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Number of Service Recipients

It can be assumed that at least two water line extension projects will be funded during the coming year as a result of these surveys. Based on an average of past projects, it can be assumed that 200-300 families most of which will be low and moderate income families would be the direct beneficiaries.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE 2 - Improve the environment of the Cumberland Valley Area Development District Counties through implementation of individual counties Solid Waste Management Plans. The primary objective is to eliminate illegal dumping of solid waste and littering along the streams and roadways within the Cumberland Valley Area Development District.

AmeriCorps Work Activity

In cooperation with county fiscal courts and individual solid waste coordinators, the ADD Staff provides assistance and guidance in carrying out specific projects geared towards implementing each county's Solid Waste Management Plan.

Activities to be implemented consist of activities such as the following:

1. Cleanup of illegal road side dumps.
2. Cleanup of litter along roadways and streams.
3. Public educational efforts. Work with local schools, civic clubs and prepare articles for the local news media regarding the necessity of good solid waste management practices.
4. Work with local officials to initiate programs directed toward recycling, reduction and reuse of products in an effort to reduce the size of the solid waste stream going to the landfill.

Each county solid waste plan contains an implementation schedule the county must meet each year if the county is to remain eligible for various grants and loan programs. The AmeriCorps Worker, with other ADD Staff, will assist with the development of specific projects that will vary from county-to-county but must be accomplished for that county to obtain annual approval by the state.

Results of Work

The goal of the Solid Waste Management Program in Kentucky is reduction of per capita solid waste going into the landfills by 25% by June, 1997. The success or failure of AmeriCorps Worker's activities can be measured by the success or failure to meet state implementation requirements and whether or not each county's Solid Waste Management Plan is approved annually.

Measurement of Work

The success of this project and the work of the AmeriCorps Member can be easily determined by such things as:

1. The number of illegal dumps that are cleaned up by the county.

2. The number of cleanup activities sponsored by the county in an effort to eliminate roadside litter.
3. The number of educational activities conducted through each county to educate the public regarding solid waste management, and
4. The increase in the number and volume of recyclables being recycled within the eight county area.

Standard of Success

It is a goal of the Cumberland Valley Area Development District that every county and city within the ADD have mandatory solid waste collection as well as mandatory recycling and to reduce the volume of trash going to local landfills by at least 25% by June, 1997. This is a measurable objective that can be obtained from the management at the local landfills and from local recyclers as well as from the records of the Solid Waste Coordinator.

Number of Service Recipients

The number of service recipients can be determined by the number of new customers obtaining pickup service within each county. Another measure of service recipients can be obtained by the increase in volumes of recyclable and per capita decrease in solid waste going to the landfills.

HOW PROJECT WILL ACCOMPLISH OBJECTIVES

Supervision

The AmeriCorps Member will be working directly and daily with staff persons in charge of implementing the preceding objectives. As much as possible, the AmeriCorps Member will be assigned to communities that were designated as Empowerment Communities or Champion Communities. Overall supervision will be the responsibility of the Deputy Director of the Cumberland Valley Area Development District.

Required Resources

The Cumberland Valley Area Development District will provide the support and fiscal resources including office space for the AmeriCorps Worker. The AmeriCorps Worker will be a hard working responsible person with the basic knowledge and education required for implementation of the proposed objectives. The Cumberland Valley Area Development District will supply the needed training as part of the program.

Action Plan Schedule

The specific projects to be undertaken by the AmeriCorps Worker can be initiated immediately upon placement. Because of the ongoing nature of the proposed objectives and the expected number of recipients, work will be continuous for the entire 1,700 hours.

Evaluation

The evaluation of the AmeriCorps Worker assigned to the Cumberland Valley Area Development District will be conducted by James E. Cass, Deputy Director, with input from other CVADD Staff Persons supervising the specific objective or program that the AmeriCorps Worker is involved with.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE 3 - Improve the overall environment and living conditions for families within the Cumberland Valley Area Development District through planning for adequate water supply and the protection of the environment around public water supply systems regardless of size of system.

AmeriCorps Work Activity

During the coming year, the AmeriCorps Member will be working with other Cumberland Valley Area Development District Staff in the analysis of water systems for persons throughout the eight county Cumberland Valley Area Development District area. In addition to determining the adequacy of volume of water supply, the AmeriCorps Worker will be working with small public water supply systems to determine their adequacy for future needs as well as the quality of water provided to rural residences. Special emphasis will be given to the environmental protection of areas around water supplies including reservoirs, wellheads and springs.

The AmeriCorps Worker will be personally involved in evaluating environmental conditions and potential sources of pollution around water supplies including illegal trash dumps, septic tanks, agriculture chemicals, feed lots and barn lots and other potential sources for polluting both surface and ground water. The AmeriCorps Worker, working with other staff, will prepare a plan to cleanup and protect water supplies from pollution and contamination.

Results of Work

The results of the work will be a plan for the protection of water supply throughout the eight county Cumberland Valley Area Development District. This will result in improving the quality of water for many low income persons. Another result will be applications for grants and loans for public water and sewer systems that will provide many additional families with potable water and eliminate many potential sources of pollution.

Measurement of Work

The overall success of the AmeriCorps Member's work can be measured by the number of families added to public water supplies. It can also be measured in terms of how many additional families will be added to public sewer systems within the Cumberland Valley Area Development District thus eliminating the threat of pollution from inadequate sanitation facilities. Another measurement for environmental protection of water supplies is the number of illegal solid waste dumps cleaned up by each county.

Standard of Success

The goal of the Water Supply Plan is the availability of a safe water supply for every family within the eight county area. This goal will require several years but can be accomplished in steps on a yearly basis. These annual steps can be readily quantified by determining the number of families added to public water supply systems each year, by the number of families added to public sewer systems, and by the number of other environmental problem areas cleaned up that could potentially pollute sources of public water supply.

KY70-1

1. THE FLAT WOODS PROJECT

Preapplication for 1996 AmeriCorps Program Participation

- a. Name of EZ/EC Applicant Entity:** Flat Woods Community-Based Development Corporation, Inc.
- b. Name of Contact Person:** Dr. Doug Amett, President & CEO of the Flat Woods Project
- c. Name of Person Who Will Provide Supervision for AmeriCorps Member:**
Dr. Doug Amett
- d. Address of Entity:** Route One, Box 476, Oneida, KY 40972
- e. Counties in Which the Work will Take Place:** Clay, Leslie, Owsley & Perry Counties
- f. Congressional Districts in which the Work will Take Place:** Fifth
- g. Telephone:** 606/847-4819 **FAX:** 606/847-4359

2. AmeriCorps Project Object Statement:

The applicant has recently completed a three-year strategic planning process resulting in an extensive, holistic, bottom-up, ten-year strategic plan known as the Flat Woods Project. Several copies of the Flat Woods Project was submitted to USDA as part of our EZ/EC application. The Goals and Objectives of the Flat Woods Project are well defined in that strategic plan, which is too voluminous to enclose herein a copy. Suffice it to say that the Flat Woods community is in the process of implementing its grassroots strategic plan, and any AmeriCorps member will be assigned meaningful work toward reaching the community's vision for change. The specific role any AmeriCorps worker will plan will depend on her or his qualifications and the individual components of the strategic plan being implementing at the time the AmeriCorps member reports to work.

The area being served by the Flat Woods Project is one of the most poverty-stricken communities in central Appalachia. The "host community," therefore, is in no financial position to provide any contribution toward a living stipend. The Applicant will, however, provide adequate training and supervision to ensure that the Flat Woods AmeriCorps Project satisfactorily meets the standards of the National AmeriCorps program.

The Flat Woods Project requests to participate in the recruitment and selection of any AmeriCorps member who would be assigned to work in the Flat Woods community. Any member would need to be indigenous to the Flat Woods community.

Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

Prestonburg RECD County Office
Post Office Bldg., Third Ave., PO Box 47
Prestonburg
KY 41653

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:

Antle, Kevin
606-886-9545
Fax:
none

Employee ID	City	Stat	Work - 1	Result - 1	Impact - 1	Standard - 1	Benefit - 1	Work - 2
34	Prestonburg	KY	Americorps member will contact members of the rural community in order to increase knowledge in the community of the availability of loans and grants for rural housing ownership, housing repair, and water hookup services.	Rural residents will receive assistance with accessing housing programs and filing applications for housing loans and grants. Rural residents in the target area will increase the number of rural housing program loans by 25% or use 100% of FmHA's funds and increase actual numbers of applicants receiving loans by 10% or use 100% of FmHA's funds.	Members of the rural community will be contacted in order to increase their knowledge in the community of the availability of loans and grants for rural housing ownership, housing repair, and water hookup services.	Rural residents in the target area will increase the number of rural housing program loans by 25% over previous five year average, or use 100% of FmHA's funds and to increase actual numbers of applicants receiving loans by 10% or use 100% of FmHA's funds.	Twenty-five (25) homeowners.	

Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

Barbourville RECD County Office
242 Daniel Boone Drive
Barbourville
KY 40906

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:

Dunn, Robert
606-546-3185
Fax:
none

Employee ID	City	Stat	Work - 1	Result - 1	Impact - 1	Standard - 1	Benefit - 1	Work - 2
33	London	KY	My mission is to increase knowledge among socially and economically disadvantaged individuals in the surrounding communities of the availability for rural housing ownership, housing repair, and water hookup services, and assist applicants through the loan process.	The number of rural housing loans over the previous five year average will increase 25% and the actual number of individuals receiving loans by 10%.	Members of the rural community will be contacted in order to increase their knowledge of the availability of loans and grants for rural housing ownership, housing repair, and water hookup services.	Rural residents in the target area will increase the number of rural housing program loans by 25% over previous five year average, or use 100% of FmHA's funds and to increase actual numbers of applicants receiving loans by 10% or use 100% of FmHA's funds.	Twenty-five (25) homeowners.	

KY90-1

Applicant Entity:

Kentucky Communities Economic Opportunities Council
on behalf of Knox County Enterprise Community

Contact Person: Louis Elliott

Supervisor: James Davenport

Address

P.O. Box 490, Barbourville, KY 40906

County:

Knox County

Congressional District:

Fifth Congressional District

phone: (606)546-3152

fax: (606)546-5057

Americorp Project Objective Statement

The Americorp Member would be responsible for instigating an "Adopt a Room" program for the Emergency Shelter which is currently under construction. The building will be completed by August, 1995. The Program would consist of recruiting various civic, religious, and volunteer organizations to become involved in the Shelter by providing for necessary supplies and up keep of the different rooms of the Shelter. This would provide that the community would be involved with the Emergency Shelter and would share the responsibility for making the shelter a success.

The result of the Americorp member's year of service would be to successfully arrange for the maintenance of basic supplies necessary for the day to day operation of the Emergency Shelter. The Americorp member would also be a liaison with the community to promote community service, responsibility and the idea of getting things done by the community.

The results of the Americorp member's year of service would be measurable by the number of "Adoption Contracts" which would be signed and which would outline the responsibilities of the sponsor group. This outline would include all items necessary for the maintenance of the adopted room. The target number of contracts would be 10 contracts which are maintained during the year of service. Another means of measurement would be the number of volunteer hours from volunteers which are recruited by the Americorp member.

The Americorp member would be successful in maintaining a comfortable atmosphere where people that need emergency shelter could receive much needed assistance in improving the quality of their lives.

The target number of service recipients for the Americorp member's year of service would be 225 people.

Accomplishment of Objective

The Americorp member's work will be supervised by James Davenport, Deputy Director of Kentucky Communities Economic Opportunities Council. The resources which would be needed would be lists of community, civic and religious organizations, office space in which to recruit volunteers and complete any necessary paperwork and the Americorp member's service hours.

A quarterly action plan of accomplishments will be generated. This would include

First Quarter: Develop an adoption contract and develop the list of contacts

Second Quarter: How many adoption contracts have been signed and how many volunteer hours have accumulated.

Third Quarter: How many adoption contracts and volunteer hours have accumulated. How the adoptive groups are responding to their responsibilities and how many clients were served.

Fourth Quarter: A total of adoption contracts, volunteer hours, and clients served for the year.

KY125-1

"People Together

Kentucky River Area Development District - Hazard, Kentucky

Applications 1 and 1A

Champion Community

AmeriCorps project contact/supervisor d: Linda Gayheart, Executive Director

Kentucky River Area Development District

381 Perry County Park Road

Hazard, Kentucky 41701

Tel. & Fax:

(606)-436-3158

(606)-436-2144

Counties included in scope of work include:

Breathitt, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Owsley, Perry, Wolfe

Fifth Congressional District of Kentucky

Hon. Hal Rodgers, US House of Representatives

2. AmeriCorps Project Objective Statement

Objective #1

The AmeriCorps participant will work on grants and initiatives which support job creation, entrepreneurial initiatives, small business expansion, and training for jobs which offer upward mobility.

The result of the AmeriCorps participants work will be:

- jobs
- more small business ventures
- entrepreneurial training for distressed areas
- grantsmanship training for distressed areas

The work of the AmeriCorps participant will be measured by the number of jobs and entrepreneurial activity within the champion community.

The standard of quality that the program meets will be at least three new businesses within the Kentucky River Area Development District. Also, the participant will be expected to help obtain at least five new jobs within the year.

The number of service recipients within the Kentucky River Area Development District is 125,211.

Objective #2

The AmeriCorps participant will help build sustainable community development. A greater awareness and knowledge of community and human development will be developed with the expertise and work of the AmeriCorps participant.

The work will be measured by the number of community and leadership development training sessions that will be held. The citizens that take the initiative and become leaders within their communities will be the benchmark of success of this component.

This objective hopes to meet the second key principle of the EZ/EC process. With the addition of an AmeriCorps participant within the EZ/EC area we will see "the creation of livable and vibrant communities through comprehensive approaches that coordinate economic, physical, environmental, community, and human development.

The number of service recipients is 125,211

Objective #3

The AmeriCorps participant will help foster community-based partnerships through the continued work of the KRADD EZ/EC Team that came together to write the applications.

The result of the work will be a greater collaboration between agencies and groups within the Champion community.

The work will be measured by the number of collaborative meetings that are held and the work that evolves from these sessions.

The success of the AmeriCorps participant will be the increased number of community-based partnerships, which includes all segments of the community.

The number of service recipients which will be served is 125,211.

3. How your project will accomplish the objective set out in #2.

The executive director of the Kentucky River Area Development District has supervised the work of the current AmeriCorps participant and will continue in that capacity.

The required resources are already in existence at the Kentucky River Area Development office and will be offered to the AmeriCorps participant.

The participant will meet quarterly specifications and include them in a quarterly report to the USDA AmeriCorps director.

KY127-1

NAME OF EZ APPLICANT ENTITY:

Bell County, Kentucky (Designated)

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON:

B.G. Edwards, Executive Director

Bell County Chamber of Commerce

NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL PROVIDE SUPERVISION:

B.G. Edwards

ADDRESS OF ENTITY:

Bell County, Kentucky

c/o Bell County Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 788, North 20th Street

Middlesboro, Kentucky 40965

COUNTY IN WHICH WORK WILL TAKE PLACE:

Bell County, Kentucky

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

57th Congressional District of Kentucky

TELEPHONE AND FAX NUMBERS:

Telephone: (606)248-1075

Fax: (606)248-8851

AMERICORPS PROJECT OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this project is to provide counseling and training to entrepreneurs, provide research and assistance to new business, and provide assistance to existing business for expansion and diversification.

Impact:

- Eight new businesses will be started.
- Five existing businesses will expand.
- Two hundred new jobs will be created through new start-ups, retention and expansion of existing businesses.

