done: direct supervision of school age children in structured activities with the After School Adventures program; interviewing volunteers and children, organize monthly orientations for volunteers and parents; coordinate activities for unmatched children for the Big Brothers/ Big Sister Program.

What will result from the work: reduce potential school dropout.

How will you measure the quality or success of the work: Self-esteem Inventory, Physical Fitness Pre-and Post-Test (ACSM guidelines), participation data; recruitment of volunteers and matching of children. 10% increase in post-test results; 14 volunteer matched by fall 1996; 11 children ready to be matched

The number of service recipients: approximately 200 students per semester.

2. AmeriCorps Project Objectives Statement:

Objective 3: ASSIST THE DEVELOPMENT OF PORTNEUF RIVER GREENWAY

Work to be done: lead volunteers and expand support for the Portneuf Greenway Foundation; also assist with presentation of educational programs for local schools, river bank clean-up, landscape planting.

What will result from the work: attractive useable parks; raise awareness in school-age children the existence and benefits of a greenway.

How will you measure the quality or success of the work: compliance with planting plans and vegetation survival rates based on visual inspections; the number of schools reached and review by school faculty of the program.

The standard of quality or success the program hopes to meet: "substantial" plan compliance and an 80% survival rate; also a rating of good from 75% of the schools and reaching 50% of the schools. 75 households per day per Greenway pocket park, 200 downtown employees each work day per completion of the Downtown Reach plan element; 3,000 school-age children.

3. How Your Project will Accomplish the Objective Set Out in #2.

Who will supervise the work to be done:

Objective 1: ASSIST IMPACT AREA RESIDENTS WITH CODE COMPLIANCE: City Community Development Planner, Steve Ernst, A.I.C.P., will provide direct day to day Member supervision. Specific work plans and methods will be developed working with several City Community Development Department staff persons and Pocatello Neighborhood Housing Services staff and Committees.

Objective 2: YOUTH ACTIVITIES

This Members work will be supervised by two sponsor agencies. Work with the After School Adventures Program will supervised by Tina Gaa, Early Teen Program Coordinator and work with the Big Brothers/ Big Sisters Program will be supervised by Judy DeRoche, Executive Director Southeast Idaho BB/BS.

Objective 3: ASSIST THE DEVELOPMENT OF PORTNEUF RIVER GREENWAY

This Members work will be supervised by the Portneuf Greenway Foundation Executive Director David Wessel.

What resources will be required:

funding for a part time administrative staff person \$16,000
travel expenses \$1,000
supplies \$500
equipment \$4,000

BUDGET NARRATIVE

A. Member Support Costs

The Living Allowance costs are based on \$8000 per full time and \$4200 per part time position. The City's 15% cash match has been firmly committed by all Sponsor programs and will be available in each Sponsor budget. No federal funds will be used for local cash match. The other Member Support costs are calculated based on application guidelines. The AmeriCorps Health Care Policy is used for each full time Member.

B. Other Member Support Costs

The Corporation share of Training & Education of \$1,000 is based on 10 classes at \$100 each. The Grantee Share, \$5,000 is based on in-kind time logs of City and other Sponsor staff training and in some cases outside training or education. Uniforms cost of \$1000, is based on an approximately \$50 per Member.

C. Staff

The Corporation share of staff consists of an Executive Director at \$20,000 salary and one part time dedicated staff person \$10,000 with associated benefits at \$6,000 total. The Grantee share of staff will be in-kind as per hours logged for each of the Sponsor program.

D. Operational

The Corporation share of operational are:

- Travel - the required \$2,000 for the technical assistance meeting.
- Transportation - are estimated mileage reimbursement for personal vehicle miles at 30 cents per mile, total \$3,000

- Supplies - includes hand tools, office supplies etc. total \$6,000
- Equipment - includes 2 -3 bicycles, filing cabinet, equipment rentals, etc. total \$8,500.

The Grantee's share of operational cost

- Travel - will be in-kind as per log records
- Transportation - will be in-kind as per log records
- Supplies - will be in-kind, cash for rehab materials, landfill fees
- Equipment - will be use of City equipment and personnel for direct on the job match as per log records.

E. Internal Evaluation

No cost are listed. The Oversight committee has access to the expertise required to develop a system.

F. Administration

Corporation share is based on the guidelines. The Grantee share consist of city staff hours primarily for payroll & personnel.

