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1. LOWER YUKON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Preapplication for 1996 AmeriCorps Program Participation

- a. Name of EZ/EC Applicant Entity:** The Lower Kuskokwim Economic Development Council and the Lower Yukon Economic Development Council.
- b. Name of Contact Person:** Susan Anderson, Executive Director
- c. Name of Person Who Will Provide Supervision for AmeriCorps Member:**
Susan Anderson, Executive Director
- d. Address of Entity:** P.O. Box 24216,
Anchorage, AK 99524
- e. Counties in Which the Work will Take Place:** No counties
- f. Congressional Districts in which the Work will Take Place:** Rep. Don Young -
Senators Ted Stevens and Frank Murkowski
- g. Telephone;** 907/271-2424 FAX: 907/271-3951

2. AmeriCorps Project Objective Statement:

Three communities on the Lower Yukon are in the implementation phase of their five year plans for economic and community development. Three AmeriCorps Members will recruit and train 50 local volunteers, who possess critical skills (such as banking, finance, business, etc.), to implement priority elements of the community plans.

The work to be done:

To identify and organize local volunteers, composed of community leaders, local business owners, state and federal agencies, and concerned citizens for the purpose of implementing the identified plan components

The result of the work:

One AmeriCorps Member will address each of the following: 1) Develop a self-help housing project which will provide housing for ten families; 2) Train fifty local residents in

entrepreneurial management, resulting in the creation of 10 new enterprises; 3) Develop a fish smoking and processing cooperative which will employ 10 local people.

Means of measuring the quality of the product or impact of the service:

- 1) Owner satisfaction with their new homes.
- 2) Enterprises are successfully opened and operated.
- 3) The cooperative obtains a facility and hires and trains its employees.

Standard of quality or impact the program hopes to meet:

- 1) The homes are of high quality and meet the needs of the families.
- 2) The enterprises meet the needs of the community in terms of necessary goods and services.
- 3) The products produced by the cooperative are commercially viable.

Number of service recipients:

Approximately 30 individuals and their families.

Objective Accomplishment

Susan Anderson, Executive Director of the Lower Yukon Economic Development Council, and a Member of the Alaska Community Service Commission, will supervise the AmeriCorps Members in each community. the AmeriCorps Members will require flip charts and general office supplies. Use of a computer or staff will be provided by the host village.

First, Second, and Third Quarters

AmeriCorps Member will meet with the VISTA and the Economic Development Committee from the community to determine the development priorities for the community. The AmeriCorps Member will be given direction for implementation of the priorities by Susan Anderson and the supervising VISTA. The Members will then work with the Development Team to implement the plan priorities.

Throughout, the three AmeriCorps Members in the region will meet quarterly and teleconference weekly with their VISTAs and with Susan Anderson. These sessions will be corps training designed to assist the Members with their projects. These training sessions will also allow the Members to discuss projects in the villages which are similar and gain insight from each other. The first quarter training session will last one week with speakers who will enhance the Members' understanding of the region and the work they are doing.

Fourth Quarter:

As the implementation of the plan progresses, the AmeriCorps Member will be responsible for reporting to the community and to the VISTA supervisor of progress and identifying areas which re in need of further development. The AmeriCorps Members will work during the fourth quarter to bring their projects to a point of completion. This may mean project completion or it may mean that ground work for the next stage of projects has been laid.

APPLICANT:	Crowley's Ridge Development Council, Inc.
CONTACT PERSON:	Bobby Yopp, Executive Director
SUPERVISOR:	Bobby Yopp, Executive Director
ADDRESS:	P.O. Box 1497, Jonesboro, AR 72403-1497
COUNTIES:	Poinsette
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:	1
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OBJECTIVES

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

The Work to be Dome: To increase the number of over 65 enrolled on Elder choice and Aging Programs by talking to the director of the Senior Center and getting referrals for shut ins who need the services. Then someone will make a home visit to sign them up on the program. The number of clients will grow from 14 to 24 within the community.

What will Result from the Work: To have more elderly receiving meals, housekeeping services, and nursing care so that they are able to remain in their homes.

How will you Measure the Quality or Success of the Work: Check to see how many new Elder choice and Aging programs at the end of the year.

The Standard of Quality or Success the program hopes to meet: There will be an increase of 10 seniors enrolled in the programs, bring the total client count up to 24.

The Number of Service Recipients: 10 senior citizens

Objective:

To have an after school, weekend and summer program in place for the students. The programs will include structured games, drama, art and advance academic.

To Work to Done: A program Will be set up to give organized activities for students after school, weekends and summers. They will be run by volunteers within the community.

What Will Result from the work: There will be a lowering of crimes committed by youths an increase in the standardize test and a lowering of drug use. The police will go from arresting 18 youths a month the standardized test average will increase by 2 points over last years average.

How will You Measure the Quality or Success of the Work: To compare the crime rate, drug use and test scores before and after the program has been in place one year. Compare the average test scores over the past 5 years, to ensure the increase was not a natural increase.

The Standard of quality or Success the Program hopes to Meet: There will be a program in place with 100 students actively involved in the different activities. The number of youths being arrested will drop from 18 a month to 14 a month. The scores on the test will show that an increase was not a natural increase, but an improvement the to an outside process, and the test score average will have increased by a least two points.

The Number of Recipients: 100 students.

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

Name of Contact Person: Sam Scruggs

Name of Person who will provide Supervision: Sam Scruggs

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

Counties in which work will take place: Mississippi County

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

Telephone and Fax Numbers: 501 532-2348 Fax (501) 532-2625

Objective: Organize fifteen (15) community or neighborhood improvement committees to remove blighted conditions from residential areas. These committees will meet regularly to receive training in total quality management, organize to stem the deterioration of the communities, and provide input to Enterprise Community Implementation Committee about other community concerns that need to be addressed. This effort will result in preserving and protecting the value of these and other standard units by improving their neighborhood or community settings.

The Work to be Done

- Recruit at least 7 individuals from each community to serve as a core group.
- Receive training on total quality management.
- Provide total community quality management training.
- Attend numerous public meetings to address the concerns of each community and report all gathered citizen input back to the Enterprise Community Implementation Committee.
- Identify and clean up at least 50 lots which contain abandoned and dilapidated buildings and weed and junk filled lots that undermine both the value of the property and the safety of their families.

What will result from the work?

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

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

Our success will be measured by the number of neighborhood groups developed and projects completed, number of volunteers to clean up blighted areas, and the activities the group addresses.

The standard of quality or success the program hopes to meet

The neighborhoods are free from blighted conditions, dilapidated buildings and weed and junk filled lots and convert the lots to sites for public use, common spaces such as neighbor mini-playgrounds or prepare the lots for new construction. Additional cleanup and beautification projects such as landscaping and conservation paintings will also be carried out at selected sites.

The number of recipients served

125 lots cleaned.

Who will supervise the work to be done?

Sam Scruggs

What resources will be required?

Americorp Member

\$50,000 for EC funds

Quarter I:

- a. Survey Communities
- b. Receive and develop training material
- c. Establish three community or neighborhood improvement committees.

Quarter II

- a. Establish four community or neighborhood improvement committees
- b. Provide training in Total Quality Management
- c. Develop action plans

Quarter III

- a. Establish four community or neighborhood improvement committees
- b. Provide training in Total Quality Management
- c. Develop action plans

Quarter IV

- a. Establish four community or neighborhood improvement committees
- b. Provide training in Total Quality Management
- c. Develop action plans

Objective 2:

Increase the availability of safe, affordable houses by taking twenty sub-standard units and bringing them up to standard. This will be accomplished by using the RECDS 504 Repair Program, Housing Preservation Grant Funds, and private lenders.

The work to be done

- Assist in applying for financial assistance for utilization of the above grants and/or funds.
- Assist qualified low-income applicants in packaging housing loans and/or grants.
- Receive training on packaging housing loans and writing proposals.

What will result from the work

Twenty homes will be repaired for low income families by maximizing the utilization of existing state and federal housing programs. Also at least twenty low income applicants will be assisted in packaging their housing loan applications for RECDS (formerly FmHA) and private lenders.

How will you measure the quality or success of the work

- By the number of homes completed
- By the number of low income applicants needing assistance in packaging their housing loans.
- By the number of low income recipients receiving financial assistance.