The AmeriCorps member will be supervised by the Executive Director of the Bell County Chamber of Commerce.

Resources to carry out the program will be provided by membership investments from the area's business, governmental, civic and service organizations.

KY159

Applicant: Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation
Rural Empowerment Zone Designee

Contact: Jerry A. Rickett
President/CEO

Supervisor: Jerry A. Rickett

Address: P.O. Box 1738
362 Old Whitley Road
London, Kentucky 40743-1738

Counties: Jackson County, Kentucky
Clinton County, Kentucky
Wayne County, Kentucky

Congressional Districts: Fifth District and Sixth District

Telephone: 606-864-5175

Facsimile: 606-864-5194

PROJECT OBJECTIVES OVERVIEW

Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation (KHIC) is proposing to participate with the USDA Rural Business and Cooperative Development Service (RBCDS) to establish five (5) positions within our organization for AmeriCorps Members. Two (2) persons will be working in our office in London, Kentucky. One person each will be based in the field offices we are establishing in each of the three Empowerment Zone counties

KHIC currently has on staff an AmeriCorps worker and we have been pleased with the results. The experience has given our AmeriCorps staff member exposure into starting and operating businesses, analyzing investment opportunities and working with the public and private sectors. In return we have received a fresh, outside perspective on Kentucky Highlands operations, assistance with projects and a desire to continue to work with young, talented persons beginning their careers.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE 1 - Create Opportunities for Empowerment Zone residents to access the information superhighway for use in educational, medical, governmental, business and private sectors.

AmeriCorps Work Activity

Within the Empowerment Zone implementation, KHIC will be working with a data processing company, Image Entry, Inc., to contract with 300 home keying employees. Image Entry, Inc. is a rapidly growing small business that provides data entry services for government and private accounts. Image Entry, Inc. will train and contract with 300 persons to provide the data entry functions from their homes.

KHIC will be lending the 300 home keyers the \$2,000 necessary to purchase the required equipment. In addition, 100 low-income home keyers who have children at home or are attending school themselves will be given \$1,000 multimedia packages to enhance their home computer work stations. This enhancement will include software such as encyclopedia and educational programs at the level of proper use.

The AmeriCorps Members will be working to identify potential employees, take applications for credit, evaluate applications, identify candidate for the free enhancements and evaluate program effectiveness.

Results of Work

The goal of the home keyer program is (1) Individuals will be able to work at home and tend to children; (2) Keyers can set their own hours and pace; (3) Keyers can perform other operations with the equipment because they own it; (4) Individuals will be required to develop computer skills; and, (5) Low-income families will be able to participate and benefit.

Measurement of Work

The success of the project and the work by the AmeriCorps Members will be determined by how many person have been given employment as home keyers and how many have been retained as employees. The secondary measurement will be how many low income persons will have been

provided access to developing computer skill for themselves and their families.

Standard of Success

It is the goal of the project to have all 300 home keyers trained and employed within one year. This is an attainable goal that is readily quantified. Image Entry, Inc. is committed to this project and the work is available.

Number of Service Recipients

There will be 300 persons provided full-time jobs as a result of this program. Additionally, 100 low-income families will be provide further educational/training tools at no cost.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE 2 - Develop a diversified, sustainable agricultural base with a planned reduction of reliance upon tobacco farming. The objective is to produce marketable alternative crops.

AmeriCorps Work Activity

In cooperation with a local farmers cooperative, Cumberland Farm Products, KHIC is establishing a working capital loan fund for low-income growers. Empowerment Zone residents that wish to produce a crop for sale through this successful cooperative will be eligible for up to \$10,000 in low-interest loans, payable after the crop is marketed. One-half of the loan proceeds will come from KHIC with the remaining one-half from The Monticello Banking Company, a local lender. The goal is for a total of 100 farmers to participate in this program. The cooperative will be required to significantly increase the number of grower members from the Empowerment Zone to reach this goal.

The AmeriCorps Members will be working with KHIC and the cooperative to identify and evaluate potential growers. They will also work with the bank and farmers to understand the loan process and the benefits and potential liabilities of participation. The AmeriCorps Members will be in the community the majority of the time in this activity.

Results of Work

The goal of the program is increase membership in the cooperative and to help growers develop new crops, growing methods and alternative production as the tobacco base of the area recedes. Regardless of success, growers will also be required to share information with the cooperative and extension service for use with other producers.

Measurement of Work

The success of the project and the work of the AmeriCorps Members will be determined by the number of grower that are participating in the program. An equally important measurement will be how well their crops are received in the market and the return on investment to the farmer.

Standard of Success

It is the goal of the project to enlist 100 new growers in the program and for them to produce a profitable crop. This is a measurable objective that will determine the continued viability of the

program.

Number of Service Recipients

There will be 100 direct beneficiaries of the program if maximum participation is achieved.

HOW PROJECT WILL ACCOMPLISH OBJECTIVES

Supervision

The AmeriCorps Members will be working directly and daily with the staff persons in charge of implementing these approved Empowerment Zone activities. Final supervision is the responsibility of the President/CEO of Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation.

Required Resources

KHIC will provide the needed support and physical resources. Required from AmeriCorps will be hard-working persons with basic business and/or agriculture knowledge. KHIC will supply the needed training as part of the program.

Action Plan Schedule

The two specific projects to be undertaken by the AmeriCorps Members within this proposal will begin immediately upon placement. Because of their size and the number of recipients involved, work will be continuous for the entire 1,700 hours.

Evaluation

KHIC is contracting with an outside firm to assess our performance as an Empowerment Zone recipient. The evaluation will also include our participation in the AmeriCorps Program.

KY165-1
BIG SANDY AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Entity: Big Sandy Area Development District

Contact Person: Roger Recktenwald, Executive Director

Supervisor of AmeriCorps Project: Dora L. Webb

Address:
Big Sandy Area Development District
100 Resource Drive
Prestonburg, KY 41653

Counties Affected: Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, Pike

Congressional District: 5

Tel: 606-886-2374

Fax: 606-886-3382

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Service Connection, Inc., is a KRS Chapter 273 non-profit home management and repair corporation developed with the assistance of the Big Sandy Area Development District. The ADD provided \$10,000 in grant funds (seed monies), office space, access to computer and other office equipment, as well as accounting and advisory personnel.

The corporation is made up of a director and currently a seven member Board of Directors with representation from each of the counties of the Big Sandy Area. Currently there are two other staff personnel assisting; a certified electrician/carpenter and general laborer/small motor mechanic.

The organization was created to respond to a market demand for affordable services from minor home repairs to home management and lawn care to assistance with transportation needs. Recognizing that there is a significant gap in the quantity and quality of individuals, agencies, and organizations who are presently available to provide these types of services to families in the eastern most counties of Kentucky. The Service Connection offers a range of services to all individuals and families at a reasonable cost regardless of ability to pay, utilizing staff personnel, volunteers/volunteer programs, existing businesses/contractors with the region (through either a cooperative effort or referral process), and other local agencies.

By providing services to all income classes, we believe, more existing housing stock can and will be preserved in our region; targeted populations such as the elderly, low to median income individuals and families, special needs population, persons with disabilities, etc., can maintain their households and independence; and specific problems and needs of are residents will be assessed and/or determined first-hand.

Services have been kept intentionally broad at the onset due to the assessment of needs within our area. The types of services which have been identified, to date, as being most in demand are: Home repair; Chore Services; Home Management; Transportation.

A priority of the Service Connection is to develop and locate financing mechanisms and programs which allow us to deliver services to customers who cannot afford to pay for home repairs or maintenance. Since standard fees and charges are being utilized for all customers, third party payers are being identified who can effectively subsidize the cost of services for many individuals and families. Likewise, grants are being sought which can underwrite to subsidize the cost of services for low income Eastern Kentuckians.

The Setting:

According to the 1990 census, Pike, Floyd, Johnson, Martin, and Magoffin Counties have a total population of 165,020. Per capita income is \$8,224. Thirty percent of the region's families have incomes at or below the current national poverty level. Kentucky Housing Corporation statistics show that 90% of the total households within the five county area have very low to moderate incomes.

Much of the housing stock is aged. More than three fourths of all homes are owner occupied. Of

the total housing stock, 19,305 were built prior to 1960 with 1,890 units lacking complete kitchen facilities and 2,645 lacking complete plumbing facilities. A significant number of these homes are deteriorating requiring work ranging from minor repairs to substantial rehabilitation. Others require only minor work, such as exterior painting, to preserve homeowner investment.

The Service Connection takes referrals from agencies whose clients need assistance with home repairs. The corporation is being assisted/supported by various local agencies such as Mountain Housing Opportunities Corporation, the Homecare Program (both agencies of the Big Sandy Area Development district), local units of government, community clubs, schools (high schools/colleges/vocational), senior citizens, and existing area non-profits (Christian Appalachian Project, Community action Program, etc.).

AmeriCorps Position:

Volunteer Coordinator - The AmeriCorps participant would be responsible for assisting the director in locating and contacting potential volunteer labor for specific projects. Examples include: Contacting senior citizens centers or church organizations for volunteers who might be interested in providing respite for family caregivers; contacting area vocational schools for assistance from carpentry classes with home repairs; seeking volunteers to participate in fundraising efforts. A database of information from which to draw volunteers should be maintained. The position would include contacting county clubs, schools, organizations, etc., for potential volunteers. The Volunteer Coordinator should be able to ascertain qualifications of potential volunteers and place/fit them appropriately to tasks suited to their abilities. Coordination with the volunteers on time, event location, transportation, tools needed, etc., would be helpful.

Goal:

It is the goal of the Service Connection, inc., to assist Big Sandy area residents by helping them to maintain their homes, households, and independence.

Objectives:

- Fill a gap in the quantity and quality of individuals, agencies, and organizations who are presently available to provide a variety of home maintenance tasks to families in need in the easternmost counties of Kentucky.
- Identify special needs of low income families and individuals; through collaboration, marshal resources to assist, especially those living in poverty to attain self-reliance and independence.
- Encourage, promote and assist the development of high quality, affordable housing.
- Organize and coordinate volunteer services in support of human services and development activities of the region.
- Assist all citizens toward equal access to decent, safe, and affordable housing.
- Encourage and promote the development of adequate housing stock to best serve the needs of all area residents and potential residents with an emphasis on the needs of the middle and low

income families and individuals.

- Encourage the development of a variety of housing alternatives relating to price, location and structural type to meet the varying needs of communities throughout the region. Provide special assistance in housing to the elderly, low and moderate income families, the homeless, and special needs populations, including persons with mental illness, single parent families, and victims of abuse.

- Initiate and encourage communication among all entities involved in developing housing opportunities for the region, especially those responsible for assisted housing in the region.

- Encourage and assist the work of the Public Housing Authorities, Mountain Housing Opportunities Corporation, Christian Appalachian Project, Community Action Program, and other public, non-profit housing agencies in the region.

- Establish liaison with other service and referral agencies, local contractors and businesses, schools, community organizations, clubs, churches, state and local governments, etc., in order to work together toward the above stated goal of the organizational.

How Project Will Accomplish the Objectives:

A qualified staff of caring individuals will supervise and oversee the daily activities and work to be done.

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KY172-1

Entity: Operation P.R.I.D.E. & The City of Bowling Green, Kentucky

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Operation P.R.I.D.E.

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County of Warren

The Second Congressional District of Kentucky

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Objective:

The AmeriCorps member would organize a successful Neighborhood P.R.I.D.E. program.

The Neighborhood P.R.I.D.E. program has been developed for residents who wish to establish a high standard for neighborhood appearance and heighten accountability among neighborhood property owners.

We feel that the ~~best~~ way to promote this type of pride is to stress the importance of the individual property owner's responsibility in these neighborhoods. By providing this framework for improving neighborhoods, Operation P.R.I.D.E. will work towards its ultimate goal of making Bowling Green and Warren County an even better place to live for everyone.

Neighborhood P.R.I.D.E will accomplish its goals by helping interested neighborhoods organize neighborhood committees, neighborhood clean-ups, and beautification projects which are consistent with the goals of Operation P.R.I.D.E.

By working in close conjunction with all neighborhoods from all social and economic backgrounds, Operation P.R.I.D.E. hopes to make this a viable program which fits the needs of all neighborhoods.

Bowling Green and Warren County is diverse, its citizens are no exception. By listening to the needs of those who wish to establish this program in their neighborhoods, the AmeriCorps member will gain the knowledge needed to help make this neighborhood enhancement program a success.

WHY?

- 1) Increase and/or maintain property value
- 2) Establish accountability
- 3) Set minimum standards for voluntary participation
- 4) Strengthen neighborhood relationships

HOW?

- 1) Form a neighborhood association to organize and establish goals for neighborhoods
- 2) Form partnerships

WHO?

Anyone who's interested in improving and maintaining neighborhood appearance.

Neighborhood appearance has an effect on many different things. Research has proven that the economy, the rate of crime, property values, and attitudes are all affected by the appearance of our neighborhoods.

KY186-1

A. NAME OF EZ/EC ENTITY: McCreary Co. Fiscal Court (ENTERPRISE)

B. NAME OF CONTACT PERSON:

Bruce Murphy

C. NAME OF SUPERVISOR:

Bruce Murphy

D. ADDRESS:

P.O. BOX 579

WHITLEY CITY, KY 42653

E. COUNTIES IN RECEIVING WORK: McCreary Co.

F. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 5TH DISTRICT

G. TELEPHONE/FAX:

(606)376-2050, FAX (606)376-9499

AMERICORPS PROJECT OBJECTIVES

OBJECTIVE STATEMENT:

McCreary Co. Fiscal Court will use an AmeriCorps member to achieve the following objective as a developer and master planner:

McCreary County is trying to Encourage the start-up and expansion of residential, commercial, and industrial developments through the provision of a sound public infrastructure as measured by new or expanded development activities. The strategy is to use the AmeriCorps member to provide assistance in extending sewer lines to the Stearns and Pine Knot areas, extending adequate waterlines (six inch diameter or greater) to all developed and potentially developable portions of the McCreary Co. area. The member will also assist in jointly expanding natural gas distribution services in the local area.

To provide for the safety and security of McCreary Co. residents through the effective provision of emergency services by ensuring that a response time of ten minutes for a "first responder" units is available to ninety percent of these residents within ten years. The strategy used in trying to achieve the safety and security is using an AmeriCorps member to collect and access all information and coordinate the development and implementation of a E-911 system for McCreary County. In addition to the 911 system the member will work with local phone companies to improve telecommunication abilities.

The work that needs to be done is the collection of information and planning of tasks hopefully resulting in success of the fore mentioned objective. The progress of the objective will be measured by the completion of assigned tasks. The McCreary Co. Fiscal Court will review the information periodically for insight and assess the members work. This objective will work towards the improvement of the all around quality of life for McCreary Countians.

The completion of the objective will improve quality of life by bringing industry into the community, by providing safety and security, and by expanding community resources. The 15,603 citizens of McCreary County will directly benefit from the completed objective.

As mentioned before, the McCreary County Fiscal will supervise and monitor the progress of the objective. All task will be documented on a checklist by completed dates. Deputy Judge Executive, Bruce Murphy, will be directly responsible for supervision of the AmeriCorps member's position.

Currently, we have an AmeriCorps member working on a road management system for the County Road Department and the E-911 system for the county. The road management system is nearly finished and the first steps of a 911 system has been taken. We will lose funding for the member in September and wish to extend his membership. The member has proven to be a valuable asset to this project.