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A. EZ/EC Applicant Entity: Alexander County, Illinois

B. Contact Person: Helen Bishoff

EZ/EC Application Committee

2606 Washington Avenue, Cairo, Illinois, 62914

C. Supervisor: Larry White, Director

D. Regional Adult Education Center, Cairo Site

1615 Commercial Avenue, Cairo, Illinois 62914

E. Work Site County: Alexander County, Illinois

F. Work Site Congressional District:

Twelfth Congressional District of Illinois

G. Phone and Fax Numbers

Helen Bishoff Phone: 618/734-3247 Fax: %618/734-9346

Larry White Phone: 618/734-4211 Fax:

618/734-4214 AmeriCorps Project Objective Statement

AmeriCorps Project Objective Statement

If selected to receive an AmeriCorps member, Alexander County will utilize this person in a dual capacity: half of the service hours will be devoted to recruiting, training, coordinating, and supervising youth volunteers; the remaining half of service hours will be devoted to one-on-one literacy tutoring of ABE (Adult Basic Education) students at the Adult Education Center serving students from the entire county.

Both of these projects will provide a direct benefit to Alexander County. As an impoverished community, we lack financial resources and must substitute instead a human resource, volunteers. Volunteers assist in every facet of community life from maintaining parks to writing grants. The EZ/EC application, and indeed this very application, are solely the work of volunteers. While we have a cadre of dedicated, dependable, and experienced volunteers, most of us are middle-aged, frankly tired, and stretched thin by the many needs of the community. We need the energy of the young people to supplement our efforts; the young people, in turn, need the sense of self-worth and responsibility that community service offers. In recent surveys of our community, fully 60% of respondents aged 16-20 were willing to volunteer to help their community. As yet, however, the volunteer movement has been unable to find the time necessary to recruit, train, and supervise these apparently willing young people. We believe an AmeriCorps member acting as a Youth Volunteer Coordinator would provide a valuable service both to the community at large and to the young people who become involved.

Since a Youth Volunteer Coordinator would necessarily work after school, on weekends, and during the summer, we feel that this position would require at best half the available hours. Therefore, half the hours could be dedicated to another priority: education.

Like many of the counties in the Lower Mississippi Delta region, Alexander County has a disproportionately high number of educationally disadvantaged adults. Their lack of basic skills hinders their employment opportunities as individuals; moreover, the low educational level of the community as a whole hinders efforts to attract industry into the county. An AmeriCorps member acting as a Literacy Tutor again will provide a dual benefit to the individuals served and to the community at large.

Outcome Objectives and Measurements

Youth Coordinator

- The Youth Volunteer Coordinator will recruit 50 volunteers aged 12-20 in Cairo and Alexander County.
- These young people will volunteer an average of eight hours per month to community service.
- While mayors, county commissioners, or their designees may offer suggestions, the youth volunteers will select their own community projects with the guidance of the Youth Volunteer Coordinator. These projects should be approved by the above-mentioned authorities or their designees where the community service is to occur. Youth volunteers will select and complete 10 community projects approved as beneficial by community governments in Alexander County. The mayor, county commissioner, or designee will evaluate the success of each project and its contribution to the community.

Outcome objectives will be determined by the young people themselves for each of the 10 projects. A community clean-up proposal, for example, might specify how many blocks will be cleaned or how many bags of debris will be collected. The mayor of the proposed town would consider this goal in approving the project and in determining its successful completion. The youth proposal, the mayor's approval, and the subsequent evaluation would be forwarded to Larry White, the adult education director, for inclusion in the quarterly evaluation of the AmeriCorps member.

The Youth Volunteer Coordinator would be responsible for recording the number of volunteers and the hours worked on each project and submitting them to Larry White. He can then easily determine whether 50 volunteers have contributed 4,800 hours of volunteer labor on approved projects during FY1996.

Since the suggestions come from the community, the young people themselves, and are approved and evaluated by community leaders, the impact of this amount of volunteer service should be considerable. Further, a transition period at the end of the year to other leadership should continue the youth volunteer movement into the future.

Literacy Tutor

As a half-time literacy tutor at the Adult Education Center, Cairo site, the AmeriCorps member will provide remediation to a minimum of 45 ABE students during the school year. (Because of open-entry and exit into the program, a small number of students will be enrolled at any one time). Students from all of Alexander County are bussed to this site. ABE (Adult Basic Education) students are so designated because their reading levels, assessed at enrollment, are below the literacy level of the average sixth grader (0-5.9 reading levels).