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

Being able to transfer sub-standard homes to safe affordable.

The number of services recipients

20 families

Who will supervise the work to be done

Sam Scruggs

What resources will be required

\$172,400 for RECDS housing preservation grant, AmeriCorps Member
\$25,000 in EC funds and Self-Help Labor and Youthbuild.

*****Five Houses will be done per quarter**

Objective 3:

Increase the availability of safe, standard, affordable rental housing by 20 units. New construction will involve utilization of HOME funds and Low Income Tax Credits.

Work to be done:

- Assist in site selection
- Assist in site survey
- Assist in screening and selection of tenants
- Provide Energy Conservation training
- Provide training on home up-keep

What will result from the work:

Twenty families will move into safe and affordable units.

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

- By the number of units constructed
- By the number of families moving from sub-standard housing

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

To transform sub-standard units to safe and affordable units.

Number of service recipients:

20 families

Who will supervise the work:

The Leisure Homes Corporation

What resources will be required:

\$4,000,000 in HOME funds and \$240,000 Tax Credits.

- A. Applicant:** East Central Arkansas Economic Development Corporation
designated EC (West Memphis)
- B. Contact Person:** Shirley Tucker
- C. Supervisor:** Ramona Taylor
- D. Address:** 125 East Grant Street
Forrest City, AR 72335
- E. Counties of Work:** St. Francis, Lee, Monroe, Cross, Jackson, Woodruff, Poinsett
- F. Congressional District:** 1st Congressional District
- G. Telephone/Fax:** (501) 732-7500
Fax # (732-7504)

Objective 1.

Recruit individuals and families who are eligible for low income housing and are currently residing in substandard housing with inadequate facilities. The AmeriCorps member will make contact with local civic and church groups to identify at least 100 low income individuals in the seven county area, including the enterprise community and assist them in obtaining adequate housing. Seventy families will be housed in new units that will become available in the seven county area.

Objective 2.

Provide information and assist in schedules to provide low income individuals and families with needed transportation to needed services. New transportation vehicles will become available as a part of the Enterprise Community Initiative and additional rural residents can be served with appropriate scheduling for the seven county area. Resources that provide funding for rural transportation systems will be investigated (i.e. federal, state, and local) with applications submitted for subsidies for the local rural transportation. Currently 1000 rural residents are served by the transportation system. An additional 500 rural residents will be served.

1. What work will be done.

The AmeriCorps member will make contact with local civic and church groups to identify at least 100 low income individuals in the seven county area, including the enterprise community,

and assist them in completing applications for housing. Will advocate for them with the appropriate agencies to see that they are given all available assistance.

Will contact local, state and federal agencies for subsidies for the local rural transportation system in order to make transportation reliable and affordable.

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

A community where a much greater percentage of low income people will have access to affordable quality housing to live morally, healthy and environmentally secure lives. Broaden and enhance the rural transportation system whereby every citizen in the seven county area will have access to affordable, reliable transportation.

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

Work can be measured by the increase in the number of people who are transported by the transportation system and by the number of low income families who have been moved into affordable housing units.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

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

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

An estimated 500 rural residents will be served by the transportation system and at least 70 families will be provided affordable housing.

Sixty at risk children from low income families will be provided additional training and activities that will enhance the youth learning capacity. An increase in the average score on the standardized test will be increased 2 percentile over the score of the preceding year. At least forty adults will receive training and will be able to independently perform job searches electronically.

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

Work can be measured by the number of students that are included on the mentoring program and the result of the standardized test. Success will also be measured by the number of adults that successfully complete the program.

4. By what standard will you gauge your success?

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

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

An estimated 60 students will be directly impacted as well as the volunteers who will share in the success the young people they have assisted. Approximately 40 adults will be trained and possess computer skills.

A.	Applicant:	East Central Arkansas Economic Development Corporation designated EC (Brinkley)
B.	Contact Person:	Shirley Tucker
C.	Supervisor:	Ramona Taylor
D.	Address:	125 East Grant Street Forrest City, AR 72335
E.	Counties of Work:	St. Francis, Lee, Monroe, Cross, Jackson, Woodruff, Poinsett
F.	Congressional District:	1st Congressional District
G.	Telephone/Fax:	(501) 732-7500 Fax # (732-7504)

Objective 1.

Increase education facility use from 8 hours to ten hours per day. This will be accomplished by the introduction of mentoring/activities programs and recruitment of 5 volunteers at three schools in the four county area. The facility usage will also be increased from 180 days per year to 225 days per year through introduction of the mentoring program.

Objective 2.

To provide training in computer technology to low income and unemployed adults that will result in the ability of welfare recipients obtaining self sustaining jobs and to train other individuals with computer skills that will enhance job retention and pay.

1. What work will be done?

The AmeriCorps member will work with the Enterprise Community Executive Director and with local school officials in the design and implementation of a mentoring and activities program which will include courses and computer activities.

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

- A. East Central Arkansas Economic Development Corporation. - Forrest City**
- B. Shirley Tucker**
- C. Tommy Davis**
- D. 125 East Grant St.
Forrest City, Ar. 72335**
- E. St. Francis, Lee, Monroe, Cross, Jackson, Woodruff, Poinsett**
- F. 1st Congressional District**
- G. (501) 633-7686 Fax# (501) 633-8752**

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4. By what standard will you gauge success?

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

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

An estimated 500 rural residents will be served by the transportation system and at least 70 families will be provided affordable housing.

Applicant Entity:	Mid-Delta Enterprise Community (Champion)
Contact Person:	Margaret Staub
Supervisor:	Margaret Staub, Executive Director 610 South Biscoe Street Helena, AR 72342
Counties:	Phillips, Monroe, and Lee in Arkansas
Congressional District:	First
Telephone Number:	(501) 338-6406
FAX Number:	(501) 338-3629

OBJECTIVE #1

The AmeriCorps Member will, with the assistance of the Delta Health Education Center, conduct activities and will implement programs that will improve the health care delivery system and the health status of residents located in portions of Phillips, Lee and Monroe Counties. This will be accomplished through activities directed toward provider recruitment, proper childhood immunizations, improved prenatal care, improved access to transportation, and increased use of telemedicine technology.

These efforts will be accomplished and will be measured as follows:

- Conduct recruiting activities that will result in the successful recruitment of at least two additional family practice providers to the area.
- Develop public education programs to ensure that at least 90% of the children entering area public schools will have received appropriate immunizations.
- Provide information and programs that will cause at least 50% of known expectant mothers in the area to receive appropriate and adequate pre-natal care.
- Evaluate present resources and usage and then recommend changes that will cause at least a 15% increase in the number of persons from the area who are transported via organized transit services to health care services.

- Evaluate usage and awareness of present telemedicine linkage with specialty providers and take the necessary steps to increase awareness and use. Assist DHEC in establishing one additional telemedicine linkage in the area.

Approximately 25,000 of the people in Phillips, Lee, and Monroe Counties could potentially benefit from these activities.

OBJECTIVE #2

The AmeriCorps Member will work with local governments of the six communities located in the Mid-Delta Champion Community to evaluate needs and then develop and implement programs and procedures to improve street lighting, home security, police protection, fire protection, and citizen safety education.

Results will be measured through the following:

- Determine street lighting needs in each of the six communities. Develop and implement measures to meet at least 50% of the identified lighting needs in each community.
- Plan and present home security and safety education workshops in each community with each workshop session having at least 20 citizens in attendance.
- In cooperation with county and city law enforcement agencies, develop means by which an increase in the visible presence of law enforcement officers in each community will be attained either through increased patrols or through additional officers.
- Evaluate the training and equipment need of all fire departments serving the six communities. Develop programs and procedures to ensure that each of these volunteer departments possess at minimum equipment required for state certification and that at least 80% of the active Members of each department have acquired at least minimum training required for state certification.

Approximately 7,500 persons in Lee, Phillips and Monroe Counties could potentially benefit from these activities.

HOW PROJECT ACCOMPLISH OBJECTIVES?