KY195-1**Applicant**

Kentucky Appalachian Foundation
3000 Louisa Street
Catlettsburg, Ky 41129

Contact Person & AmeriCorps Supervisor

David Salisbury, Executive Director
Kentucky Appalachian Foundation
Phone & Fax : (606)-739-5191

Project location

Elliott and Lawrence County Kentucky

Congressional District

Kentucky District #4

AmeriCorps Project Objectives

1. Develop the Laurel Cliffs area in Elliott County as the main point of attraction for Tourism which will create an economic base to recruit new business, expand local business, increase the tax base, and sustain a better quality of life for area residents.

Development will include obtaining funding for a community & cultural center that will be used for concerts for local and outside musicians. Identification of areas that are points of interest to tourists in the Laurel Cliffs Gorge such as hiking trails, guided tours, horseback riding, and camping sites will be developed by working with area leaders, citizens, and community groups. Seminars will be conducted for area businesses that will advise them of available financing and opportunities for small businesses.

Objectives

2. Develop the Yatesville Lake area in Lawrence County to promote Tourism and Economic Development at the lake site and the surrounding area in order to attract expanding business, provide affordable housing opportunities which will increase the overall quality life for all of Lawrence County.

Development will occur by working with area leaders, residents, and local officials in identifying existing historical sites and unregistered sites that can be developed for business or housing. Other housing related projects will include the development of (1) assisted living center and (1) low-income housing development for Lawrence County. An affordable housing loan program will be established for low-moderate income families for Lawrence & Elliott Counties. Seminars will be conducted for businesses to inform them of available financing and opportunities.

Accomplish of Objectives

The work of the AmeriCorps member will be supervised by the Executive Director of the Kentucky Appalachian Foundation who will assure the completion of the work and the objectives set forth in the application. The resources needed for the AmeriCorps program to be implemented will include office space, supplies, and transportation which will be provided by the FIVCO Area Development District. Listed below is a quarterly action plan of accomplishments towards the objectives.

Quarterly Action Plan

First Quarter

- Meet with local tourism council to discuss and identify select points of interests to tourists.
- Meet with local officials to discuss development an affordable housing loan program for low-moderate income families.
- Apply for funding for the already identified cultural & community center.
- Gather data and work with local leaders on establishing the site for an assisted living center.

Second Quarter

- Locate sources of funding through private contributions, loans and/or grants for affordable housing program.
- Work with the Tourism Council to locate sources of funding for Laurel Cliff development.
- Contact local contributions for horseback riding and guided tours of Laurel Cliffs area.
- Identify projects in Lawrence County to concentrate efforts on applying for funding of historical site development.

Third Quarter

- Apply for any loans and/or grants to establish Affordable Housing Loan Program.
- Apply for sources of funding to develop the Laurel Cliffs area selected points of interest.
- Apply for funding for an Assisted Living Center.
- Conduct 2 seminars for small businesses.

Fourth Quarter

- Administer grant and or loan awards to communities for identified projects relative to Yatesville Lake and Laurel Cliffs projects.
- Administer project development of Assisted Living Center.
- Initiate Affordable Housing Loan program.

KY212-1

1. LAKE CUMBERLAND CHAMPION COMMUNITY

Preapplication for 1996 AmeriCorps Program Participation

- a. Name of EZ/EC Applicant Entity:** Lake Cumberland Area Development District (LCADD)
Champion Community
- b. Name of Contact Person:** Bennie Garland, Director
- c. Name of Person who will provide Supervision for AmeriCorps Member:**
Donna Hopper, Director
- d. Address of Entity:** P.O. Box 1570, Lakeway Dr. Russell Springs, KY 42642
- e. Counties in which the Work Will Take Place:** Casey, Pulaski, Wayne, McCreary and
Clinton
- f. Congressional Districts in which the work will take Place:** First, Second and
Fifth
- g. Telephone:** 502/866-4200 **FAX:** 502/866-2044

2. AmeriCorps Project Objective Statement:

The program is designed to fulfill three district objectives, as defined hereafter, within the approved project time span. All activities are to be performed for the specific purpose of: (1) training the worker, and (2) helping the LCADD to gear-up to more effectively meet, or facilitate, the objectives of strategic plans developed during the EZ/EC application process of 1994. The following objectives constitute the LCADD's proposed AmeriCorps Program:

Objective 1: Review the strategic plans for (a) the Kentucky Highlands EZ, (b) the SMART EC, and (c) the Lake Cumberland Champion Community. Compile a list of specific CDBG and FmHA grant proposals contained within those strategic plans and summarize economic/demographic conditions in the affected areas. Develop a summary paper of recommendations for integrating those proposals into the regional Overall Economic Development Planning process.

Objective 2: Assist the AmeriCorps Supervisor by performing necessary travel, surveys, and on-site coordination and/or administrative activities in support of the following specific community development actions:

- Action 1: Develop a research paper defining the objectives and components of a "Youth Build" application for Wayne and Clinton Counties and to assist in the coordination of activities of recruitment, selection, training and job placement of its participants.
- Action 2: Develop a research paper defining the boundaries, objectives, and constraints of a water expansion project in the Powersburg area of Wayne County.
- Action 3: Develop summary papers defining the boundaries, objectives, and constraints of potential water expansion projects in McCreary, Pulaski and Casey counties.
- Action 4: Develop a Clinton County HOMES application to improve existing housing/produce new low-income housing.
- Action 5: Develop a summary paper of activities performed in "Tourism/Entrepreneurship" in McCreary and other counties, as requested by local officials.
- Action 6: Develop a summary paper defining the boundaries, objectives and constraints of a sewer-system development project involving the City of Burnished and surrounding area in Pulaski County.
- Action 7: Develop US Forest Service and Senate Bill 66 grant proposals for rural fire and ambulance service improvements in Clinton, Wayne and McCreary Counties.

Objective 3: Perform general and perhaps limited regional planning and research functions designed to enhance the integration of developmental proposals for the targeted counties into local and state planning processes. Develop a summary paper describing those planning and research functions and how the work assisted the counties of Casey, Pulaski, McCreary, Wayne and Clinton.

Program Performance Measurement: Measurability of the work to be performed under the program is guaranteed because the AmeriCorps worker must complete research and/or summary papers as proposed in the foregoing objectives to detail major activities.

Evaluation: The success of the work will be evaluated on two bases: (1) the extent to which the foregoing objectives and actions are to be completed, and (2) the positive effect of AmeriCorps participation as indicated by additional grants filed for the targeted counties as well as planning proposals incorporated into ongoing local/regional/state planning activities.

Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

Alexandria RECD County Office
3727 Government St.
Alexandria
LA 71302

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:

318-473-7920
Fax:
none

Em	City	SC	Position	Work - 1	Result - 1	Impact - 1	Standard - 1	Benefit - 1
89	Boxed ALEY- ANDRIA	LA	Carry out rural outreach activities to improve economic opportunity and quality of life in rural areas.	Community outreach activities will carry out as set forth in EZ/EC applications submitted for the area. Project and goal coordination between all appropriate levels- local, state, federal, etc.	Improve access to funding and technical expertise and other resources as necessary to accomplish goals and objectives as set forth in strategic plan developed by EZ/EC applicant.	Actual accomplishment of goals and objectives set forth in strategic plan. Quantitative and Qualitative judgement performed by Site Supervisor, applicants, Executive Director and State AmeriCorp Coordinator.	Percentage of goals accomplished number of outreach contacts that resulted in measurable impact.	Population benefiting will be that within EZ/EC application area.

Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

Bastrop RECD County Office
9602 Marlatt St.
Bastrop
LA 71220

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:

Norwood, Bruce
318-281-1653
Fax:
318-281-7460

Em	City	SC	Position	Work - 1	Result - 1	Impact - 1	Standard - 1	Benefit - 1
89	Max BASIRO	LA	Carry out rural outreach activities to improve economic opportunity and quality of life in rural areas.	Community outreach activities will carry out as set forth in EZ/EC applications submitted for the area. Project and goal coordination between all appropriate levels- local, state, federal, etc.	Improve access to funding and technical expertise and other resources as necessary to accomplish goals and objectives as set forth in strategic plan developed by EZ/EC applicant.	Actual accomplishment of goals and objectives set forth in strategic plan. Quantitative and Qualitative judgement performed by Site Supervisor, applicants, Executive Director and State AmeriCorp Coordinator.	Percentage of goals accomplished number of outreach contacts that resulted in measurable impact.	Population benefiting will be that within EZ/EC application area.

Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

Ferriday RECD County Office
2192 EE Wallace Blvd.
Ferriday
LA 71334

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:

Adams, Calvin
318-757-3638
Fax:
318-757-4121

Em	City	SC	Position	Work - 1	Result - 1	Impact - 1	Standard - 1	Benefit - 1
89	Mayes FERRI- DAY	LA	Carry out rural outreach activities to improve economic opportunity and quality of life in rural areas.	Community outreach activities will carry out as set forth in EZ/EC applications submitted for the area. Project and goal coordination between all appropriate levels- local, state, federal, etc.	Improve access to funding and technical expertise and other resources as necessary to accomplish goals and objectives as set forth in strategic plan developed by EZ/EC applicant.	Actual accomplishment of goals and objectives set forth in strategic plan. Quantitative and Qualitative judgement performed by Site Supervisor, applicants, Executive Director and State AmeriCorp Coordinator.	Percentage of goals accomplished number of outreach contacts that resulted in measurable impact.	Population benefiting will be that within EZ/EC application area.

Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

Jonesville RECD County Office
820 First St.
Jonesville
LA 71343

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:

O'Neal, Peter
318-339-8543
Fax:
318-339-8551

Em	City	SC	Position	Work - 1	Result - 1	Impact - 1	Standard - 1	Benefit - 1
89	None JONES VILLE	LA	Carry out rural outreach activities to improve economic opportunity and quality of life in rural areas.	Community outreach activities will carry out as set forth in EZ/EC applications submitted for the area. Project and goal coordination between all appropriate levels- local, state, federal, etc.	Improve access to funding and technical expertise and other resources as necessary to accomplish goals and objectives as set forth in strategic plan developed by EZ/EC applicant.	Actual accomplishment of goals and objectives set forth in strategic plan. Quantitative and Qualitative judgement performed by Site Supervisor, applicants, Executive Director and State AmeriCorp Coordinator.	Percentage of goals accomplished number of outreach contacts that resulted in measurable impact.	Population benefiting will be that within EZ/EC application area.

Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

Rayville RECD County Office
907 Ray St,
Rayville
LA 71269

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:

Landers, Alvin
318-728-3272
Fax:
318-728-4586

Em	City	SC	Position	Work - 1	Result - 1	Impact - 1	Standard - 1	Benefit - 1
89	Rayde RAYVILLE	LA	Carry out rural outreach activities to improve economic opportunity and quality of life in rural areas.	Community outreach activities will carry out as set forth in EZ/EC applications submitted for the area. Project and goal coordination between all appropriate levels- local, state, federal, etc.	Improve access to funding and technical expertise and other resources as necessary to accomplish goals and objectives as set forth in strategic plan developed by EZ/EC applicant.	Actual accomplishment of goals and objectives set forth in strategic plan. Quantitative and Qualitative judgement performed by Site Supervisor, applicants, Executive Director and State AmeriCorp Coordinator.	Percentage of goals accomplished number of outreach contacts that resulted in measurable impact.	Population benefiting will be that within EZ/EC application area.

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Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

Winnsboro RECD County Office
PO Drawer 471
Winnsboro
LA 71259

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:

Ferrell, Steve
318-435-9422
Fax:
318-435-4725

Em	City	SC	Position	Work - 1	Result - 1	Impact - 1	Standard - 1	Benefit - 1
87	Winnsboro	LA	Carry out rural outreach activities to improve economic opportunity and quality of life in rural area.	Community Outreach activities will carry out as set forth in EZ/EC applications submitted for the area. Project and goal coordination between all appropriate levels- local, state, federal, etc.	Improve access to funding and technical expertise and other resources as necessary to accomplish goals and objectives as set forth in strategic plan developed by EZ/EC applicant.	Actual accomplishment of goals and objectives set forth in strategic plan. Quantitative and qualitative judgement performed by Site Supervisor, applicants, Executive Director and state AmeriCorp Coordinator.	Percentage of goals accomplished number of outreach contacts that resulted in measurable impact.	Population benefiting will be that within EZ/EC application area.

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Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

Tallulah RECD County Office
509 E. Green St., PO Box 1228
Tallulah
LA 71282

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:

Traylor, Reese
318-574-4911
Fax:
318-574-1931

Em	City	SC	Position	Work - 1	Result - 1	Impact - 1	Standard - 1	Benefit - 1
88	Tallulah	LA	Carry out rural outreach activities to improve economic opportunity and quality of life in rural areas.	Community outreach activities will carry out as set forth in EZ/EC applications submitted for the area. Project and goal coordination between all appropriate levels- local, state, federal, etc.	Improve access to funding and technical expertise and other resources as necessary to accomplish goals and objectives as set forth in strategic plan.	Actual accomplishment of goal and objectives set forth in strategic plan. Quantitative and qualitative judgement performed by Site Supervisor, applicants, Executive Director and State AmeriCorp Coordinator.	Percentage of goals accomplished and number of outreach contacts that resulted in measurable impact.	Population benefiting will be that within EZ/EC application area.

Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

Lake Providence RECD County Office
406 Lake St., 2nd Floor
Lake Providence
LA 71254

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:

Adcock, Loyd
318-559-2188
Fax:
318-559-3610

Em	City	SC	Position	Work - 1	Result - 1	Impact - 1	Standard - 1	Benefit - 1
86	Lake Providence	LA	Carry out rural outreach activities to improve economic opportunity and quality of life in rural area.	Community outreach activities will carry out as set forth in EZ/EC applications submitted for the area. Project and goal coordination between all appropriate levels- local, state, federal, etc.	Improve access to funding and technical expertise and other resources as necessary to accomplish goals and objectives as set forth in strategic plan developed by EZ/EC applicant.	Actual accomplishment of goals and objectives set forth in strategic plan. Quantitative and qualitative judgement performed by Site Supervisor, applicants, Executive Director and AmeriCorp Coordinator.	Percentage of goals accomplished and number of outreach contacts that resulted in measurable impact.	Population benefiting will be that within EZ/EC application area.

LA54-1**Name of EZ/EC applicant entity**

South Central Planning and Development Commission
P.O. Box 846
Thibodaux, LA 70302

South Central Planning and Development Commission is the regional planning commission for the six parishes of Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, and Terrebonne. The agency submitted one Urban Enterprise Community application and one Rural Enterprise Community application on behalf of the region. Both of the applications did not receive federal designation.

Name of Contact person for the AmeriCorps Project

Craig P. Roussel
Executive Director

Name of person who will provide supervision for the AmeriCorps member

Craig P. Roussel
Executive Director

Address of Entity

South Central Planning and Development Commission
P.O. Box 846
Thibodaux, LA 70302

Service Area

The work will be throughout the six parish region including Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, and Terrebonne.

Congressional district

The region is the 3rd Congressional District and is represented by Congressman Billy Tauzin.

Contact Information

Telephone (504)446-0514
Fax (504)446-0515

SOUTH CENTRAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR AMERICORPS PROGRAM

Objectives of Program South Central Planning and Development Commission is the Louisiana sub-state planning district and the Federal Economic Development Administration's designated Economic Development District (EDD) for the Parishes of Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, and Terrebonne. The pilot manufacturing/industrial extension program will be the management and marketing assistance component of a business development program centered around the EDA Revolving Loan Fund this agency currently manages.