- ABE students who remain in the one-to-one tutoring program for a minimum of six months will demonstrate a 2 year gain in reading and comprehension as measured by TABE (Tests of Adult Basic Education) and SORT (Slosson Oral Reading Test) retesting.
- In addition, the literacy tutor will teach parenting concepts to those ABE students who have children. One concept per month, increasing in difficulty, will be taught throughout the school year. The literacy tutor will then observe the parent/child interaction and score the application of the concept on a professionally developed assessment sheet. If the assessment determines that the parent has not successfully learned the given parenting skill, the literacy tutor will review the skill until assessment demonstrates that the parent successfully applies that skill.
- A minimum of 20 students will be tutored in parenting concepts throughout the school year. Each parent will successfully apply one parenting skill for each month of enrollment in the program.

Larry White, the director of the adult education program, will include MBO evaluations of the literacy and parenting concepts tutoring in his quarterly assessment of the AmeriCorps member. It should be noted that the duties here specified are not those of a paid classroom teacher and will not displace employees. These are duties for which the program trains volunteers who have at least a high school diploma or GED. In improving the reading and parenting skills of educationally

disadvantaged adults, the AmeriCorps member will benefit the students and their children. Consequently, the larger community will benefit by having more employable workers and better parents.

Recruitment

As Cairo, the county seat of Alexander County, has been working with the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service in the area of community development, we will ask their assistance in recruiting the highly motivated and capable individual necessary to implement this beneficial program.

Conclusion

In the limited time available, we have designed a program which will provide maximum benefits to the community during FY1996 and beyond. The youth volunteer program, in addition to providing an appreciable amount of community service during the year, can be integrated into the existing volunteer initiative, providing youthful energy and developing leadership for years to come. The slow and often tedious task of remediating educationally disadvantaged adults is nevertheless worthwhile; the outcome of a year's education can improve the life of the students and their children. Those who continue in the adult education program will progress to vocational training and GED completion, enabling them to break the cycle of poverty. Moreover, the AmeriCorps member will also be rewarded, not only through providing a service to this community, but also by gaining experience which can further his or her career. We feel strongly that an AmeriCorps member implementing these projects will provide an invaluable and lasting service to Alexander County and its citizens.

KY19-1**Applicant:** Cumberland Valley Area Development District**Contact:** James E. Cass
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PROJECT OBJECTIVES STATEMENT

The Cumberland Valley Area Development District is proposing to participate with the USDA/RECD in the continuation of an AmeriCorps Worker within the Cumberland Valley Area Development District office at London, Kentucky.

The Cumberland Valley Area Development District has had an AmeriCorps Worker in 1995 and has been pleased with the results of her work. The experience has given our AmeriCorps worker exposure in the initiation and administration of various community development activities. In return, we have received a youthful, fresh outside perspective on Cumberland Valley Area Development District operations, extra assistance on projects and the desire to work with capable young persons in the beginning phases of their career.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE 1 - The development of a safe and adequate water supply for every resident within the eight counties comprising the Cumberland Valley Area Development District.

AmeriCorps Work Activity

Each year, the staff of the Cumberland Valley Area Development District prepares preapplications and applications to various agencies for funding to extend public water supply to many rural low income residents currently being served by individual wells and/or springs. Many of these wells and springs are undependable, and many are of poor water quality. Prior to submitting these applications, it is often mandatory by the agencies involved that surveys of income, questionnaires and even tests of water quality be conducted to justify the proposed grants and loans for each specific project. The AmeriCorps Member will work with ADD Staff in conducting these surveys and in obtaining water tests from individual water supplies in order to determine the quality of water. These surveys and water quality tests become very significant in terms of determining need and in justifying the grant and or loan being considered.

Results of Work

The goal of the program is to provide every resident of the Cumberland Valley Area Development District with a safe and sanitary source of water. The quality of water as determined by the AmeriCorps worker's surveys will be a major factor in determining whether or not specific water line extension projects will be funded.

Measurement of Work

The success of individual water projects as well as goals for a safe and sanitary water supply for every resident will be partially determined by the number of surveys and water quality tests and the quality of work going into the overall survey conducted by Cumberland Valley Area Development District Staff and the AmeriCorps Worker. A large percentage of the persons being interviewed will be low and low moderate income families.

Standard of Success

The Standard of Success will be approved applications for funds to extend public water lines to families that now have questionable water supplies. This standard is measurable in that it can be readily determined which projects are funded and the number of families that will be added to the public water supply.