Supervisor: Margaret Staub

Resources Required: Office space

Administrative support
Travel costs
On-going training

ACTION PLAN:

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

APPLICANT: Greater Flagstaff Economic Council, Inc.
1300 S. Milton Rd., Ste 125
Flagstaff, AZ, 86001

SITE ID#:

CONTACT PERSON: David Spaur

SUPERVISOR: David Spaur

COUNTY: Coconino, Flagstaff

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

TELEPHONE: (520) 779-7658

FAX: (520) 556-0940(call first)

OBJECTIVE:

The work to be done within the 1700 hours of the upcoming fiscal year:

To identify and organize a local task force, composed of local business owners and concerned citizens, for the purpose of providing specialized vocational education to approximately 80% of the 1,100 youths (880) who enter the work force each year without a college degree.

Result of the work plan:

The development and implementation of a vocational education project that provides a better trained youth ready to enter the workforce for local businesses. The task force will work with principals of the Flagstaff Unified School District, Coconino County Career Center, JTPA, Coconino Community College to assure the utilization of existing local resources such as educational expertise, available grant funds, and available classroom space.

The task force will support the Greater Flagstaff Economic Council's 1995-1996 Plan of Action for Educational of Job Training and ongoing economic development endeavors to increase the payroll, sales, and tax bases for the region.

Means of measuring the quality of the product or impact of the service:

Approximately 880 youths who enter the workforce within the Flagstaff area each year, have been categorized by local employers as at-risk, will benefit from the work performed. Businesses will have better equipped youth labor pool available for employment.

Standard of quality of impact that the program hopes to meet:

The quality of impact due to the project can be evaluated by collectively tracking demographics relative to youth employment over a period of time. However, the expectation is to increase employment opportunities for youths, figures including unemployment data, and employment turn-over data relative to this target population, will decrease.

- At-risk youth employment increased by 100 new sustainable jobs (jobs that last longer than 8 months due to issues with respect to the labor force not trained to fit local job requirements).
- Unemployment figure will decrease by .4% of the current figure, due to increase in new employment figures.

Also, this project is expected to be used throughout rural Arizona as a model to be used by other economic development organizations and communities to establish vocational training programs reflecting the highest level of project quality comparatively speaking.

Number of service recipients:

Same as above.

Note: Due to the complexity of the objective, the AmeriCorps Member may need additional training in community development techniques. GFEC pledges to leverage an educational fund of \$1,000 with available AmeriCorps training funds to provide the member with necessary training to complete this activity.

Background:

Mr. Jerry Chavez, an AmeriCorps Member worked with the Parks/Bellemont Volunteer Fire District Committee to organize an emergency response system as a project to provide fire suppression and emergency medical response to a rural community in northern Arizona. As a direct result of this activity Wisconsin Tissue located an expansion plant into the Bellemont Industrial Park. The expansion is scheduled for over \$30,000,000 in capital investment, and a creation of 125 new jobs after build out. Continued activity with AmeriCorps and the volunteer organization will result in "hard" numbers with respect to businesses providing jobs. Residents and businesses alike, will be encouraged to locate to this area with the assurance of emergency response.

Objective 2.

AmeriCorps will work with a volunteer fire district committee to assist in the establishment of an emergency response system, serving the rural communities of Parks and Bellemont, currently this area is not serviced by fire protection or on site ambulance service for area citizens. Response time by 'out of area' respondents is in the neighborhood of 45 minutes, at best.

The organization will meet regularly to build community consensus, structure of the volunteer response, strategically decide issues such as the location of station sites, and other aspects of fire department implementation.

The work to be done within the 1700 hours of the AmeriCorps work year:

To work with the community organization made up of local residents and business representatives for the purpose of improving quality of life, health and safety for two rural communities.

The result of the work:

The team will work with local municipal fire departments, out of area volunteer fire departments, Coconino County Community Development representatives and the Arizona Highway Safety Task Force, to design and implement a project which will provide fire suppression and emergency medical response operational by 1997.

The team will participate in training by certified instructors on fire suppression technology, intermediate level of medical response.

Means of measuring the quality of the product or impact of the service:

Coconino County Board of Supervisors on July 17, 1995 in open public forum passed Resolution 95-41, which accepted the Parks/Bellefont Fire District Impact Statement and authorized the circulation of petition to form the fire district as specified by the Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) 48-261.

The County Board of Supervisors and the local residents and businesses in the public meeting to approve the formation of a volunteer fire department, and feel that health and safety issues of this magnitude must be addressed.

Standard of Quality or Impact that the Program Hopes to Meet:

The lack of emergency response is a high concern and in the public's interest. The level of fire suppression estimated to be "aggressive" and reflects a high level of response by a municipality, the highest level of this service provided by a volunteer organization.

Number of Service Recipients:

Currently, an estimated 400 residents and five businesses, that employ or may employ 400 people, will receive the benefit of this project.

In addition, this are is going through industrial development. So the total figure of beneficiaries will be presently hard to determine.

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

Preapplication for 1996 AmeriCorps Program Participation

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

2. AmeriCorps Project Objective Statement:

Objective One: Housing

- **Develop home buyer and tenant based rental assistance program.**
 - **Action-** Through Arizona Department of Commerce tap into HOME revenue under HUD to develop programs.
 - Result:** 10 Families are able to secure a home and 25 families receive rental assistance.
- **Establish owner-occupied housing rehab program.**
 - Action-** Through HOME revenue administered through HUD work with area resident to improve existing housing stock.
 - Result:** 15 homes are rehabilitated.

- **Develop 100 rental housing units.**

Action- Through Mortgage Revenue Bonds work with area Realtors and home builders to implement first time home buyers program with a grant subsidy. Work with Farmers Home Administration to attract additional affordable housing.

Result: 15 families receive financing for their first homes.

1. Preapplication for 1996 AmeriCorps Program Participation

a. Name of EZ/EC Applicant Entity: **Nogales-Santa Cruz County Economic Development Foundation**

b. Name of Contact Person: Steven A. Colantuoni.

c. Name of Person Who Will Provide Supervision for AmeriCorps Member:
Steven A. Colantuoni, Executive Director.

d. Address of Entity: 2150 N. Congress St.
P.O. Box 1688
Nogales, AZ 85621.

e. Counties in Which the Work will Take Place:
Santa Cruz County

f. Congressional Districts in Which the Work will Take Place: 2th District

g. Telephone: 520-761-7800 Ext. 3050
FAX: 520-761-7843

1. Objective:

Local community education and business leaders have recognized the urgent need for the formulation and the implementation of a coordinated effort to work to better prepare local high school seniors to make the “ school to work” transition.

Action Item: The AmeriCorps Member will work with participating high school seniors. The Member will also work with local businesses to arrange internships for the seniors. The Member will be responsible for the inventory of 75 students inclinations, aptitudes and interests with respect to choosing work options, and for directing said individuals to internship with community businesses. In addition, the Member will provide individual counseling to students in the area of job interview protocol.

Result: 75 high school senior will have completed a school to work transition internship program. This activity supports the Nogales-Santa Cruz County Economic Development Foundation’s goal of facilitating the training and preparation of the local workforce.

1. City of San Luis, Arizona

Preapplication for 1996 AmeriCorps Program Participation

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

2. AmeriCorps Project Objective Statement:

To create a recreational program which will serve 200-300 children in the first year.

A. The work to be done:

The AmeriCorps Member will institute new recreational programs for youth and youth at-risk in the city. This will entail creating a Youth Development Department to sponsor and conduct an outreach program to reach those youth who could take advantage of the program.

B. Work will be measured by:

- The number of children any youth served as a result of programs being conducted.
- The creation of a Youth Development Department to sponsor the recreation programs.

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

Having a working Recreational Department for youth.

D. The number of service recipients.

200-300 youth and at-risk youth from the surrounding community.

E. How will your project accomplish the objectives set out in #2?

a. Who will supervise the work to be done?

Gail Gallagher, Community Development Director

b. What resources will be required for the position?

- Office space, equipment, and supplies
- Recreational Equipment
- Art supplies and equipment
- Funds for travel and training

F. Action plan of accomplishments:

1. AmeriCorps Member

- a. Meet monthly with Recreation Commission.
- b. Develop recreation plan for youth activities.
- c. Carry out recreational activities for youth.
- d. Evaluate youth programs to determine which are successful.
- e. Assist Director in preparation of grant application packets.