The manufacturing/industrial extension program will coordinate a network of existing services, and develop and implement additional services, to facilitate business growth and diversification in the six (6) parish district. Services will include

- Computer match of potential vendors and customers in the district through Nicholls State University, using data base developed for regional business directory, with long-term potential to incorporate data on local industrial capacity (i.e., worker skills and certifications, types and sizes of equipment, etc. at various firms) to increase match potential;
- Development of a comprehensive data base, through Nicholls State University and SCPDC's Geographic Information System (GIS) services, to expand on existing industrial and business building and site inventories, with the long-term goal of including complete information on all buildings and sites, of varying sizes, and suitable for industrial and/or commercial use, throughout the district;
- Comprehensive sectoral analysis of market, product, and production trends in targeted growth industries, utilizing Louisiana Department of Economic Development resources, and graduate interns from Nicholls State University, using INTERNET, other data bases, other university resources, and trade association contacts, under SCPDC supervision;
- Organization of purchasing groups to reduce costs of insurance, bonding, materials and supplies to individual businesses;
- Technology transfer/licensing and production guidance through LSU and USL to firms expanding into alternative products and markets;
- Export and import marketing assistance through U.S. Department of Commerce, the Louisiana International Trade Center, and Encuentro;
- Defense adjustment assistance to help businesses which are highly dependent on military procurement markets to identify alternative markets and products, through the U.S. Department of Defense and EDA;
- Outreach to RLF applicants, borrowers, former procurement clients, and other businesses through vehicles such as a small business forum, to disseminate information, and encourage

dialogue and cooperation among local firms.

Preliminary target industries will be selected to allow for a building on existing strengths of the local economy, and the ability to utilize skills local people already have or can learn relatively quickly. Sectors include seafood; aquaculture and mariculture; metal fabrication and light manufacturing outside the energy industry; ship and boat building; export of local products; and data entry centers and services. Growth potential has also been identified in medical services and products; environmental services and products; and in engineering and project management services.

Implementation Plan. SCPDC will utilize an AmeriCorps program coordinator, who will work under the supervision of the Executive Director and Economic Development Specialist. The coordinator will facilitate development of informational resources, and a cohesive referral network to provide specialized assistance. The coordinator will work with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Nicholls to expand the regional business directory data base developed under the Louisiana Department of Economic Development's REDA program, and to implement the computer match program. The coordinator and Graduate Interns, from the Masters of Business Administration program at Nicholls, will gather and input data, including enhanced Standard Industrial Codes (SIC) and capacity information for specific firms. The coordinator will also gather industrial and commercial building and site information, which SCPDC's GIS staff will develop into an atlas for use by local government economic development staffs in the district. The coordinator will also assist in conducting sectoral analyses of target industries, and in writing industry reports, and organizing public presentations of information, for businesses and economic development staffers. The coordinator will also encourage inter-business cooperation, organizing the small business forum and purchasing groups, as well as making referrals for product, market, and production assistance, as indicated above.

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**CLIFTON-CHOCTAW RESERVATION, INC
EZ/EC ENTERPRISE CHAMPION COMMUNITY**

CONTACT PERSON: Anna G. Neal/Vera J. Tyler

PROJECT DIRECTOR : Anna G. Neal/Richard Walters

LOCATION: 1146 Clifton Rd. , Clifton, LA 71447

MAILING: P.O. BOX 32, Gardner, LA 71431

PARISH: RAPIDES

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: FOURTH

Telephone Number: Office #2 (318) 793-8796

FAX: SAME/ CALL FIRST

CCRI Office #: (318) 793-4253

OBJECTIVE # 1

Work to be done will be working with members of the Clifton-Choctaw tribe to give them a better understanding of bookkeeping, record keeping and become more efficient in the operation of an office.

Results will be: the Clifton-Choctaw tribe will have knowledgeable members who will understand the intricate workings of an efficient office, staffed with qualified personnel.

Quality of work, as well as success, will be measured by "how" efficient office staff has become within the one year time frame.

The tribal council along with Rep./Coord. Anna Neal and the CPA firm that audits Cliftons' research ANA grant, will critique progress of the program on a QUARTERLY basis.

The Tribal Council envisions high quality performance relative to the efficiency of Clifton Choctaw members participating in the program. It is hoped that by training Clifton Choctaw members, there will not be a need to hire outsiders who oftentimes are only interested in taking advantage of those who are not knowledgeable. Native Americans are most susceptible to this type of situation because of lack of education within the Clifton Choctaw tribe. The tribal council has been addressing the education problem beginning in 1985.

The Clifton-Choctaw tribe has approximately 270 members in the immediate service area i.e. Clifton-Choctaw Reservation, Inc. There is a need for qualified members to take care of the different programs i.e. Low Income Energy Assistance, commodities program and other duties that require expertise and knowledge relative to efficient, trained personnel.

OBJECTIVE #2

Train and teach computer classes that will enhance the overall ability of members to input important data into computer software. There is a need to input hundreds of pieces of research that has been collected pertaining to Cliftons' petition for federal recognition. The AmeriCorps person, trained in computer functions, would be a great asset and much would be accomplished. Clifton Choctaw members could work at the Reservation as well as have a better chance at getting employment with the private sector.

- 1) **Work will consist of** training/teaching Clifton Choctaw members computer functions.
- 2) **Result will be** processing hundreds of pieces of research that has been collected for the petition for federal recognition.
- 3) **Quality and success of the work** will be monitored by a member of the tribe who is very knowledgeable in computer science and is aware of what the student should learn.
- 4) **Expectations are** high for quality work in order that the member will be capable of competing in the open market for job opportunities.
- 5) Any progress made within the tribe will benefit all members at some point in time i.e. more efficient workers who are looking out for the well being of all Clifton Choctaw members.

The Project will accomplish the Objectives set forth as follows:

- 1) **The project will be supervised by** Anna G. Neal, Rep./Coord., for the tribe who also is

project director for other grants received by the tribe. Ms. Neal has an AA degree in accounting and a four year degree in business administration; worked for the Los Angeles Unified School District (twenty-five years) in administration prior to moving back home in 1981.

- 2) **Resources required** will be office space, office equipment computers and eager Clifton Choctaw members (of which we have). The tribe has all of the above. Computers consist of word perfect and windows software..
- 3) As stated in objective #1, **progress of the project will be monitored** by the tribal council, Rep./Coord., Anna G. Neal and a Clifton Choctaw member, Richard Walters, who has expertise in all phases of computer instructions, software, etc. This member will also monitor the computer phase of the project. Quarterly monitoring, reports will be processed and presented to the tribal council at their tribal council meeting. The tribal council meets once a month and will be informed, verbally, on a monthly basis by either Anna Neal or Richard Walters or both.

Accomplishments will be measured by the knowledge being gained through teaching and training. The end product should produce efficient, well trained office personnel.

LA100

1. ST. TAMMANY COMMUNITY HOUSING RESOURCE BOARD

- a. Name of EZ/EC Applicant Entity:** St. Tammany Community Housing Resource Board
- b. Name of Contact Person:** Emma Dixon, Executive Director
- c. Name of Person who will provide Supervision for AmeriCorps Member:**
Emma Dixon, Executive Director
- d. Address of Entity:** 2992 Pontchartrain Drive, Slidell, LA 70459-0203
- e. Counties in which the Work Will Take Place:** St Tammy Parish
- f. Congressional Districts in which the work will take Place:** Bob Livingston
- g. Telephone:** 504/649-3859 **FAX:** 504/645-0995

2. AmeriCorps Project Objective Statement:

The St. Tammany Community Housing Resource Board is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) fair housing organization established in 1991. Our mission is to promote fair housing and programs which foster fair housing and to embark upon a comprehensive housing program of bringing about a broad range of housing market improvements in St Tammany Parish.

Promoting and achieving the goals of equitable and affordable housing for all St. Tammany residents is of paramount importance. This is the combined mission of the local Community Housing Resource Board which will be accomplished through the implementation of a unique vision and plan.

- Assisting local government with passing fair housing ordinances and providing community officials with recommendations for improved fair housing condition.
- Conducting affordable housing research and implementing new programs for insuring affordable housing objectives in the Parish through HUD grant applications.
- Promoting activities such as conferences, fairs, and seminars that improve communications between local lending sources and financial institutions and low income individuals and families. This improved communication will ultimately lead to increased opportunity for low income persons in the home buying process.
- Fostering a liaison relationship with the local professional housing industry groups to identify needed areas of concern and improvement.

CHRB program objective for AmeriCorps member is to assist with conducting parish-wide outreach to the community on the availability of our services. The member will assist the Executive Director with making the rural community more aware and CHRB programs and services. These programs include:

Fair Housing education and outreach.

Homebuyer education and training for first-time low-to-moderate income homebuyers.
Banking budgeting and credit awareness workshops. Credit Counseling. Fair lending conferences and workshops for local lenders.

LA115-1

1. MADISON PARISH POLICE JURY

Preapplication for 1996 AmeriCorps program Participation

- a. Name of EZ/EC Applicant Entity:** Madison Parish Police Jury
- b. Name of Contact Person:** Thomas J. Williams
- c. Name of Person Who Will Provide Supervision for AmeriCorps Member:**
Thomas J. Williams
- d. Address of Entity:** 404 East Green Street, Tallulah,, LA 71282
- e. Counties in Which the Work will Take Place:** Madison
- f. Congressional Districts in which the Work will Take Place:** District 34
- g. Telephone;** 318/574-3451 **FAX:** 318/574-3122

AmeriCorps Project Objective Statement:

An AmeriCorps member could play a vital role in implementing the Strategic Plan of our Enterprise Community program. Many of the goals set during the application process for the Empowerment Zone can be met with the service of an AmeriCorps member. We would like to use this member to assist local non-profit organizations apply for Enterprise Community funds.

The member would serve as a liaison between the local organizations applying to start community programs and this organization chosen to distribute the funds. This service provided will expedite the application process by giving technical assistance and reinforcing existing bonds with community organizations. We would also like to use our member in monitoring projects once they have begun to ensure the money is being spent as planned. By utilizing the member in these functions, we will be able to increase the quality and quantity of applications, and decrease the opportunity for misuse of funds.

The member's success can be measured by the timeliness of application processing and the number of applicants approved. The whole community's success will be a reflection of the member's service.

3. How Project Will Accomplish the Objectives:

The AmeriCorps service member will work directly under an Executive Director hired by this agency. The director will initially provide extensive training of the duties expected of the member and eventually serve as a supervisor assisting in difficult or complex situations. The director will also offer administrative support to the member.

Weekly and monthly goals will be set by the director and the member to give an organized scope of the steps to be taken towards reaching the program's objectives. Each quarter, the accomplishments will be compared to the goals set forth to give a true measure of success or failure. A concrete example would be a number of applications submitted compared to the number of organizations receiving funds during the quarter. This will reflect the quantity and quality of the member's service and the program's impact on the community.

LA119-1

EZ/EC Applicant Entity:

Ascension and Iberville Parishes, Louisiana
Submitted by The City of Plaquemine, Louisiana
Champion EZ/EC Community - Applicant Number 119

Contact Person for AmeriCorps project:

Kristine H. Morales
City of Plaquemine - Mayor's Office

AmeriCorps member supervisor:

Kristine H. Morales

Entity Address:

Plaquemine City Hall - Mayor's Office
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Plaquemine, LA 70765-0675

Counties in which work will take place:

Iberville and Ascension Parishes, Louisiana

Congressional Districts in which work will take place:

U.S. Senator J. Bennett Johnston
U.S. Senator John B. Breaux
Congressman Cleo Fields, 4th Congressional District
Congressman Richard Baker, 6th Congressional District

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AMERICORPS PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S) STATEMENT**Work to be done:**

An AmeriCorps worker is needed immediately to serve as Project Manager of a pilot program for Neighborhood Revitalization. This new project will address the combined issues of housing and large abandoned public buildings located in the our neighborhoods. This type of project is crucial to further implementation of the Strategic Plan submitted to USDA

Business districts and neighborhoods in our local area are similar to other cities and towns across America. That is, businesses developed in clusters and one would expect to find individual stores or shops for clothing apparel, dry goods, shoes, etc. along with bakeries, vegetable markets, banks, city and parish government, doctors and drug stores, banks, theaters and churches. These were usually beautiful buildings of good design and construction. A passer-by could easily tell if the building was a man's home or place of business by looking at the facade of the structure. There is a marked difference between the historic business district and the shopping strips locating along major thorough-fares today.

On the other hand, the neighborhoods consisted of houses, corner grocery stores and schools. Schools built in early 1900's in this area were two and three stories and of classical design.

Revitalization of business districts are currently being addressed through the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Main Street Program with financial assistance from City and Parish governments, Louisiana Main Street Program, Iberville Parish Chamber of Commerce, Louisiana Power and Light Economic Development Department.

Neighborhood revitalization is one issue of the Strategic Plan which deserves immediate attention. All banks in Iberville Parish are now offering a housing loan program for low-income families which will be funded in full by local banks to meet the requirements of the Community Reinvestment Act. Additional programs are needed for total neighborhood revitalization such as Habitat for Humanities, Baton Rouge Mid-City Fix-Up, or similar projects.

Its ironic that in April as banks announced the low-income loan program, that the abandoned Donaldsonville High School was destroyed by fire. Reuse of now-vacant school buildings have been identified in the local EZ/EC Strategic Plan application.

Although other issues of the EZ/EC Strategic Plan were addressed by various entities -- it is of utmost importance to begin revitalization of neighborhood housing programs. See attachments for information on housing and reuse of old public buildings as museum and/or work training areas.

AMERICORPS PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S) STATEMENT**What will result from the work:**

Re-adaptive use of the now-vacant Plaquemine Elementary School will be utilized by providing much of the housing training programs in this building. West-Side Vo-Technical School's

participation will increase its job training programs to include housing rehab programs. The Louisiana Office of Community Support and Project Independence will also participate in our housing program since many of their clients are housed in homes requiring rehab. Plaquemine Neighborhood Revitalization Committee's primary objective is to create focus on the improvement of our neighborhoods (see attached). This project will serve as a motivator to encourage revitalization of our area.

Our plans are to produce 11 units of affordable housing in one year and rehab and re-use of one public building. This project would enhance the development of a housing program coordinator with professional staff. A steering committee will include a Chairperson, Logistics Coordinator, Secretary, Hospitality Coordinator, Public Relations / Promotions, House Captains Coordinator, Executive / Administrative staff, and Volunteer Coordinator.

Measure of quality/success of work:

Establish a working partnership with other financial and technical agencies that are necessary for a successful residential neighborhood rehab housing program. There will be a written commitment from each entity to assure the length of commitment, financial obligation, if any, the scope of the commitment and a review process to determine the on-going needs of the agency's commitment. The development of basic skills and accomplished journeymen in the building technologies field will be included in the housing rehabilitation program. Standard of quality/success of program hopes to meet:

The targeted residential homes will select from a palette of exterior colors for their homes, have a continuous sequence of landscaping and ornamental lawn structures such as wooden picket or wrought iron fences; increase banking support and on-going of affordable housing loans and programs; development of workshops/seminars to educate the public regarding first-time homebuyers information and care and routine maintenance of a home.

Number of service recipients:

Current property homeowners and potential homeowners in the low-income bracket will be served. The targeted 11 homes to be rehabilitated are currently owner-occupied or family owned. This project will benefit the low-income, elderly, handicap homeowners who are not able to do the work themselves. The Iberville Parish School Board currently owns the Plaquemine Elementary School which would house the rehab project.

PROJECT TO ACCOMPLISH OBJECTIVE(S)

Who will supervise work:

Kristine H. Morales

Resources required:

Habitat for Humanities; supplies and equipment from our local hardware stores and lumber yards; local paint stores; local flower and plant nurseries, West-Side Vo- Technical School; Louisiana Office of Family Support, Project Independence, and local volunteers; Iberville Parish School Board; financial assistance and support from the City of Plaquemine and Iberville Parish Police

Jury and local banks. Local businesses, corporations, hospitals will participate as well as our chemical industry. People resources will include local church and civic organizations, community volunteers, local schools.

All of these resources have been previously contacted regarding our program. All have verbally agreed to participate in our Strategic Plan. Other existing and potential public partnerships include Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), Louisiana Department of Education, "Quickstart", Louisiana Department of Labor Job Corps, Louisiana Department of Education, JTPA 8% Program, Vocational Education, and Louisiana Housing Finance Agency.

Quarterly action plan of accomplishments toward objective(s):

Under a Steering Committee - The 1st 4-months would review:

- Status of rehab and reuse of public building for housing program;
- Identify and contact available resources;
- Continue to gather required housing information in targeted area;
- Begin Steering Committee Job Descriptions;
- Review development of professional staff and criteria;
- Review plan of action to host workshop for first-time home buyers

The 2nd 4-months would review:

- Status of rehab and reuse of public building for housing program; Continue to identify and contact additional resources;
- Present plan of action for housing revitalization;
- Present plan of action to host one weekend which would utilize local volunteers and businesses to fix-up and paint in a targeted area;
- Review development of professional staff;
- Review Steering Committee Job Descriptions;
- Evaluate first-time home buyers workshop;
- Review plan of action to host workshop on how to care for your home

The 3rd 4-months would review:

- Status of rehab and reuse of public building for housing program;
- Continue to identify and contact additional resources;
- · Review plan of action for housing revitalization;
- · Continue plan of action to host one weekend which would utilize local volunteers and businesses to fix-up and paint in a targeted area;
- Review development of professional staff; Evaluate home care workshop

The 4th 4-months would review:

- Evaluate progress on the public building and what additional work is needed;
- Evaluate previously contacted resources and their continued support;
- Evaluate weekend event with local volunteers;
- Evaluate development of professional staff;

- Evaluate the methodology to keep the housing project viable;
- Evaluate success of workshops

LA152-1

1. SOUTHERN MUTUAL HELP ASSOCIATION, INC.

Preapplication for 1996 AmeriCorps Program Participation

- a. Name of EZ/EC Applicant Entity:** Southern Mutual Help Association, Inc.
- b. Name of Contact Person:** Ms. Lorna Bourg, Executive Director
- c. Name of Person who will provide Supervision for AmeriCorps Member:**
Helen Vinton
- d. Address of Entity:** 5002 Old Jeanerette Road, New Liberia, LA 70560
- e. Counties in which the Work Will Take Place:** East St. Mary, West St. Mary, Terrebonne, Lafourche, Plaquemine and other relative to traditional commercial fishing
- f. Congressional Districts in which the work will take Place:** District 1 & 3
- g. Telephone:** 318/367-3277 **FAX:** 316/367-3279

2. AmeriCorps Project Objective Statement:

The AmeriCorps member will assist Southern Mutual Help Association to carry out the goal set by the ten communities of West St. Mary Parish to become healthy, prosperous rural communities through self development and economic development strategies. The AmeriCorps member will assist in the Resource management for Economic development and will do limited work in 3 areas: Sustainable Agriculture - Sustainable Development of Fisher Communities - Environmental Asset Building.

Objective 1:

Complete an assessment of the economic problems and solutions of commercial fishing communities in the EC area, West St. Mary Parish and in East St. Mary, Terrebonne, Lafourche and Plaquemine as these problems and solutions relate to commercial fishing communities all along the Gulf Coast. This assessment will be accomplished by:

- a. Obtaining research from the Louisiana State University's Seagrass Program, Parish Fisheries Extension Offices, other State agencies, and resources relative to coastal conservation, fisheries management and commercial fishers.
- b. Obtain research from traditional commercial fishing communities in West St. Mary Parish and in related parishes.
- c. Prepare the assessment for the next step toward economic development: Building an organization of traditional commercial fishers to set their own Policies - Develop a Strategic Plan - Develop Leadership to implement their plan.

Objective 2:

Train and assist leaders of communities within the EC area in carrying out their plans for economic development in producing and marketing small food crops/livestock.

This will be accomplished by:

- a. Obtaining research, hands-on expertise and cooperation from the St. Mary Parish Cooperative Extension and Liberia-based non-profit, Access to Real Choices and other partners.
- b. Coordinate training to those in the communities who will provide a working model and leadership in producing and marketing small scale food crops/livestock.

Objective 3:

Provide citizens of the EC area with the environmental information and research they have requested to reduce pesticide and other toxic exposure in their homes, and in their villages to help achieve their preferred quality of life.

This will be accomplished by:

- a. Obtaining research and information from the Citizens Environmental Center, other partners and the ten communities within the EC area on local toxic exposure prerequisite to designing a training program for leaders to reduce toxic exposure in their communities.

LA160-1

- a. Name of EZ/EC Applicant entity:** St. Landry Economic Inducement District
- b. Name of Contact Person for the AmeriCorps project:** Jack K. Tolson, President
- c. Name of Person who will provide supervision of the AmeriCorps member:** Jack K. Tolson
- d. Address of entity:**
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- e. Counties in which work will take place:**
St. Landry Parish, LA
- f. Congressional Districts in which the work will take place:**
Louisiana Seventh District - Jimmy Hayes
Sixth District - Richard Baker
Fourth District - Cleo Fields
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2. AmeriCorps Project Objective Statement

a. WORK TO BE DONE. (each worker provided) Twenty five low income families will have housing and/or grant docket files prepared for underwriting by private lenders or specified federal or state agencies, as applicable. Low income housing target areas will be identified on a map. Areas surveyed for home rehabilitation or new home and replacement housing will be identified by planning block group on maps. Initial worker orientation will be provided by Jack K. Tolson and Mona Pipkins.

b. RESULT FROM THE WORK. There will be outreach to twenty five low income families living in substandard and overcrowded housing. These families will have been given educational information material and have had loan docket files prepared for processing by underwriters or government agencies. These 25 low income families will receive improvements to existing housing or receive replacement housing as a result of the work of an AmeriCorps member.

c. HOW THE QUALITY OR SUCCESS OF WORK IS TO BE MEASURED. The quality of the work will be reviewed as each target area block is surveyed. The loan docket files will be reviewed by Jack Tolson, or his designee, for completion accuracy and thoroughness of substantiating and verifiable content. The final number of actual loan/grant docket files completed will be compared to the goal of twenty five case files per worker

d. STANDARD OF QUALITY OR SUCCESS THE PROGRAM HOPES TO MEET.

Twenty five families will receive housing loan and/or grants to provide safe, affordable housing for their families. In addition, each target area planning unit will have the specific affordable housing needs identified and classified on maps and documented in planning unit files for future use and reference.

e. NUMBER OF SERVICE RECIPIENTS. Twenty five low, very low and median income families will receive direct benefit with financial assistance for providing affordable housing for their families. The municipalities targeted will have an improved inventory of basic housing stock. Twenty five families will be served by each AmeriCorps member provided.

3. HOW PROJECT WILL ACCOMPLISH OBJECTIVE SET OUT IN NO. 2.

a. SUPERVISION. Jack K. Tolson or Mona Pipkins will provide orientation, provide task instructions, and will review the work accomplished in meeting the goals outlined in the strategic plan housing component.

b. RESOURCES REQUIRED. First is \$1,140 payment to AmeriCorps. Next is office space, administrative support, supervision time, fax, telephone. Thirdly, office supplies, survey forms, paper, pencils, photo copying files, forms, maps, reports, postage, transportation to and from target areas, mailing envelopes, training personnel, etc.

c. QUARTERLY ACTION PLAN OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO OBJECTIVES. There will be provided a quarterly action plan and action plan reports for accountability. The plan and goals will be compared to accomplishments. It is anticipated that the worker/s will be in the field approximately 43 weeks more or less. Quarterly action plans will be prepared for every 13

weeks. Three full quarterly plans will be required plus a final close out plan and program. Weekly work plans will be summarized for the quarterly plans. Each plan will deal with goals, program objectives and results. One person, Jack K. Tolson, is to be responsible for the preparation of the plans and results

First Quarter Action Plan

Orientation, training, preparation of graphics, maps, target areas, field work to determine areas of need. Outreach, information materials developed and provided. Program files and docket folders prepared for processing. Door to door housing canvas conducted. Weekly progress reports compiled and compared to goals

Second Quarter Action Plan

Door to door canvas conducted, preparation of 15 housing loan/grant docket files for presentation to underwriter or agencies. Summary report compiled and compared for progress on goals and objectives

Third Quarter Action Plan

Door to door canvas conducted. Follow up with underwriters or agencies from first quarter, prepare 15 additional housing loan/grant docket files for presentation to the underwriters. Summarize and chart reports, compare for progress on goals and objectives

Fourth Quarter Action Plan

Follow up on door to door canvas already conducted, summarize any unfinished work files for next person. Follow up with underwriters on up to 30 loan docket files. Close out report and progress evaluated with notes on results as compared to goals. Recommendation for improvements. Close out report and accounting and appropriate final close out report filed

LA164-1

NAME: ST. MARY COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE ASSOCIATION, INC

CONTACT PERSON: MRS. ALMETRA J. FRANKLIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUPERVISOR FOR AMERICORPS MEMBER: JEFFERY BEVERLY, HOUSING
DIRECTOR

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DESIGNATED AREAS TO BE SERVED: ST. MARY PARISH

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: THIRD (3RD)

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The St. Mary Community Action Agency, Inc., is a tax-exempt, human services organization in rural St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, which has been in existence since 1967. This Agency has effectively served as a non-profit vehicle for delivery of Human Services to minority and economically underprivileged residents of St. Mary Parish. St. Mary Community Action Agency has proven effective in coordinating its activities with other agencies to provide the fullest means to have a measurable and potential impact on the causes and effects of poverty in St. Mary Parish. St. Mary Community Action Agency enjoys widespread community support and is seen as an advocate for the needs of the poor in St. Mary Parish.

St. Mary Community Action Committee Association, Inc., is located at 1407 Barrow Street, Franklin, Louisiana, and has three other sub-offices located in Baldwin, Louisiana, at 206 Martin Luther King Street, and in Morgan City on Wren Street, in the federal housing project. This agency has a total of 389 employees, 9 Head Start centers in St. Mary Parish and 12 centers in Jeff Davis, Vermillion and Acadia Parishes.

OBJECTIVE STATEMENT

An AmeriCorps member will assist in the implementation of a 30 (thirty) townhouse affordable housing project. The member will also assist the Housing Department in getting the project started and doing clerical and technical work as directed by the Housing Supervisor.

The desire to change is to make their first housing project a model in comprehensive housing development by a non-profit agency.

The project has already been determined viable and feasible. An additional staff worker added to the Housing Department would make the transition into the project easier. For example, the worker would set up interviews of tenants, marking the development to assure 100% occupancy.

(1) WORK TO BE DONE: Assist Housing Department in implementing, recruitment and placement of families to new development townhouse, built through St. Mary Community Action Agency CHDO project.

(2) WHAT WILL RESULT FROM WORK: Thirty (30) families being placed in affordable housing, training in home and budgeting management.

(3) HOW WILL YOU MEASURE THE QUALITY OF WORK: By the number of families occupying the homes.

(4) STANDARD OF SUCCESS: To provide affordable housing for families in St. Mary Parish, which has been defined as viable and feasible.

LA173-1
Town of Cullen
Parish of Webster
State of Louisiana

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Supervisor for AmeriCorps member: Bobby R. Washington

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Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana

Fourth Congressional District

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AMERICORPS PROJECT OBJECTIVES STATEMENT

Expose children and families to "enrichment programs" and activities for improved self-esteem and a healthy mind and body.

This will be done by coordinating and implementing a festival here in the Town of Cullen. The festival will be called the "SAMBA CELEBRATION." "Samba" means "unity", and the focus will be on bringing other cultures together with their expertise in dance, food, cultural activities, etc. - unique only to them.

The results will be an impoverished welfare community experiencing life other than what they know, therefore, expanding their horizons about life. This will also result in increased opportunities for entrepreneurs to better understand what can be done through advertising, dedication, and customer relations, thereby increasing profits.

Changes will take place as the residents work together in planning and organizing this festival, which will be something that has never taken place in our community before. We will see a "Main Street Beautification", and newly-formed street committees working together to beautify each street, thereby cleaning and improving the entire community. This will be one of the main results that will be measured. This not only brings the community together in a common cause, but it also improves the image of the Town, thereby opening new avenues for economic development. We will know what other areas must be addressed, as we complete the celebration, and submit our entry in the "Cleanest City" competition.

We need someone more involved than a volunteer to supervise the work to be done. Since the Town is not financially able to support or hire someone to oversee this project, we need some help. Therefore, we are applying for assistance under this program. If the Town receives this assistance and we are assigned an AmeriCorps member, the Town will provide a quarterly report on work progress. The Town will also be able to provide office space and supplies, as required.

LA215-1**Applicant:** Macon Ridge Economic Development Region, Inc. (Designated)**Contact:** Buddy Spillers, Executive Director**Supervisor:** Buddy Spillers**Address:**

3830 Front Street

Post Office Box 69

Winnsboro, Louisiana 71295

Parishes:Catahoula, Concordia, Franklin, Tensas, (counties) Morehouse, East Carroll, West Carroll,
Madison, Richland**Congressional Districts:** LA-05, LA-06**Telephone:** 318/435-3781**Fax:** 318/435-2308

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

1. The AmeriCorps member will coordinate small business workshops and conduct entrepreneurship training resulting in 15 entrepreneurs opening new businesses in the Enterprise Community.

The Macon Ridge EC has budgeted funds for small business recruitment, with emphasis on entrepreneurship in the EC. The AmeriCorps member will work in outreach to potential entrepreneurs and existing small businesses needing assistance with this outreach resulting in community-based workshops. Measurement of success will be based on the number of entrepreneurs opening new businesses resulting from the workshop training, which is also a measure of quality standards.

We anticipate approximately 200 recipients being served.

Accomplishments

The work will be supervised by Mr. Spillers and staff of the Northeast Louisiana University Small Business Development Center in Monroe, Louisiana (a Macon Ridge EC partner). Resources of the SBDC, along with the Macon Ridge EC resource center and business incubators will be used.

Quarterly action plans include:

First quarter: Training of the AmeriCorps member, conducting workshop(s) and follow-up with participants;

Second quarter: Conducting workshop(s), follow-up with participants, individualized assistance where required to beginning entrepreneurs, and opening of new businesses;

Third quarter: Conducting workshop(s), follow-up with participants from first and second quarter workshops, individualized assistance where required to beginning entrepreneurs, and opening of new businesses;

Fourth quarter: follow-up with participants from first, second and third quarter workshops, individualized assistance where required to beginning entrepreneurs, and opening of new businesses to reach the objective of 15.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

2. The AmeriCorps member will recruit EC residents to participate in community leadership and economic development training emphasizing diversity of seminar participants, and help conduct three training seminars in the year.

Three community leadership and economic development training seminars (each seminar is a seven-week process) will be scheduled and conducted, with the AmeriCorps member responsible for recruiting participants from the EC community. Success of the work will be measured by at least 80% of participants completing each seminar, at which point they assume leadership roles in their respective communities.

That is the program's standard of success -- trained leaders where there were none before.

At least 120 EC residents will receive this service.

Accomplishments

The work will be supervised by Mr. Spillers and staff of the Louisiana State University Cooperative Extension Service (a Macon Ridge EC partner). LSU will use its training program as a model for the seminar.