1. IMPERIAL COUNTY ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY

Preapplication for 1996 AmeriCorps Program Participation

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

b. Name of Contact Person: Maria Matthews, Manager

c. Name of Person Who Will Provide Supervision for AmeriCorps Member:
Maria Matthews, Manager

d. Address of Entity: 836 Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243

e. Counties in Which the Work will Take Place: Imperial County

f. Congressional Districts in which the Work will Take Place:

g. Telephone: 619/337-7814 **FAX:** 619/337-8907

Objective 1 - Home Rehabilitation

What work will be done? What service will be provided?

15 homes will be rehabilitated to eliminate significant health and safety problems through the use of financing available from the Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program.

Rehabilitation loans and grants will be targeted to undeserved very low and low-income households in rural Imperial County which have a significant substandard housing stock.

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

Improving the environment: The work of the AmeriCorps Members will improve the neighborhood and community environment by making 15 homes in rural Imperial County safer and healthier places to live.

Meeting the human needs: The work of the AmeriCorps Member will improve and support the human needs of the community by enhancing the quality of life in rural Imperial County. More specifically, those needs will be met by low income homeowners being provided with the financial support to make positive changes to their living conditions.

Additionally, by targeting undeserved rural areas AmeriCorps Members will be sending a positive message to people in those communities that they have not been forgotten and that their importance, value to our society has not gone unnoticed.

How will you measure performance of the Members in providing service? How will you measure success?

The Member performance in meeting the Home Rehabilitation Objective will be measured by:

1. The collection of data including:
 - The number and location of CDBG Housing Rehabilitation loans and grants awarded in FY 96.
 - The number and location of completed rehabilitation projects which were funded using CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program Funds.
 - The household incomes of applicants and homeowners which are requesting or have received CDBG loan program funds in FY 95 and 96.
 - The number, type, outcome and effectiveness of public information activities.
2. An analysis of previous residential rehabilitation activity in rural Imperial County through public and private means and the substandard housing needs identified in "Unincorporated Communities Imperial County Housing Condition and Household Income Survey". The analysis will include the location, income of the household served, and the per capita of the rural community.

Note: Rural Imperial County, as used in all objectives, means the Unincorporated areas of Imperial County and the towns of Ocotillo, Winterhaven, Heber, Niland, Bombay Beach, Salton City, Salton Sea Beach, and Seely. The total population for these Unincorporated townships is approximately 11,238. Total number of households is approximately 2,500.

Thirty-nine percent of households are comprised of two people, 19 percent have five or more members, 16.4 percent of all households in the Unincorporated area are large households. Over 80 percent of the households in these communities have income less than 80 percent of the county medium income thereby identifying them as low- and very low-income households.

By what standard will you gauge success?

The Home Rehabilitation Objective will be evaluated on whether 15 homes owned by low and/or very low-income households are rehabilitated in undeserved rural communities.

How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your members perform?

A minimum of 15 families will directly benefit from the AmeriCorps work.

Objective 2 - Healthy Start

What work will be done? What service will be provided?

1. AmeriCorps Member will provide direct service to low income family relative to the Healthy Start Center through public meetings and developing individual case plans with low income families. The AmeriCorps Member will meet with the individual families to assess their social service needs; whether it is educational, health needs or youth development services, etc.. The Member will then design a social service plan indicating the type of service to be delivered, either through direct service, on site agency or through referral to an outside provider.

The Healthy Start centers in Winterhaven and Calxico are “one stop shop” family centers located on campuses of local elementary schools. These centers provide a single easily accessible resource center where case managed social services and information are available to elementary school children and their families. Healthy Start centers bring to reality the sensible idea of making our schools the center of our communities.

Because children at risk often have needs that cross multiple areas Healthy Start centers offer four (4) support services including, but not limited to, health services, mental health services, social services, and academic support services. Additional services may include parent education, counseling, youth development services, and substance abuse prevention.

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

The AmeriCorps members will improve and support human needs by identifying 30 low income children and youth at the Winterhaven Center as needing Healthy Start social services. Because approximately 51% of the population is either Native American or Hispanic, AmeriCorps Members will be trained and educated to be responsive to the particular cultural, language or other special needs of the children and their families.

The AmeriCorps Member will also invite active parental and community participation in the program thereby enriching the quality of life of the community through collaboration and understanding.

The town of Winterhaven has a population of 591 and total of 159 households, 42% of the households are two person households and 18% have five or more persons. 80% of the population is very low or low income.

3. How will performance be measured by the members in providing service? How will you measure success?

- Performance will be measured by:
- The number of comprehensive social service plans completed by the AmeriCorps Member.
- Children and their families will receive Healthy Start Services based on individualized goal oriented comprehensive social service plans developed by the AmeriCorps Member under the supervision of case manager.

- The number of people who attend the public meeting.
- The number of children enrolled in Healthy Start as a result of a public meeting.

4. By what standards will you gauge success?

The success of the Healthy Start Center will be evaluated on:

- Identifying and servicing a minimum of 30 children/families through center direct social services.
- Assisting 200 children/families through center informational referrals to appropriate outside social services providers.
- Holding a minimum of two (2) community meetings to discuss center activities and gather community input in order to identify areas of needed improvement.

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

- A total of 30 children and their families will benefit from the AmeriCorps member providing direct social service contacts at the center.
- A minimum of 200 children and their families will be assisted through center informational social service referrals.

City of Shafter

1. Cover Page Information

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2. AmeriCorps Project Objectives Statement:

Objective 1 Shafter Link Partnership

1. What work will be done? What service will be provide?

After establishing “Shafter Link”, the AmeriCorps Member will be responsible for providing guidance and education to 100 community residents regarding employment, housing and human services which can be accessed through “Shafter Link” and training an additional 20 community members to provide similar educational services to residents.

Shafter Link will be a one-stop shop for Shafter residents to access social services which previously had only been available by driving to the larger urban centers. Upon establishment of Shafter Link, local residents will be able to self-determine or utilize the AmeriCorps Member or one of the specially trained community residents, to select educational, employment and human service programs though an interactive computer network. The resident will be able to enroll in

programs, set appointments with service providers, and attend AmeriCorps Member designed courses which meet identified community needs.

The concept behind Shafter Link is similar to the method that local police use when organizing Neighborhood Watch” programs. One “expert” meets with a group of interest residents and teaches them how they can work together to make their neighborhood a safer place to live.

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

· Improving the Environment: The work of the AmeriCorps Member will improve the neighborhood community environment by allowing residents to remain in their own community and not to travel outside the community to have their needs met.

· Meeting Human Needs : The work of the AmeriCorps Member will improve and support the human needs of the community by enhancing the quality of life within the City of Shafter. More specifically, residents will, for the first time, have access to services and information which previously had only been available in larger urban centers.

3. How will you measure performance of the Members in providing service? How will you measure success?

Performance will be measured by:

- Conducting an initial resource assessment that identifies all service providers, agencies, and entities involved in the deliver of human services in the region.
- Conducting a community needs assessment to confirm or identify health and human needs in the community.
- Conducting a survey of individuals using the Shafter Link Partnership to asses whether the service that was provided was of a satisfactory quality were there additional services that they the individual would like to have access to, and how many people will benefit from the services provided.
- Conducting an evaluation to determine utilized and under utilized components of the Shafter Link Partnership relative to the capacity identified in the initial resource assessment and the needs and use identified in the community needs assessment.

4. By what standard will you gauge success?

The success of the Shafter Link Partnership will be evaluation on:

- Having at least 15 service providers participate in the program.
- Having at least 20 percent of the households participate in the needs assessment.
- Having a minimum of 20 community members trained to provide outreach and educational seminars on how to use Shafter Link to meet their individual goals.

- Having at least 100 people attend workshops, seminars or otherwise use Shafter Link services to access social service and employment needs.
- Having at least 85 percent of the individuals accessing services be satisfied with the services provided by Shafter Link.

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5. How many individual s will directly benefit by the work of the AmeriCorps Members.

On hundred residents will directly benefit by the Work of the AmeriCorps Members. Depending on the type of employment, housing and social services that the individual is interested in the Shafter Link could assist upwards of 300 people the first year. [this is based on the median family size in Shafter is 3.5 and the fact that the target population is families with children.] An additional 20 residents will benefit by receiving training and having an opportunity to participate in making a lasting positive change in their community

Kings County, California-Champion Community

The contact person.