Quarterly action plans include:

First quarter: Schedule seminar one and recruit 40 participants;

Second quarter: Conduct seminar one, schedule seminar two, and recruit participants;

Third quarter: Conduct seminar two, schedule seminar three and recruit participants;

Fourth quarter: Conduct seminar three.

LA221-1
Project Celebration - Champion Community

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Many, Louisiana 71449

Sabine Parish

8th Congressional District

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2. Our **objective** is to promote Sabine Parish as an economically viable community for young adults to invest their futures in. By providing guidance, information, and job training for future economic ventures being brought in by the development of the Toledo Bend Lake area, as a retirement haven and recreation area, we can establish Sabine Parish as a place to "stay home" and raise your family.

The **outcome** of the project will be more job opportunities for local residents. The AmeriCorps member will be responsible for the research and development of materials that would provide the necessary information and incentives for young adults about economic opportunity inside Sabine Parish and the Toledo Bend Lake area.

Some of the **measurable results** of this objective would be the increase of the number of people choosing to remain the Parish, lower unemployment rates, larger tax base, and new housing starts in the parish.

Evaluation of the success would be achieved by the quality of the material produced, how user friendly it is to the local and potential business and schools, and written evaluations after presentation of the materials to residents.

Quarterly reports would be given on the progress of the AmeriCorps worker, this would be achieved by the time line and the goals met during the quarter as defined in the time line. This project could possibly impact 2,000-3,000 young adults on a yearly basis, by an increase of job training and job opportunity.

3. **Supervisor of this project** will be Margaret Basco, Social Service Coordinator.

Resources needed: Possibly video equipment, transportation, and computer equipment. Other major resources available in the area is the Northwestern State University and Library, reports and studies from the Sabine River Authority, and the Sabine Valley Technical Institute.

Action Plan:

1st Quarter: Research

2nd Quarter: Production of Material

3rd Quarter: Program Presentation

4th Quarter: Continued Presentation and Evaluation

LA226-1

A. EZ/EC Applicant Entity: City Of Covington

B. Contact Person: Nahketah R. Bagby, City Planner

C. Supervisor Of AmeriCorps Member : Malcolm Maginnis, Building Inspector

D. Address Of Entity:

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E. Counties/Parish: St. Tammany

F. Congressional District #1: Representative Robert L. Livingston (202) 225-3015

G. Telephone & Fax Numbers:

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2. OBJECTIVES

Objective #1

The AmeriCorps member will work with the City Building Standards Inspector and City Attorney to secure liens on 60 condemned and abandoned homes and remove the structures.

Results: Dangerous uninhabited structures will be removed from the Community which improves the safety of area residents.

Measurement of Success: The number of abandoned homes removed from the Community.

Objective #2

The AmeriCorps member will work with the Building Standards Inspector and the City Attorney to re-allocated the vacant property, acquired during the condemnation process for abandoned houses, to non-profit housing development agencies.

Results: Non-Profit Housing Agencies, such as Habitat For Humanity St. Tammany West, will have the opportunity to develop affordable infill housing on the vacant property. The development of the vacant lots will help to revitalize neighborhoods.

Number of Service Recipients: Up to twenty-five families who will occupy the houses, as well as the neighbors living in the area.

3. HOW WILL THE PROJECT BE ACCOMPLISHED

Project Supervisors: The Building Inspector will supervise the daily work activities and the City Attorney will supervise the legal process for condemnation and securing a lien on the abandoned homes.

Resources Required: General Offices Supplies, Automobile for Field Work, Access To A Computer and Telephone.

How Project Will Work:

Background

The City already as adopted procedures for condemnation and securing a lien on abandoned housing. Also, the City has a list of abandoned houses and is currently working on the problem.

STEP 1.

The City Planner, Building Inspector and City Attorney will conduct an orientation session for the AmeriCorps member. The orientation session will consist of an overview and tour of Covington and the project sites.

STEP 2

The City Staff will review with the AmeriCorps member the project objectives and time line, develop a work plan and project activity list with assigned responsibilities.

STEP 3

AmeriCorps member and City Staff start process.

NOTE: AmeriCorps member and City Staff will meet twice a month to discuss project activities.

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APPLICANT:

Northwest Technical College
Champion Community"

CONTACT PERSON: Bonnie Stewart, Community Development Specialist

SUPERVISOR: Kathy Carney, Director of Marketing & Operations

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PROJECT COUNTIES: Wadena, Pennington, and Beltrami

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 7th

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Kathy Carney 218-755-4264 (Phone)
218-755-4265 (Fax)

2. AmeriCorps Project Objective(s):

Objective A:

To create 30 quality, affordable housing units for low-income "Champion Community" residents:

Assist local governmental unit(s) in applications for federal, state and private non-profits (i.e., habitat for Humanity, etc.) resources for:

- Low-income rental housing units (15)
- New single-family housing units (5)
- Rehabilitation of existing single-family units (10)

Applications include:

- Small Cities Development Grant - due to state by October 1st.
- FmHA application - re-submit
- Others to be identified
- Coordinate with Ottertail-Wadena Housing for Humanity for the construction of two housing units.

The AmeriCorps member will work primarily with cities in Wadena County; during the past year, Northwest Technical College has worked extensively with the City of Sebeka, which is a small community that has a high percentage of low-income families and has a severe shortage of housing. Efforts have focused on federal and state funds for the above identified needs, with moderate success. The process must be continued in order to assure that housing needs are met.

Objective B:

- To create 50 jobs for low-income residents through application of technology in manufacturing:
- Provide technical assistance to business in areas of needs assessment for training, technology equipment, etc.
- Develop technology plan(s) for targeted businesses.
- Market research regarding new customers, product lines, etc.
- Assist in procuring funds for training partnership programs for three businesses.
- Apply for state grants (Partnership in Training Program)
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This project will focus primarily in Thief River Falls, Pennington County; several businesses have the opportunity to expand product lines through technological advances. It is the intent of this objective to assure that the investment by the companies in new technology will meet their future needs; also by addressing future market potential, the company can plan for growth needs.

3. Project Accomplishment:

Supervision

Kathy Carney, Director of Marketing & Operations, will supervise the work of AmeriCorps member. The focus of the AmeriCorps project will be on Housing Job Creation.

Bonnie Stewart, Community Development Specialist, will be coordinating with the AmeriCorps member in areas of grant development.

Resources Required:

- Current availability of federal, state, and other funds for the identified needs; this will be made available through NTC's resource center.
- Current trends in manufacturing technology.

Quarterly Action Plan:

September - December:

Assist in completion of grant applications; meet with local Habitat for Humanity Board; meet with targeted businesses.

January - March:

Applications to state for training partnerships; develop training and technology plans for targeted businesses.

April - June:

Market research for products and customers for identified businesses; grant writing for housing projects.

July - September:

Application to State and local funding sources for business expansion(s).

Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

Ridgeland RECD District Office
795 Woodlands Parkway, Ste 104, PO Box 628
Ridgeland
MS 39158

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:

Godsey, Vernon
601-977-0145
Fax:
601-977-9858

Em	City	SC	Position	Work - 1	Result - 1	Impact - 1	Standard - 1	Benefit - 1
105	Ridgeland	MS	The member will make personal contacts in the community and organize formal and informal meetings between community leaders, community businessmen, public officials and various funding sources to encourage the economic growth and ensure the economic prosperity of targeted counties.	To attend pertinent meetings that effect the problems impact this corporation. Also to make positive contribution and suggestions (through my expertise) to help to reduce the current problematic areas that are presently impacting 500 workers and their families. Community Building Impact Area: To assist the community in general by promoting a more positive atmosphere between this corporation and the community.	To reduce/eliminate the current ratio problems of hired employee vs. those who quit after only two - three months. This is the major current problem at all three Durant plants.	The measure of impact quality will be accomplished by two scales. (a) To sustain the ongoing productive process of these three plants in Durant (to keep them from shutting down). (b) To increase the number of workers from the current 500 workers to approximately 600 workers (100 more local jobs).	If (a) these three plants remain open and if (b) more worker jobs (100) are added, the AmerCorps effort will have been a tremendous success.	(a) 500 employees will remain employed. (b) 100 new positions added. (c) The community based businesses (restaurants, grocery stores, gas stations, etc.) would continue to reap the benefits of the continued employment status of these employees in Durant.

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Work - 2	Result - 2	Impact - 2	Standard - 2	Benefit - 2	Work - 3	Result - 3	Impact - 3	Standard - 3	Benefit - 3
Community Service Impact Area: To attend pertinent meetings that will impact the progress of this struggling new minority owned business in a small rural town. To utilize my "contacts" in assisting this company in (a) remaining financially solvent and (b) to assist in attracting new contracts for the local sewing industry. (b) Community Building Impact Area: The small city of Tuchula, MS desperately needs this business to succeed. It provides one of the few employment opportunities in Tuchula.	(a) To as Mr. Taylor in his continued in his continued limited success and attempt to keep his sewing production an ongoing process (to keep his doors open). (b) To attempt to increase the number of employees that actually operate the sewing machines from 15-20 to approximately 30-40 by the end of the nine month term with AmeriCorps).	The measure of impact quality will be accomplished by two scales: (a) To sustain the ongoing production process of this plant in Tchula (to keep his doors open). (b) To increase the number of sewing machine operators from 15-20 to 30-40.	If this small company remains open and if the number of workers/employees can be increased, this AmeriCorps project will be a success.	(a) The existing 15-20 machine operators will remain employed. (b) The projected 20 additional operators will become employed. (c) Management personnel will be increased. (d) The families of these workers. (e) adjacent local businesses.	Community Service Impact Area: To continue to attend community/state meetings that are relevant to the continued progress of attracting new industry to this recently constructed industrial facility. At present, I am assisting three agencies/organizations which are dealing with the future plans of this park.	To attract new industry to this site. Plans (in the infancy stage) include attempting to attract (a) a poultry processing plant and (b) a greenhouse tomato processing facility.	By the amount of progress achieved in the process of attracting industry to the park (any commitment to locate here).	Success (after 9 months of service) will be gauged on the amount of progress that has been attained by June, 1995 in being able to attract the interest of various industries.	If major industries can be attracted to the new industrial park the impact on several hundred new employees and their families would be tremendous. "Spin-off" businesses would also naturally be effected.

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Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

Madison RECD County Office
PO Box 221
Canton
MS 39046

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:

Stovall, Linda
601-859-1453
Fax:
601-859-7091

Em	City	SC	Position	Work - 1	Result - 1	Impact - 1	Standard - 1	Benefit - 1
112	Canton	MS	The member will work to inform and coordinate the needs of the housing borrowers with the services provided by Rural Economic and Community Development and other service agencies in the Madison County area.	The AmeriCorps worker will work to inform and coordinate the needs of the rural housing borrowers with the services provided by FmHA and other service agencies in Madison County and surrounding areas. Also, set up an outreach program for present and future homeowners. This program will consist of budgeting, wise credit use, making application for a housing loan, energy conservation, maintenance of property, and loan requirements of lenders in the area.	The rural housing borrowers that are facing financial and medical hardships and problems will obtain needed assistance, will enhance their standard of living, and they will become successful homeowners. Also, the hoped for result is to make rural housing borrowers more aware of available services provided by public and private agencies.	A reduction in the rural housing delinquency of those borrowers facing financial and medical hardships.	Success will be achieved if 10% of the person's participating in my program area able to become current in their loan payments. Additionally, I hope to enable 5 persons through the application process and help them to become homeowners.	729 Rural Housing Borrowers and 100 Applicants for housing assistance.

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Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

Jackson RECD State Office
Suite 831, Fed Bldg, 100 W Capitol St.
Jackson
MS 39269

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:

Rowe, James
601-965-4323
Fax:
601-965-5834

Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

Tallahatchie Housing, Inc.
PO Box 860
Webb
MS 38966

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:

Winford, Edna
601-375-8030
Fax:
601-375-8070

Em	City	SC	Position	Work - 1	Result - 1	Impact - 1	Standard - 1	Benefit - 1
98	Webb	MS	The participant will provide technical support to the Tallahatchie Housing Inc. staff so that affordable housing for low and very low income residents and renovations for existing homeowners and provide counseling for first time home owners and apartment renters may be provided.	Tallahatchie Housing Inc. staff members will process 502 Single Family Self- Help Housing Applications and turned them into the FMHA office for approval.	Upon approval of the applications, the applicant will be awarded loans for constructing their homes and will be included in the Self-Help Housing Program. They will contribute labor toward the construction of their own home and toward the construction of all homes in the group.	Homes will be constructed with the help of all families in the group. Upon completion, the homes will be inspected and approved by the FMHA. No family will move in until all houses have been completed and approved.	By the end of the grant period for the Self-Help Housing Program, all participants will own their homes.	20 families.

Work - 2	Result - 2	Impact - 2	Standard - 2	Benefit - 2	Work - 3	Result - 3	Impact - 3	Standard - 3	Benefit - 3
In Tallahatchie County thirty-two of the units are under construction. To produce the other 60 units THI staff must acquire additional funds through syndication or loans. THI must also spend 665 thousand by December 10th on the project. THI must also secure section 8 vouchers for the very low income families, both project and tenant based.	The result hoped for is that the multifamily homes be built, and the low to very low income families be housed adequately. The Section 8 vouchers will provide free rent and very low rent for the families who have low to very low income.	The quality measurement of this venture is families of low to very low income will be living in the apartments.	Success will be based on request to do additional multifamily units for low and very low income families in other towns/counties.	92 families.	To conduct workshops and counseling sessions with people approved for both single-family and multi-family housing. These sessions will be for the purpose of acquainting first time home owners with the responsibilities that go along with home ownership such as budgeting, home maintenance, repair, and etc.	Upon completion of workshops, all participants will have acquired the skills needed to become successful homeowners and apartment renters.	Self-Help Families will be visited by members of THI staff to see how successful they are fulfilling their responsibilities. If necessary they will receive assistance and/or advice in helping to solve problems that might arise. The apartments will have on-site managers that will monitor the residents and bring to their attention anything they are doing to live up to their responsibilities.	Knowledge and skills attained through workshops and individual counseling sessions.	20 families for single family housing and approximately 92 families for multi-family housing.

Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

Delta Housing Development Corp.
Box 847
Indianola
MS 38751

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:

Clemmons, Tommy
601-887-4852
Fax:
601-887-5218

Objective: In conjunction with the RECD's Self-Help Housing Program, the member will prepare building plans specifications with each family, work out estimates and arrange for sub-contracting, attend participant meetings, teach tool use and safety, maintain safe working conditions, obtain appropriate tools, organize work crews, and receive all materials at the job site.

Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

Jackson RECD County Office
322 New Market Dr.
Jackson
MS 39209

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:

Williams, Cecil
601-965-4493
Fax:
601-965-4199

Em	City	SC	Position	Work - 1	Result - 1	Impact - 1	Standard - 1	Benefit - 1
99	Jackson	MS	The member will provide clerical and technical support to the AmeriCorps team in the capacity of team leader and will provide outreach assistance to the Hinds county community of Edwards on bringing their EC application initiatives to life.	AmeriCorps member will visit government, church, community, and business leaders to solicit support for the two committees. Committee members will be asked to join based on their past community service experience, recommendations by neighbors and friends and availability of time.	The result will be the proper formation of advisory committees specifically outlined in the community's EC proposal.	The quality of service will be measured according to the degree of diversity I am able to attain. In the past the Edwards community has failed to have a diversified representation on its advisory boards. I hope to be able to have every segment of the community's population presented in a representative fashion.	Success will be gauged in two ways. First, I will measure the overall diversity of the groups. Are both committees composed of the same people? Do the same people hold office on each council? If anomalous duplication of members can be held to less than 10% of the participants the effort will be successful. Secondly, I will seek to establish cultural diversity on each committee. If a member representing each ethnic background in the community is secured the effort will be successful. At the same time a representative	The entire population of Edwards will benefit from the establishment of an educated and well organized committee to oversee the fiscal and community affairs of the community. If EC designation is not granted to the community these committees can still function to empower the community's residents to enter the 21st century economically.