Ms. Juanita Galaviz, Director of Emergency Services will be the supervisor of the AmeriCorps Member.

The address

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Work will take place

Kings County, California

17 U.S. Congressional District. U.S. Representative Calvin Dooley is our Congressman.

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OBJECTIVE I

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

SUPERVISION

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

RESOURCES

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

ACCOMPLISHMENTS - FIRST QUARTER

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

SECOND QUARTER

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

OBJECTIVE II

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

SUPERVISION

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

ACCOMPLISHMENTS - THIRD QUARTER

1. Locate an affordable, appropriate building in the Hanford area.
2. Recruit and train 10 volunteers.
3. Solicit items for the thrift shop through the local news media (radio, television, etc.).
4. Solicit donations from the community for continuing support of the thrift shop.

FOURTH QUARTER

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

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- c. **Supervisor:** Carlos Palacios.
- d. **Site Location:**
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- e. Work will take place in **Santa Cruz County.**
- f. **Congressional District:**
17th Congressional District, represented by Sam Farr.
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(408) 728-6033;
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2. AmeriCorps Project Objective Statement.

What work will be done?

Two hundred high risk youth will be recruited to participate in recreational activities developed by the AmeriCorps Member in conjunction with the City of Watsonville's Parks and Recreation Department. 50 of the 200 high risk youth will be targeted to receive individual counseling.

In the interest of Public Safety and the at-risk youth, the objective of this program is to provide mentoring and recreational activities to high risk youth who are involved in, or who could become involved in gangs, in order to reduce the high school non-completion rate and crime rate.

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

Improving the environment: The At-Risk Youth Program will improve neighborhood and community environments by removing high-risk youth and gang members from the streets and by providing them with alternative recreational activities through which they can channel their energies.

Meeting the human needs: Human needs will be met by making counseling more accessible to youth who need help in completing their high school education and/or obtaining their GED,

finding work and dealing with substance abuse. Youth will build self-esteem and will become more aware of the options open to them by getting out of gangs and into school.

The community of Watsonville at this time faces tremendous challenges. These challenges specifically impact Watsonville's youth, which constitute 35% of the city's population. Our unemployment rate averages over twenty percent. Only 37.2% of individuals 25 and under in targeted census tract area are high school graduates. The City of Watsonville Police Department has identified 225 gang members and associates divided into four major gangs and nine subsets. There are another 300 individuals who are gang involved. Watsonville gangs are Hispanic, the largest gang being Poorside Watson, which has over 169 members and is based in the Enterprise Community areas. In 1994, Watsonville police arrested 385 gang members or associates on charges such as assault, homicide, attempted homicide, armed robbery and vandalism.

How will you measure performance of the members in providing service? How will you measure success?

The members performance in meeting the At-Risk-Youth Program Objective will be measured by the collection of data including:

- the number of at-risk youth participating in recreation activities.
- the number of at-risk youth participating in organized community projects.
- the number of case referrals to counseling
- the number of dropouts re-enrolled in school
- the number of tattoos removed
- the number of youth who find a job and keep it

Data collection will occur at the beginning, middle and end of the 1700 hour program.

By what standard will you gauge success?

The At-Risk-Youth Program Objective will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Contact is made with 250 at-risk youth
- 200 of the 250 youth become active participants in the recreational activities offered by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Of the 200 participants, 50 develop into managed cases.
- 20 of the 50 individual managed cases have their tattoos removed.
- 15 of the 50 individual managed cases return to school and complete their high school education and/or GED.
- 10 of the 50 individual managed cases find and maintain employment.

How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your member performs?

Direct Recipients: 200 youth will participate in recreational activities. Fifty youth will receive individualized counseling.

Indirect Recipients: It is expected that 760 individuals and their families in the community will indirectly benefit from the program. According to 1990 census data, the high school completion

rate is 37.2% with unemployment over twenty percent. The average household size in the targeted area is 3.8.

In addition to the direct counseling received by the youth, the general community in the targeted census tract will benefit from the expected increase in the high school completion rate, which will lead to a community of better educated individuals who have a better chance of getting a job that pays a livable salary.

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Supervisor for AmeriCorps person:	Barry Johnson
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Congressional District:	17th
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Objective 1: Housing Rehabilitation

1. What work will be done? What service will be provided?

Fifteen homes will be rehabilitated to eliminate significant health and safety problems. New rehabilitation loans will be targeted to under-served very low and low income households within the City of Hollister. This is in response to Hollister's consistent high unemployment rate, typically 15% or more; Hollister's need to finalize recovery from natural disaster (1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake), and arson which devastated many area homes and businesses.

What is the hoped for result:

Improving the environment: The work of the AmeriCorps Member will improve the neighborhood and community environment by making 15 homes in the City of Hollister a safer and healthier place to live.

Meeting Human Needs: The work of the AmeriCorps Member will improve and support the human needs of the community by enhancing the quality of life within the City of Hollister. More specifically, those needs will be met by low income home owners being provided with the financial support to make positive changes to their living conditions.

Additionally, by targeting lower income households, AmeriCorps Member will be sending a positive message to people in those communities that they have not been forgotten and that their importance and value to our society has not gone unnoticed.

How will you measure performance of the Member in providing service? How will you measure success?

The Member's performance in meeting the Home Rehabilitation Objective will be measured by the collection of data including: 1) the number and location of completed rehabilitation projects, 2) the number and location of existing housing rehabilitation needs within the community as identified in the City's Housing Element of the local General Plan.

By what standard will you gauge success?

The Home Rehabilitation Objective will be evaluated on whether 15 homes, affordable to low and moderate income households, are rehabilitated in the City of Hollister.

How many individuals will benefit from the AmeriCorps Member's work?

Sixty people will directly benefit from the Member's work (15 homes with an average family size of 4). Additionally, entire neighborhoods will benefit through enhanced appearance and increased property values.

Objective 2: Youth Center

1. What work will be done? What service will be provided?

The AmeriCorps Member will coordinate the rehabilitation of a vacant, dilapidated downtown building (former city hall) into a Teen Activity Center. The work will be done, in part, through volunteers and in-kind contributions.

What is the hoped for result:

Improving the Neighborhood and Community Environment:

The work of the AmeriCorps Member will result in a renovated building, which would otherwise stand useless and vacant as a health and safety hazard and attractive nuisance.

Meeting Human Needs:

The Teen Activity Center will provide positive developmental opportunities for 350 teens of primarily low and moderate income families. Additionally, the rehabilitation of the building will provide a unique opportunity to community members to become personally involved in making the neighborhood a better place to live.

How will you measure performance of the Member in providing service? How will you measure success?

The Member's performance will be measured by:

- Completion of the renovation project.
- The number of community volunteers recruited.
- The number of in-kind contributions obtained for the rehabilitation project.

By what standard will you gauge success?

The Youth Center Renovation Project will be evaluated on the completion of the project on a pre-determined project schedule and whether 50 volunteers are recruited for the project.

How many individuals will benefit from the AmeriCorps Member's work?

The Youth Center will service approximately 350 area youth through various program. Further, residents and businesses in the downtown will benefit from the renovation and use of a blighted building. Finally, the 50 volunteers who help renovate the building will benefit from the unique opportunity to volunteer their skills and put something back into the community.

Objective 3: Downtown Mural

1. What work will be done? What service will be provided?

To place one downtown mural in the city of Hollister. The mural will demonstrate a visual identity unique to Hollister and promote cultural diversity by way of local artistic expression.

What is the hoped for result:

Improving the neighborhood and community environment: The work of the Member will define the unique character of the community and neighborhoods and associate the downtown as a destination.

Meeting Human Needs: The work of the AmeriCorps Member will integrate the work and thoughts of local artists into planning, designing, rebuilding and revitalizing downtown Hollister, provide a means for cultural expression and cultural diversity, foster community pride, and renew the human spirit.

How will you measure performance of the Member in providing service? How will you measure success?

The Member's performance will be measured by 1) number of volunteers recruited (target-10), 2) number and value of in-kind contributions, 3) number of at-risk youth volunteers recruited to work on the project (25% of volunteers), and 4) the completion of the project.

By what standard will you gauge success?

The Hollister Downtown Mural Project will be evaluated upon the number of volunteers recruited (target 10), number and value of in-kind contributions, and number of at-risk youth volunteers recruited to work on the project (target is 25% of volunteers), and the completion of the project which enlivens and develops a visual environment unique to Hollister's cultural diversity.

How many individuals will benefit from the AmeriCorps Member's work?

The Hollister Downtown Mural will serve the entire community as a public art display and provide diverse and challenging artistic opportunities for local artists. Also, it will benefit at-risk youth volunteers by giving them an opportunity to give back to the community and exercise their artistic talents.

Applicant:

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

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L. Keyth Durham
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Supervisor of AmeriCorps Member: L. Keyth Durham

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District 19
District 20

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2. AMERICORPS PROJECT OBJECTIVE STATEMENT

Work To Be Done

Working through the I-5 Business Development Corridor's Career Development Center, the AmeriCorps Member will assist unemployed and underemployed people develop and expand home-based employment. Particular emphasis will be placed on home-based employment relating to the local food and fiber products.

The I-5 Corridor includes the communities of Firebaugh, Kerman, Mendota, and San Joaquin, and the adjacent unincorporated areas in Fresno County.

The hoped for result of the activities:

Improving the Environment: The work of the AmeriCorps Member will improve the neighborhood and community environment by providing mixed use housing/job opportunities.

Meeting Human Needs: The work of the AmeriCorps Member will improve and support the human needs of the community by enhancing the quality of life within communities in the I-5 Corridor. More specifically, home-based employment provides for increased economic stability within the home-based worker's family and, often as the enterprises expand, opportunities for additional employees to work out of their own homes are created.

Measures of Quality and Success

The Member's performance in meeting the Home Based Employment Objective will be measured by the collection of data including:

- Identification of home based employment within the I-5 corridor;
- Needs assessment survey conducted to determine the home based workers' needs/opportunities, current volume, current markets and marketing, training needs, skill levels, etc.;
- Ann assessment of potential client base at the Career Development Center (the central job placement/training facility in the I-5 Corridor) and the current services provided them through the several I-5 service providers;
- An analysis of market potential for home-based employment relating to the major component of the economy in the I-5 corridor, the food and fiber sectors.

Standard for the Project

The success of the Home Based Employment Objective will be evaluated on the establishment of a home based employment service component which addresses the identified needs of the home based workers and potential workers within the I-5 corridor, through the Career Development Center and related service providers.

Number of Service Recipients

25 home based workers will directly benefit from the AmeriCorps Member's work, plus their family members at home, an estimated 75* additional individuals. This provides a total direct benefit number of 100 persons.

**This figure was arrived at by dividing the total population of the area by the number of families in the area. Family size averages 4 persons per family, using 1990 census data and a 1994 report from the United Way of Fresno County.*

1. RURAL FLORIDA AMERICORPS PROJECT

Preapplication for 1996 AmeriCorps Program Participation

- a. Name of EZ/EC Applicant Entity:** Rural Florida AmeriCorps Project
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2. AmeriCorps Project Objective Statement:

The proposed project will utilize 5 AmeriCorps Members to implement several projects addressing identified local concerns regarding public safety, job creation, and historic preservation.

Objective 1:

To recruit and train 20 neighborhood residents as volunteers. The volunteers will undertake a mapping project to identify specific health and public safety risks and an outreach project to work with targeted homeowners to alleviate the risks. This will result in over 100 local residents making improvements in their properties by removing potentially dangerous trash, abandoned cars and appliances, and structures.

Objective 2:

To develop and carry out an employment development project which will result in 30 local low-income residents obtaining employment or become entrepreneurs. This will be accomplished by identifying 100 displaced agricultural workers and farmers in need of employment. The workers will be provided job development counseling as well as training in entrepreneurship. The

Members will also set up a transportation network which will enable the workers to secure and maintain employment.

Objective 3:

To recruit and train 30 community volunteers from the private and public sectors as well as the general public to renovate and restore three historic buildings in the downtown area. Funding for the project will come from public and private resources. The volunteers will then target potential entrepreneurs from low-income residents to create businesses which will locate in the three buildings -- creating at least 20 jobs for low-income residents

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

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OBJECTIVE:

To form a volunteer group composed of business owners, landlords, representatives from banks, education, fraternal, social, religious, community leaders and residents to address the issue of rehabilitation/restoration and beautification of a significant number of houses and beautification of blighted areas identified in the EZ/EC proposal application.

THE 1700 HOURS OF THE AMERICORPS WORK YEAR WILL BE DEVOTED TO:

Recruiting 100 volunteers, conducting monthly training sessions, and organizing a work force of 55 persons to improve the overall environment and physical condition of deteriorated houses in low income areas. Improvement in grounds, yards of a four block area adjacent to the downtown historic commercial district and the Olympic park. Fort-five volunteers, builders, contractors, Industrial Arts students, vocational education apprentices, non-profit organizations, public service organizations, missionary auxiliaries, fraternities, sororities, and social service outreach groups

THE RESULT OF THE WORK:

The volunteer group will work with the Tree Commission, Parks and Recreation, local Historic Preservation Society, University Architects and Landscape Specialists, South Georgia Regional

Development Commission to design and implement a project which will be low cost and affordable rehabilitation that will improve the appearance and safety of a large number of houses. Those improvements will be compatible with historic character of the community and will be undertaken by working group of 55 trained volunteers. Donations of expertise, materials, time and skills will be used to improve the appearance of the target area.

MEANS OF MEASURING THE QUALITY OF THE IMPACT OF THE SERVICE.

At least 20 houses are renovated and a survey of citizens and landlords indicates 30% (210 of approximately 700 residents) of the residents approve of the renovations

STANDARD OF QUALITY OR IMPACT THAT THE PROGRAM HOPES TO MEET.

Renovations of houses are of high quality and perceived by local citizens, home owners, and the public to be consistent with community standards. This will result in local citizens' sense of achievement and pride. It will improve housing facilities and their use of housing by 20%.

NUMBER OF SERVICE RECIPIENTS.

The projected 700 citizens, homeowners and renters residing in target area and operators of businesses, who have a vested interest in the community.

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Designated Rural Enterprise Community

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**PLAN OF WORK FOR THE CRISP/DOOLY PARTNERSHIP AMERICORP MEMBER
ASSIGNED TO THE ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY PROGRAM**

Introduction:

On December 21, 1994, President Clinton announced the selection of Crisp and dooly Counties as an Enterprise Community. The Crisp/Dooly Partnership was formed to implement the Enterprise Community's Strategic Plan. The Plan consists of five key strategies. each has its own set of action plans, totaling 38 -- each with a set of tasks. These action plans and tasks are incorporated into a Benchmarks and Activities Guide that the Partnership uses to evaluate implementation of the action plans. The USDA approved the Benchmarks and Activities Guide before its representative signed a Memorandum of Agreement between USDA, State of Georgia, and various entities within the boundaries of the Enterprise Community.

Description of Work:

The AmeriCorp Member to be assigned to the Crisp/Dooly Partnership's Enterprise Community program will be responsible for coordinating youth development activities associated with several action plans in the Strategic Plan. Specifically:

Action Plan 23 call for development of a program in which adults mentor youth. The AmeriCorps Member will coordinate the work of local organizations and community volunteers involved in developing and implementing this program.

Action Plan 23 also calls for development of a “Teens Against Teen Pregnancy Prevention” program. The AmeriCorps Member will coordinate the work of local organizations and community volunteers involved in developing and implementing this program.

Action Plan 25 calls for Crisp\dooley ministerial association sponsorship of community activities for youth. Specific supporting tasks are to conduct youth workshops, youth rallies, and youth retreats. The Member will work cooperatively with ministerial association representatives responsible for these activities.