Work - 2	Result - 2	Impact - 2	Standard - 2	Benefit - 2	Work - 3	Result - 3	Impact - 3	Standard - 3	Benefit - 3
The member will help combat the growth of crime by helping community leaders organize evening activities for teens, developing neighborhood watch associations, conducting crime prevention workshops, and conducting peer outreach services in the elementary schools to lessen the future threat of crime in the area.	The above mentioned activities will be combined to form a more educated community and a less vulnerable environment for crime. As the community grows smarter about crime and ways to combat it community spirit and unity will improve and crime levels will decrease.	Quality of service for community education activities will be measured by pre-test and post-test application. The neighborhood watch program will also have a pre and post test evaluation, community team leaders will be given instructions on when and where it is appropriate to intervene in numerous sets of circumstances. The development of after school activities will be judged on volume.	In every pre-post test scenario I hope to see a measurable (10-15%) increase in the group's score. Since after school activities will be judged on volume. A satisfactory number for establishment will be the creation of three clubs, organizations, or recreational areas for youths to spend their free time.	The satisfactory completion of this objective will directly touch the lives of every person residing in the town of Edwards. Those persons who are already knowledgeable of ways to protect themselves and their homes will still benefit from these programs because they will now have help protecting their property. The youth peer outreach will benefit the community by teaching their youths about crime and how to keep themselves from becoming victims of it and at the same time presenting them with the moral understanding	The participant will consult with law enforcement officials, church and community leaders, concerned parents, and professionals from the education field to construct a positive influence structure that will counter the lure of the street. These participants will be used to facilitate roundtable discussions with at risk youths and youths not considered at risk but rather who have a history of positive influence in their life. The participants and youths will then be used to conduct	The teens on the panels and in the target audience will become better educated about the rel life benefits of having at least a high school education. This new found knowledge will hopefully deter them from dropping out of school.	In the roundtable discussions the youths will be given a pre and post test to judge their attitudes towards education and their chances for success in our world today. Any degree of positive reaction not previously measured by a youth will be considered a success. The actual measure however is in getting youths serious enough about the program to "volunteer" to help facilitate an at large forum of their peers. Judging by the climate of the community having 35% of the youths asked to participate actually take	The objective can only be truly successful if this group is actually formed. The size and relative activity of the group will, however, be dependent on the enthusiasm of the community.	The participant estimates approximately 150 teens will be involved in the ongoing outreach programs. Though it is possible that these youths will continue to spread their message, there is no way to gauge how many persons will be indirectly affected by the forums and roundtable debates.

Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

Natchez RECD County Office
339A Liberty Rd.
Natchez
MS 39120

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:

Collier, Robert
601-442-1791
Fax:
601-446-6655

Em	City	SC	Position	Work - 1	Result - 1	Impact - 1	Standard - 1	Benefit - 1
100	Natchez	MS	The member will assist 504 applicants in acquiring subsequent loans.	Reduce rural housing loan delinquency by training low income homeowners on how to manage their money.	Reduction in the delinquency rate.	The number of participants attending training sessions and a lower delinquency rate.	A lower delinquency rate.	100 training participants and 20 people agreeing to work on their budgets.

Work - 2	Result - 2	Impact - 2	Standard - 2	Benefit - 2	Work - 3	Result - 3	Impact - 3	Standard - 3	Benefit - 3
Providing outreach to underserved audiences to make them more aware of the Rural Economics and Community Development housing programs.	The public will become aware of the programs so their housing needs can be met.	The number to respond to our outreach applications taken.	The number of housing loans made.	Provide outreach to 25 participants; make 15 504 housing loans.					

Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

Greenville RECD District Office
Farm Bur Bld, 3017 E Reed Rd, St 4, Box 4828
Greenville
MS 38704

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:

Lockhart, Jewel
601-335-5491
Fax:
601-378-9638

Em	City	SC	Position	Work - 1	Result - 1	Impact - 1	Standard - 1	Benefit - 1
122	Atlanta GREENVILLE	MS	The member provides technical support to the Farmer Programs division of RECD and conducts outreach seminars to heighten community awareness of the programs available through the aforementioned agencies.	The member will develop and implement workshops and forums for the purpose of informing rural inhabitants of the many programs offered by RECD and other federal agencies.	The member hopes that the service provided will increase the site inhabitants knowledge, economic well being, and living conditions.	Followup questionnaires will be administered to the site attendees in order to measure the success of the information seminars and workshops.	Success will be measured if all the attendees will have increased their knowledge of RECD programs by 30%.	100 rural inhabitants will receive the benefit of the work the member performs.

Work - 2	Result - 2	Impact - 2	Standard - 2	Benefit - 2	Work - 3	Result - 3	Impact - 3	Standard - 3	Benefit - 3
The member will provide technical assistance to the Socially Disadvantaged Applicant (SDA), Program Coordinator, as well as assist the Farmers Program Loan Specialist. The member will also assist other staff members with typing and clerical studies during complicated workload periods or on special project needs.	The member hopes to improve the working atmosphere of the Staff members in order to ensure viable community and economic development.	The impact will be the improved working commitments that the Farmer Program Staff offers their constituents.	The success of the member will be measured by the overall approval of the staff.	10 individuals will benefit from the work the volunteer will do.					

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City of Holly Springs

Eddie Lee Smith, Jr., Mayor

Reuben Pegues, Director

Community Development Program

160 South Memphis Street

Marshall County

First Congressional District

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OBJECTIVE STATEMENT

The City of Holly Springs selected objective is consistent with the goals and objectives, planned in 1994 EZ/EC objective is to create a Micro-Farm Business Incubator. In order to fulfill the objectives the City will coordinate a collaborative effort among several entities, North Mississippi State University Experiment Station, North Mississippi Cooperation Extension Services, Rust College, private land owners, the Farmer's Home Administration and the City of Holly Springs.

The objective will be achieved and accomplished through creating a Vegetable Production Micro-Farm Business Incubator. Therefore, in order carry out the objective the following strategy will be implemented: North Mississippi State University Experiment Station will develop the training for families and individuals to own and operate income producing five (5) acre farms. This objective and strategy will use and build on natural resources of the region and skills of the residents.

The AmeriCorps Members will be responsible for coordinating the establishment of the Micro-Farm Business Incubator. He or she will work for the City of Holly Springs as project manager and director. The AmeriCorps Member results from coordinating and directing the project will be creation of five (5) families with five (5) acres micro-farms during the program year as demonstration projects.

We will measure the quality of the work performed by the AmeriCorps Member in relation to the number of Micro-Farmers that are created during the program year. It is our goal to meet a standard of 100% during the Micro-farm Program Year. We believe that five (5) Micro-farms can be established and created by one (1) AmeriCorps Member. These farms will produce marketable vegetables that will be sold in the Mid-south Common Market. As the Micro-farms increase the City of Holly Springs has developed long range strategies plan for a vegetable producing manufacturing plant.

The AmeriCorps Member will be required to work a total of 1700+ hour in service for the City of Holly Springs. The time required to work will be between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. The City of Holly Springs will comply with the National Community Act, which prohibits members from engaging in lobbying or advocacy work, religious proselytizing, political activities, labor organizing, or service which will directly benefit a single for profit entity.

The City of Holly Springs has made arrangements with the Farmers's Home Administration to provide financing for the eligible participants and received a firm commitment from private land owners to provide five (5) acre plots of land for the farm owners. All of the micro-farm owners will be required to establish a vegetable production business on the five (5) acres and build a home for residency as well.

The City of Holly Mayor, Eddie Lee Smith, Jr., will be the primary supervisor and Community Development Director, Reuben Pegues, will assist with the project. However, the AmeriCorps Member will be directly responsible for managing and coordinating of assignments. He/she will be responsible for planning, organizing fields visits, coordinating, implementing, and evaluating.

The City of Holly Springs Micro-farm Business Incubator Project will need the following resources, land, finance, and eligible participants. The eligible participants will also need resource training concerning the process of growing marketable vegetables. This resource will be provided by the North Mississippi State University Experiment Station. The North Mississippi State University Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension have planned, supervised, and development similar incubators in other counties. The AmeriCorps Member will receive sufficient training, education, and supervision for each service project performed.

QUARTER ACTION PLAN

First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
Planning	Selecting eligible participants	Harvesting crops	Evaluation
Organizing	Scheduling Training	Submitting Crops to the market	Assessment
Coordinating entities	Committing land sites	Coordinating workers for harvesting crops	Final Report
Establishing Boards and Committees	Scheduling Planting	Financial Management	

MS14-2

1. MADISON COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES AGENCY

Preapplication for 1996 AmeriCorps Program Participation

- a. Name of EZ/EC Applicant Entity:** Madison County Human Resources Agency
- b. Name of Contact Person:** Walter C. Jones
- c. Name of Person who will provide Supervision for AmeriCorps Member:**
Eddie Anthony
- d. Address of Entity:** P.O. Box 726, 3141 South Liberty Street, Canton, MS 39046
- e. Counties in which the Work Will Take Place:** Madison
- f. Congressional Districts in which the work will take Place:** District 2
- g. Telephone:** 601/859-5703 **FAX:** 601/859-2023

2. AmeriCorps Project Objective Statement:

Summarily translated into human terms, programs are needed to alleviate the causes of poverty in North Madison County Mississippi; therefore, the Agency's goal is to establish a Mentoring/Recreational project in North Madison County designed to work in conjunction with local institutions of higher learning and volunteer resources.

The objectives of the Mentoring/Recreation program is to design, implement and evaluate a mentoring/ recreation project at three (3) different sites, strategically located in North Madison County. There is a serious need for the recruitment of two (2) AmeriCorps members which will provide ongoing intensive technical assistance relative to community/economic development for low income rural communities. This assistance will give North Madison County an opportunity to continue participating in a structured year long mentoring/recreation work program. The impact of the project will provide much needed support for families residing in the program targeted areas. These programs will carryover into the community and provide opportunities for youths to develop in cognitive, affective and psychomotor development and wellness concepts through recreational activity. More specifically, the objectives of the project are hereto attached.

How the project will accomplish the objectives.

The methodology the Agency will use is based on the provision of technical assistance to communities through local colleges and universities, school districts and county resource entities. Thus, to effectuate the plan of action, the Agency will address an adopt-a-site(s) program which will include the following sites:

- a. Charles Bannerman Family Development Center
- b. Red Bud Park Youth Sports Center
- c. Flora D. Parrish Family development Center

The executive director, Walter C. Jones, and or his designee will supervise all work that is to be done. The Agency is requesting two (2) AmeriCorps members to assist with the continued development and implementation of the described action plan which is based on each of the aforementioned centers.

Each of the sites have the necessary recreational and educational attributes which children and families can readily take advantage. Also, each site has significant historic value which the children, families and community can respect and honor. This is the key in developing self-esteem and renewed community motivation. The sites possess substantial acreage for future land development projects which would emphasize preparing youth to engage more effectively in mentoring/apprenticeships through a series of non formal education experiences in their earlier year.

Assisting families to alleviate the causes of poverty will assist them in breaking the cycle of poverty in the community in which they live. The ultimate benefit is to assist children, while having a lasting impact on the entire family. Thus, this project, when funded, will seek to reach a targeted group of approximately 4,000 children through families living below the poverty level within a one year period.

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MS45-16

1. MID-DELTA EMPOWERMENT ZONE ALLIANCE

Preapplication for 1996 AmeriCorps Program Participation

- a. Name of EZ/EC Applicant Entity:** Mid-Delta Empowerment Zone Alliance
- b. Name of Contact Person:** Harry Bowie, President and CEO
- c. Name of Person who will provide Supervision for AmeriCorps Member:**
To be Determined
- d. Address of Entity:** 819 Main Street, Greenville, MS 38701
- e. Counties in which the Work Will Take Place:** Bolivar, Washington, Sunflower, Leflore, Humphreys and Homes
- f. Congressional Districts in which the work will take Place:** District 2
- g. Telephone:** 601/335-5291 **FAX:** 601/335-5295

a. Community Organization/Resident Participation.

The work to be performed is to organize regular meetings of the citizens of the 16 EZ communities to provide up to date information to citizens on a regular basis on EZ activities and opportunities. Citizens will be provided an opportunity and be encouraged to have input in the decision-making process relative to the expenditure of EZ funds.

Citizens will be provided technical assistance in the development of projects and application for funding for specific projects in their community. This includes for profit and non-profit efforts.

Measure: The number of resident participants in community meetings and the number of proposals submitted to the MDEZA committee for consideration.

Standard to measure success: the extent to which resident input to the MDEZA committee is considered and action taken to implement citizen recommendations.

Number of Service Recipients: 20

b. Application for Non-MDEZA Funds

Work to be performed is to assist local residents to package applications for federal, state and private funds for specific projects to benefit the community. Both for profit and non-profit entities will be assisted in the development of projects and seeking funds to support the projects.

It is expected that projects to create jobs and provide for expanded small business opportunities will result from the work of the AmeriCorps member.

The number of new and expanded businesses that are assisted will be one measure of success. The other will be the number of jobs created. The number of applications submitted versus the number funded, as well as the number of businesses that do not require funding to be successful, will be the benchmark for the achievement of this objective.

Standard: 6-10 businesses and/or programs being assisted in each town. This includes both for profit and non-profit activities.

Number of Service Recipients: Expected to be 12. This results in a success rate in excess of 50% per locality.

3. Assist Local Communities with Day to Day Needs

Each community has its own set of local problems and concerns that have to be dealt with in order for the community to address the priorities of the MDEZA. Addressing these legitimate concerns is a primary objective of the program.

Small and large problems will be addressed on a day to day basis. This include problems of the locality and its citizens that are viewed as urgent and pressing.

Measure: Problem solving. Appropriate documentation will be made to establish the extent to which problems are addressed. This includes both the nature and extent of the problem and the solutions impact on the problem made.

Standard: To improve the quality of life for local residents. While it may not be possible to solve all problems, any major impact on the problems will be considered a success.

Number of Service Recipients: the entire community for problems solved for the towns. The number of individual recipients is estimated at 40 per town.

d. Provide Additional Staff Assistance

Each town in the MDEZA has a shortage of staff. The objective is to supplement said staff with the AmeriCorps member.

Result: Greater efficiency and overall operation of the town. A person is needed to assist in all areas of the operation of the town.

Measurement: The presence of the member. The fact that an extra person is available is the strength of the program. This person will keep a log of the activities undertaken.

Quality of the service: A direct result of the level of supervision and access to information provided to the AmeriCorps member. It is also a function of the ability of the member to respond to local concerns. These items will be addressed in the training element of the project.

Number of Service Recipients: Entire town. The nature of this objective is that it is difficult to identify individual beneficiaries. Consequently, none are considered.