Action Plan 17 (Development of local leadership programs for adults and youth) and 27 (Dropout prevention) call for the use of Enterprise Community funds to employ a dropout prevention and youth leadership activities coordinator who will work within the two counties’ school systems. The Member will coordinate his/her activities with this person

Expected Results (Objectives)

- Within two months of the date service begins, present the Executive Director, Crisp-Dooley Partnership, a time-phased plan for accomplishing three tasks in the Description of Work; Mentoring, teen pregnancy prevention, support of ministerial association. During this activity, priorities will be established.
- Within four months of the date service begins, present the Executive Director a comprehensive, coordinated plan for accomplishing the highest priority of the three tasks.
- Within six months of starting, present a comprehensive, coordinated plan for accomplishing the second priority task.
- Within eight months, present a comprehensive, coordinated plan for accomplishing the third priority task.
- Throughout the term of service, implement approved plans.
- Before expiration of the term of service, act in accordance with guidance from the Executive Director to assure continuation of ongoing activities.

Quality of Work (Implementation Measures)

The quality of the AmeriCorp Member’s work will be measured based on the following:

- Direct observation by the Executive Director.
- Feedback to the Executive Director from persons with whom the Member works.
- Timeliness and thoroughness of completion of the above tasks.

Program Success (Effectiveness Measures)

- Thirty adults mentoring thirty youth by the end of the term of service.
- Reduction in teen pregnancy by 1% by the end of the term of service (benchmark 11.1).

- During the term of service, conduct of at least 2 youth workshops, rallies, or retreats servicing at least 400 youth.

Resident Benefits

Minimum statistical benefits are described in the effectiveness measures. From a broader perspective, activities described in this document will contribute measurably to long-range achievement of the vision statement in the Strategic Plan: “We envision building bridges of understanding and working together to create a healthier, cleaner, safer, more livable community where our young people will grow up with opportunities and values that enable them to live out a productive, prosperous life right here at home.”

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RBCDS-AMERICORPS PREAPPLICATION

The CSRA Enterprise Community is requesting four AmeriCorps Members to assist us in performing the objectives outlined in our strategic plan.

Objective No. 1:

Eight to ten Human Development Centers will be establish in the CSRA E/C and will provide a Food Buying and Appliance Buying service in order to reduce family living expenses, provide better nutrition and reduce the cost of purchasing appliances such as washing machines and dryers.

The work to be done within the 1700 hours of the Americorp work year:

Americorp Members will set up a Food Buying and Appliance Buying program in each of the Human Development Centers. This will include coordinating services with food providers and wholesale appliance dealers, and distribution of commodities.

The result of the Work:

The Food Buying and Appliance Buying programs will reduce family living expenses for community residents by 25%. It will also provide nutritious foods for families with low incomes. The appliance buying program will make washing machines and dryers available to low income residents and reduce their dependency on rent to own shops which exploit low income residents by charging excessive interest rates and selling appliances above market prices.

Means of measuring the quality of the product or impact of the service:

At a minimum 100 families per county and 1000 families within the CSRA E/C will receive services. An evaluation will be conducted to determine the beginning family living cost and the results of the family living cost after receiving services from this program.

Standard of quality or impact that the program hopes to meet:

Poor nutrition and unusually high cost of appliances will be eliminated through this program and the low income residents within the CSRA E/C will have more resources available to use for other family needs of savings.

Number of service recipients:

A total of 1000 families will be serviced under this objective.

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

B. Contact Person: Helen Bishoff

EZ/EC Application Committee
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C. Supervisor: Larry White, Director

D. Regional Adult Education Center, Cairo Site
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AmeriCorps Project Objective Statement

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

Both of these projects will provide a direct benefit to Alexander County. As an impoverished community, we lack financial resources and must substitute instead a human resource, volunteers. Volunteers assist in every facet of community life from maintaining parks to writing grants. The EZ/EC application, and indeed this very application, are solely the work of volunteers. While we have a cadre of dedicated, dependable, and experienced volunteers, most of us are middle-aged, frankly tired, and stretched thin by the many needs of the community. We need the energy of the young people to supplement our efforts; the young people, in turn, need the sense of self-worth and responsibility that community service offers. In recent surveys of our community, fully 60% of respondents aged 16-20 were willing to volunteer to help their

community. As yet, however, the volunteer movement has been unable to find the time necessary to recruit, train, and supervise these apparently willing young people. We believe an AmeriCorps Member acting as a Youth Volunteer Coordinator would provide a valuable service both to the community at large and to the young people who become involved.

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

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

Outcome Objectives and Measurements

Youth Coordinator

- The Youth Volunteer Coordinator will recruit 50 volunteers aged 12-20 in Cairo and Alexander County.
- These young people will volunteer an average of eight hours per month to community service.
- While mayors, county commissioners, or their designees may offer suggestions, the youth volunteers will select their own community projects with the guidance of the Youth Volunteer Coordinator. These projects should be approved by the above-mentioned authorities or their designees where the community service is to occur. Youth volunteers will select and complete 10 community projects approved as beneficial by community governments in Alexander County. The mayor, county commissioner, or designee will evaluate the success of each project and its contribution to the community.
- Outcome objectives will be determined by the young people themselves for each of the 10 projects. A community clean-up proposal, for example, might specify how many blocks will be cleaned or how many bags of debris will be collected. The mayor of the proposed town would consider this goal in approving the project and in determining its successful completion. The youth proposal, the mayor's approval, and the subsequent evaluation would be forwarded to Larry White, the adult education director, for inclusion in the quarterly evaluation of the AmeriCorps Member.

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

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

Literacy Tutor

- As a half-time literacy tutor at the Adult Education Center, Cairo site, the AmeriCorps Member will provide remediation to a minimum of 45 ABE students during the school year. (Because of open-entry and exit into the program, a small number of students will be enrolled at any one time). Students from all of Alexander County are bussed to this site. ABE (Adult Basic Education) students are so designated because their reading levels, assessed at enrollment, are below the literacy level of the average sixth grader (0-5.9 reading levels).
- ABE students who remain in the one-to-one tutoring program for a minimum of six months will demonstrate a 2 year gain in reading and comprehension as measured by TABE (Tests of Adult Basic Education) and SORT (Slosson Oral Reading Test) retesting.
- In addition, the literacy tutor will teach parenting concepts to those ABE students who have children. One concept per month, increasing in difficulty, will be taught throughout the school year. The literacy tutor will then observe the parent/child interaction and score the application of the concept on a professionally developed assessment sheet. If the assessment determines that the parent has not successfully learned the given parenting skill, the literacy tutor will review the skill until assessment demonstrates that the parent successfully applies that skill.
- A minimum of 20 students will be tutored in parenting concepts throughout the school year. Each parent will successfully apply one parenting skill for each month of enrollment in the program.

Larry White, the director of the adult education program, will include MBO evaluations of the literacy and parenting concepts tutoring in his quarterly assessment of the AmeriCorps Member. It should be noted that the duties here specified are not those of a paid classroom teacher and will not displace employees. These are duties for which the program trains volunteers who have at least a high school diploma or GED. In improving the reading and parenting skills of educationally disadvantaged adults, the AmeriCorps Member will benefit the students and their children. Consequently, the larger community will benefit by having more employable workers and better parents.

Recruitment

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

Conclusion

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

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Deputy Director

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PROJECT OBJECTIVES STATEMENT

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

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

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

AmeriCorps Work Activity

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

Results of Work

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

Measurement of Work

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

Standard of Success

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

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:

- Cleanup of illegal road side dumps.
- Cleanup of litter along roadways and streams.
- 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.
- 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:

- The number of illegal dumps that are cleaned up by the county.
- The number of cleanup activities sponsored by the county in an effort to eliminate roadside litter.
- The number of educational activities conducted through each county to educate the public regarding solid waste management, and
- 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 100 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 300 low income persons. Another result will be applications for grants and loans for public water and sewer systems that will provide 100 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.

Applicant Entity:

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on behalf of Knox County Enterprise Community

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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.

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

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The Flatwoods Low Income Housing Program has applied and received Housing Funds from the Kentucky Housing Corporation in the amount of \$688,000 to construct 10 single family houses for home ownership to low and very low income families. They have received \$485,000 for construction of seven rental units for low and very low income families. The AmeriCorps Member will assist in implementing this program to assure that 17 low and very low income families in the Flatwoods area are aware of and receive the above assistance.