MS174-1

1. YAZOO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI CHAMPION COMMUNITY

Preapplication for 1996 AmeriCorps Program Participation

- a. Name of EZ/EC Applicant Entity:** Yazoo County, Mississippi Champion Community
- b. Name of Contact Person:** Arthur James, Executive Director
- c. Name of Person who will provide Supervision for AmeriCorps Member:**
Arthur James, Executive Director
- d. Address of Entity:** P.O. Box 290, 224 East Broadway, Yazoo City, MS 39194
- e. Counties in which the Work Will Take Place:** Yazoo County
- f. Congressional Districts in which the work will take Place:** District 2
- g. Telephone:** 601/746-5742 **FAX:** 601/746-0910

2. AmeriCorps Project Objective Statement:

AmeriCorps USDA Member will recruit, do targeted outreach, counsel clients, assist in writing business plans, serve as a liaison between clients and partner loan agencies, maintain accurate records for program administration and evaluation, attend all staff training and staff meetings, and teach Yazoo Microenterprise Classes to citizens in Yazoo County who are interested in starting their own business in the community. By the completion of the AmeriCorps USDA member's tenure, he/she would have helped 15 entrepreneurs go into business. Yazoo Community Action, Inc. will measure the success of the AmeriCorps USDA member by the number of businesses that are started in the community as a direct result of the AmeriCorps USDA member's efforts.

What resources will be required:

Currently, LaDonna Gulley, our present AmeriCorps USDA member, has managed to set up excellent resources and a good rapport with the current partners in the Yazoo Microenterprise Program. The partners include, the three local banks, Bank Plus, Bank of Yazoo City, Deposit Guaranty National Bank, Mississippi Department of Economic and Community Development, Department of Human Services, the Yazoo City Public Housing Authority, Yazoo Housing Resident Council, and the Yazoo County Chamber of Commerce. All partners have a number of resources that have been used by Ms. Gulley and will continue to be used in the future. All of these partners have the success of the AmeriCorps member in mind and have agreed to work extensively to ensure the success of the program in the community. Other resources include the Yazoo Microenterprise Manual and Small Business Administration toolkit.

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APPLICANT: Natchez-Adams County Economic Development Authority

CONTACT: James Shelby

SUPERVISOR: James Shelby

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Natchez, MS 39120

COUNTY: Natchez

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 4

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FAX: 601-445-6653

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

To develop and implement projects and proposals to lower Adams County's teen pregnancy rate, as well as research and obtain funds for re-establishment of a YMCA facility.

Objective 1:

Establish programs for teen pregnancy prevention to accomplish the following: Educate teens about pregnancy, work with community organizations to develop teen pregnancy programs, and work with high schools and middle schools, and create teen forums and rallies, and implement a teen pregnancy prevention program.

Result:

Decrease by 5-10% per year over the year the number of youth ages 9-19 who become pregnant: Increase the number of youth ages 9-19 who participate in regular health education including pregnancy prevention, human sexuality, and sexually transmitted diseases by 25% in one year.

Impact:

Compare the number of teens pregnant in 1994 with number pregnant in 1995.

Standard:

Pre-test and post-test the students knowledge of the consequences of pre-marital sex. By these tests we hope to gauge the increase in knowledge regarding pre-marital sex.

Benefit:

The 1990 Census indicated that there were 5476 teenagers in Adams County, MS. Mississippi State Department of Health statistics show that the total live births to teenage mothers in Adams county are astounding. Out of 568 recorded births for 1993, 131 births were to mothers 14-19 years of age.

Objective 2:**Work:**

Research the reason why the old YMCA in Natchez closed, and undertake work to re-establish the center for use by pre-teens and establish an after school program for latch-key children.

Result:

Will provide Natchez youth with a safe alternative after school and during the summer months.

Impact:

Measured by degree of community involvement in creating the YMCA and number of young people using the facility and its programs.

Standard:

How many teens use the facility.

Benefit:

Projected that 25% of the 5,476 teenagers in Adams County will use the facility.

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Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

Hendersonville RECD County Office
4th Ave. & Church St.
Hendersonville
NC 28793

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:

Hysong, Pam
704-693-1734
Fax:
704-697-1864

Em	City	SC	Position	Work - 1	Result - 1	Impact - 1	Standard - 1	Benefit - 1
122	Jackson	MS	The member provides technical support to the Farmer Programs division of RECD and conducts outreach seminars to heighten community awareness of the programs available through the aforementioned agencies.	The member will develop and implement workshops and forums for the purpose of informing rural inhabitants of the many programs offered by RECD and other federal agencies.	The member hopes that the service provided will increase the site inhabitants knowledge, economic well being, and living conditions. .	Followup questionnaires will be administered to the site attendees in order to measure the success of the information seminars and workshops.	Success will be measured if all the attendees will have increased their knowledge of RECD programs by 30%.	100 rural inhabitants will receive the benefit of the work the member performs.

Work - 2	Result - 2	Impact - 2	Standard - 2	Benefit - 2	Work - 3	Result - 3	Impact - 3	Standard - 3	Benefit - 3
The member will provide technical assistance to the Socially Disadvantaged Applicant (SDA), Program Coordinator, as well as assist the Farmers Program Loan Specialist. The member will also assist other staff members with typing and clerical studies during complicated workload periods or on special project needs.	The member hopes to improve the working atmosphere of the Staff members in order to ensure viable community and economic development.	The impact will be the improved working commitments that the Farmer Program Staff offers their constituents.	The success of the member will be measured by the overall approval of the staff.	10 individuals will benefit from the work the volunteer will do.					

Employee ID	City	Stat	Work - 1	Result - 1	Impact - 1	Standard - 1	Benefit - 1	Work - 2
40	Hendersonville	NC	Low income families will be counseled about FmHA loan and grant programs for housing, and recommendations for financing will be made. Partnerships will be formed with planning districts to package housing loans and grants. Outreach efforts will be focused on farm loans, with special emphasis on youth loans.	Low income and very low income families will improve their living conditions, the number of farm program loans will be increased.	Increases in loan and grant activity in the counties of Henderson and Polk.	Success will be measured by the number of housing applications received and funded, the number of farm loans received and approved, and the new partnerships developed with planning districts and local governments.	In the short term, a limited number of people will benefit from loans and grants received (under 20). Through the new partnerships developed, numerous people will be served over the long term.	

Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

Jefferson RECD County Office
Box 5
Jefferson
NC 28640

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:

Edsel, Terry
910-246-8818
Fax:
910-246-9173

Project Title: RECD AmeriCorps

Address:

Waynesville RECD County Office
400 Dellwood Rd., Bldg. E
Waynesville
NC 28786

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:

Moser, Ron
704-452-0319
Fax:
704-452-1644

Employee ID	City	Stat	Work - 1	Result - 1	Impact - 1	Standard - 1	Benefit - 1	Work - 2
39	Jefferson	NC	Low income families will be counseled about FmHA loan and grant programs for housing, and recommendations for financing will be made. Potential applicants will be advised of needed repairs and development plans will be made. Contracts for work will be drawn up and inspections of the work will be made. Applications for loans/grants will be taken and recommendations of ways to increase loan/grant activity will be made. Roadblocks to the effective and efficient delivery of programs will be identified.	Low income and very low income families will improve their living conditions.	Increases in loan and grant activity in the counties of Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga.	Success will be measured by the number of housing applications received and funded.	Thirty applications will be received while 15 loans and 5 grants will be approved.	

Em	City	SC	Position	Work - 1	Result - 1	Impact - 1	Standard - 1	Benefit - 1
37 e	Waynesville	NC	Will learn a variety of outreach, community relations, and loan packaging and approvalskills in FmHA/RDA program areas. Low income residents in the area will be better served through rural home ownership loans, housing repair loans, community facilities and water/waste water systems.	Low income and rural residents will be counseled about USDA rural development programs. Applications for loans/grants will be taken and recommendations of ways to increase FmHA and RDA loan/grant activity will be made. Roadblocks to the effective and efficient delivery of programs will be identified. Relationships with banks in the area will be improved to better utilize local resources.	Low income and rural residents will improve their living conditions, job opportunities and community facilities.	Increases in loan and grant activity in the counties of Jackson, Swain and Haywood.	Success will be measured by the number of applications received and funded, and by new contacts made in the rural communities.	

NC189-1

A. APPLICANT: **ROBESON COUNTY ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY**
County of Robeson, City of Lumberton, Towns of
Fairmont, Rowland, Maxton, Marietta, Red Springs

*Federally designated Rural EC on December 21, 1995

B. CONTACT: **JIM PERRY, Chief Administrator**
Lumber River Council of Governments
Lead Planning Agency

C. SUPERVISION: **JIM PERRY, Chief Administrator**
Lumber River Council of Governments

D. ADDRESS: 4721 Fayetteville Road
Lumberton, North Carolina 28359

E. COUNTY: **ROBESON**

F. CONG. DIST.: **7th Congressional District (NC)**

G. TELEPHONE/FAX: **Telephone: 910 - 618 - 5533**
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The objective for this AmeriCorps Project will be the successful implementation of **Entrepreneurial Empowerment / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE PROGRAM (CDRP)** for the Robeson County Enterprise Community Program.

A description of the **Community Development Resource Program (CDRP)** is enclosed as part of this pre-application. This description contains very specific goals and actions which will take place over the next 24 months. The **CDRP** is an essential part to the Robeson Enterprise Community Strategic Plan. The **CDRP** will produce the 5 Local EC Councils that will be manned by grassroots citizens. Second, it will produce the creation of a Certified Development Corporation (CDC) to serve as a non-profit, 501(c)(3) agency for the EC Communities. There is currently no CDC in place. Third, it will establish a Robeson EC *identity* through the creation of a Community Development Resource Center.

The Robeson EC communities (which totals 30,000 citizens) have recently been awarded an Entrepreneurial Empowerment Grant from the State of North Carolina. This **\$705,000** grant will help provide cash resources to implement three specific EC strategies. The **CDRP** is one of the projects that has received funding. This gives the project commitments from the Federal, State, and local levels to assure that the work program can be carried out.

The Robeson EC AmeriCorps Member will be given the title of EC Administrative Assistant and will work directly for the EC Administrator. This Administrative Assistant will be assigned a number of specific administrative and facilitating duties tied directly to the activities shown on page 5 of the project Description. These duties include:

- Arranging and co-facilitating local neighborhood and community meetings to develop local EC Councils.
- Arranging and co-facilitating meetings of various resource agencies.
- Assist in helping to establish the Community Development Resource Center (EC Offices). This activity has also received funding commitments.
- Help schedule and facilitate grassroots leadership training. A program has been developed which utilizes the NC Cooperative Extension's Community Voices Program.
- Conduct specific staff research associated with the establishment of the Robeson EC Community Development Corporation (CDC). The CDC is the non-profit vehicle critical for future EC development.

ACCOMPLISHING OBJECTIVES

This AmeriCorps Project will supply desperately needed staff resources for the Robeson EC Program. The County and the five towns involved have benefited from continuing momentum and want to seize these important opportunities to continue the work necessary for a successful effort. This project provides a key element to overcome many of the obstacles to that success.

Currently the Robeson EC Program is being administered by the Lumber River Council of Governments, a non-profit regional planning agency that works directly for the EC jurisdictions.

The LRCOG has over 23 years experience in the administration of Federal, State, and local programs, initiatives, and grants.

The LRCOG will temporarily **supervise** the EC Administrator until the Local EC Councils and County EC Council can assume responsibility. The COG will be responsible for the overall supervision of the AmeriCorps employee(s).

Note: The LRCOG and Robeson EC Program have a National AmeriCorps Grant being nominated by the State to implement a Service Corp. Project in each of the 5 EC Areas in Robeson County. The project will be operated by the COG's Employment and Training Division and will employ 50 AmeriCorps participants.

Resources for this project have already been identified through the commitment of grants and other funds, including local cash contributions. A breakdown of these resources are shown on page 2 of the **CDRP** Project Description.

A quarterly **Action Plan** will be developed as part of the full application process. This Plan will be tied to a specific job description for the AmeriCorps Member / EC Administrative Assistant.

Community Resource Development Program Project Description

To effectively and successfully develop individual and community economic self-sufficiency within low-income neighborhoods and communities, the Enterprise Community Program will build upon the organization, education, training, and empowerment of low-income constituents within the five areas of South\West Lumberton, Fairmont, Rowland, Maxton, and Red Springs. While the government can not be the provider of all things to citizens, it can effectively provide the vehicle for empowering citizens to help themselves on a community and individual basis. The uniqueness of the EC plan and the principles it represents are two-fold: (1) to empower individuals, we must also empower and build communities; and (2) to empower communities, we must also empower and build individuals. Routinely, public and private sector approaches to economic and community problem-solving are based on the recruitment and training of individuals with little recognition and emphasis on impacting the negative and positive influences within the communities themselves.

The purpose of the Community Resource Development Program of the Robeson County Enterprise Community Program is: (1) to build the human, physical, and technical capacity within low-income neighborhoods and areas for community and economic development; (2) to involve low-income persons in choosing, planning, developing, and implementing new community and economic development initiatives and projects; and (3) to increase individual and community access to new and existing economic and social opportunity and resources.

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**1a. Madison County, North Carolina
Champion Community**

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c. Ms. Anita Davie

**d. P.O. Drawer 192
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f. 11th

g. Tel # 704-265-3206

Fax # 704-265-3607

2. Project Objective:

Implement Family Resource Center Program in Madison County.

The Family Resource Center will network resources of existing agencies to improve the quality of life for families and children. The program will provide parenting classes, provide health care screening, provide shots for children, and conduct literacy programs for parents and their children.

We expect to see marked improvement in the general health of the children after 12 months; a marked increase in achievement scores in children that go through the program versus children that are not in the program; and improved economic opportunities for parents completing the literacy programs.

The program will provide parents and their children with health screening and a preventative medical maintenance program to improve their lives; avail literacy and a learning partnership for families; and improve economic opportunities for parents by improving job related skills.

The program will serve 200 families the first year.

3. Ms. Anita Davie, Director of the Madison County DSS, will supervise the work to be done. We anticipate local resources from the county and citizens, as well as grants from the state, federal, colleges, and foundations to support the program. Quarterly action reports will be submitted on all progress.

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Name of Applicant: La Jicarita Enterprise Community

Name of Contact Person: Anita LaRan (505) 387-2288

Name of Supervisor: Carlos D. Miera, LISW & Horacio Trujillo

Address of Entity: P.O. Box 1914, Taos, New Mexico 87571

Counties: Taos County, Rio Arriba and Mora County

Congressional District: District No. 2

Telephone/Fax No. (505) 758-8681 - Fax: (505) 758-5538

2. AmeriCorps Project Objective(s) Statement.

Objective One: To assist 20 communities in acquiring the necessary funding to develop or expand domestic water services and waste water treatment services.

The work that is required is to contact each communities Mutual Domestic Water Association, to determine the current and projected domestic water utilization rate. The condition of each existing system and the needs of proposed new Mutual Domestic Water Systems. Incorporated into the plan will be the assessment of the feasibility of developing a regional waste water system or a series of systems. The expected result will be that an application(s) will be made to the appropriate funding sources for construction and rehabilitation work. Success will be determined by the number of applications submitted. The idea is to create one management corporation that will be responsible for the administration and maintenance of the Mutual Domestic Water and Waste Water Associations. The number of recipients expected to benefit from this project is estimated at 6,000.

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

The project will be a part of the activities proposed by the La Jicarita Enterprise Community, and will be under the direction of the Board of Directors. The AmeriCorps member will work closely with the five member staff of the Jicarita Enterprise Community. Technical assistance and training will be provided by Mr. Carlos D. Miera, LISW Director of Planning for Taos County and Mr. Horacio Trujillo (Author and co-author of the EZ/EC application). Mr. Leon Romero from the New Mexico Rural Water Association will assist in the training and completion of the applications. The Los Alamos National Laboratory will assist in the technology aspect of the proposed project. A list of potential funding sources has already been identified and initial meetings with the communities have already been conducted by the Technical Assistance Team. In order to progress with this project, a full-time staff person will need to be assigned to this project. The AmeriCorps member would be an asset to this endeavor.