The Work to be Done:

Hold at least one meeting per month with volunteer groups, civic groups, and government agencies to make residents aware of the program. The Member will arrange to meet in homes to take applications or at places convenient for residents. The Member will recruit volunteers to assist in the construction.

The Result of the Work:

The meetings with other organizations will result in referrals that will help to establish a database of those in need and begin the application process for the loan or grant assistance that would assist low or very low income individuals live in a better housing environment.

Means of Measuring the Quality:

If, upon completing the rental home construction or new home construction, the families are satisfied and they are no longer living in conditions that are unsafe or unsanitary.

Standard of Quality:

A final inspection on the dwelling will reflect that the construction has been completed in a satisfactory manner per plans and specifications. The final inspection will also reflect that the dwelling is free of health and safety problems.

Number of Recipient:

Seventeen rural households. Twenty volunteers are recruited to assist in the construction.

NAME OF EZ APPLICANT ENTITY:

Bell County, Kentucky (Designated)

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON:

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NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL PROVIDE SUPERVISION:

B.G. Edwards

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Bell County, Kentucky

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57th Congressional District of Kentucky

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AMERICORPS PROJECT OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this project is to organize fifteen (15) local citizens and business owners to address the deterioration and loss of jobs that has occurred in the community in recent years. The group will meet regularly to receive training and counseling to perform the task. The effort will result in the creation of a working group of volunteers who will lend their efforts and expertise to the task of creating jobs for low to moderate income persons by counseling new/potential entrepreneurs.

WORK TO BE PERFORMED DURING AMERICORPS WORK YEAR:

We propose to use the specific skills of the AmeriCorps participant to recruit, organize and train a volunteer group made up of local citizens and business owners for the purpose of creating jobs in Bell County, Kentucky.

RESULT OF WORK:

The group will work with the Southeast Small Business Development Center to design and implement a project which will counsel and train groups of entrepreneurs and new small enterprises.

The AmeriCorps worker will receive sufficient training, education, and supervision for the service project proposed. Further, the person will learn general skills in citizenship and community economic development. The training will teach the Member to accept personal responsibility for improving the community, while at the same time, provide the Member with increased opportunities for education or job training.

MEANS OF MEASURING THE QUALITY OF THE PRODUCT OR IMPACT OF THE SERVICE:

That at least eight (8) new enterprises will open creating 20 new jobs for the residents of Bell County, Kentucky.

The measurement will be the number of jobs created as a result of the tasks performed during this project, increasing the overall economic well being of the community.

The means of determining whether or not the community creates 20 new jobs can be measured against the number of jobs created as a result of the program. The increase in jobs will provide a direct and demonstrable benefit that will be of value to the community. It will also help the personal development of the Member.

STANDARD OF QUALITY OR IMPACT THAT THE PROGRAM HOPES TO MEET:

The impact of the project will be as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>1996 Work Year</u>
Number of New Enterprise Start-Ups	8
Number of Existing Enterprise Expansions	5
Number of New Jobs Created	200

NUMBER OF SERVICE RECIPIENTS:

There will be 20 direct beneficiaries - those who obtain jobs, and indirectly the incomes generated will benefit the whole community through the spending patterns of these people.

BIG SANDY AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Entity: Big Sandy Area Development District

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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 Service Connection has received 501(c) (3) tax exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service.

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: basic carpentry (particularly flooring, home foundation/siding problems), electrical, plumbing, painting, roofing, accessibility ramps, porch repair, etc.
- Chore Services: lawn care, winterization, window cleaning, general outside cleaning, checking furnace filters, gutter installation or cleaning, changing overhead light bulbs (for elderly), etc.
- Home Management: routine house cleaning, cooking, carpet or appliance cleaning, balancing a checkbook, etc.
- Transportation: (as yet, pending) taking persons needing transportation to a medical appointment, the grocery, etc.

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.

Over-income families will be charged market rates for repairs and services. Any “profit” will be subsequently utilized to subsidize home preservation for those targeted home owners in need of assistance.

Over the years a complex array of service organizations, both public and private, have evolved; however, the need in the rural Big Sandy area is great.

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.).

The Service Connection, Inc. is a new organization at a crucial stage in its development, very much supported regionally, but with a long, hard climb as steep and rocky as the mountainous region for which it has formed. The assistance of AmeriCorps Members is greatly needed particularly during this stage in the agency's development. The experience/community service to be gained through participation with our program is undeniable.

AmeriCorps Positions (3 or 4):

1. 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 an area vocational school for assistance from carpentry classes with porch repair; seeking volunteers to participate in fundraising efforts. A database of information from which to draw volunteers will be maintained by the Director. 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.
2. Construction Laborer/Assistant- Duties include performing tasks and assisting the project supervisor on site. Basic ability and desire to use hand tools would be helpful. Hands on experience will be available regularly. This person might also be utilized at times as a materials runner.
3. Direct Services Assistant- Duties range from painting to lawn care to changing a light bulb for an elderly individual. A variety of tasks as required by supervision included. A priority to serving targeting population needing assistance will apply.

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 by either doing direct repairs to residents homes, assisting in home maintenance chore services or locating existing agencies, local businesses, etc. Who can perform the service, performing home management duties, or transporting persons needing transportation in circumstances which apply to the above.

Objectives:

Approximately two or three working crews made up of one staff person, one or two contract carpenters/electricians and an average of ten volunteers per month will repair, rehabilitate, make handicap accessible, and/or winterize 140 houses within the five counties of the Big Sandy region during the first year in operation. This effort will help local residents and targeted populations such as low income families, the elderly, and special needs populations maintain homeowner investments while preserving existing housing stock in eastern Kentucky.

Work to be done:

To assist the crews by recruiting qualified and willing volunteers in each of the five counties of the Big Sandy area that will work on site and perform work needed. The AmeriCorps Member will assist by being on site as well as working, running materials, transporting volunteers, etc. as necessary to perform and complete the task. The Member will also work closely with existing non-profits, agencies, local governments, and communities to obtain material donations, necessary building permits, etc. to perform direct services.

Result:

The daily recruitment's and participation on site of the AmeriCorps Member(s) will accelerate the productivity of the home repair crews which will speed the completion of each job or individual project. The recruiting of additional volunteers and materials along with active participation at the job sites will result in more residents being served throughout the year.

Means of measuring the quality of product or impact of the service:

A survey of service needs was completed on February 1995 and will be repeated within six months to see whether the customer needs are being adequately addressed in the five counties. Also, a quality assessment will be determined by sending a questionnaire to each homeowner served (and referral agency if involved) requesting the level of customer satisfaction as to the work performed.

Standard of quality or impact that the program hopes to meet:

The material used and the repairs done must be of the highest quality to both preserve homeowner investment and eastern Kentucky's existing housing stock. The quality of the work will only promote the organization as well in the long run; thereby impacting the number of eastern Kentuckians to be assisted in the future. Also, by providing the types of home repair services that the organization will perform, an impact of the program will be provide services that fill a needed gap in the area. At present, approximately 50% of the repair/construction work done by the Service Connection are jobs that existing area contractors apparently do not want or have the time to pursue.

Number of recipients:

The first year of home repair work will help homeowners and residents of an estimated 140 houses within Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Martin and Magoffin counties of eastern Kentucky.

Objective 2:

Two crews made up of one staff person and approximately 10 to 20 volunteers per month will perform chore services for populations to include the elderly, persons with disabilities, and special needs populations who cannot perform the work themselves for various reasons ranging from age to disabilities to lack of adequate tools, equipment, etc. Chore services range from lawn care to attic/garage cleaning, gutter maintenance, painting, snow shoveling, or to changing a light bulb for an elderly person. An estimated 200 to 300 chore services will be performed in the five-counties of the Big Sandy region in a year.

Work to be done:

A responsibility will be to recruit and organize volunteers that will perform needed tasks. The AmeriCorps Member will recruit volunteers from community colleges, high schools, vocational schools, church organizations, and existing agencies and non-profits. The AmeriCorps Member will also be asked to assist in performing the requested chore services particularly where the need is greatest.

Result of work:

Besides speeding the completion of the requested tasks, area citizens will be assisted in maintaining their home environments, pride, and independence. A chore service such as general outside yard cleanup will also maintain the beauty and cleanliness of area community settings.

Means of measuring the quality of the product or impact of the services:

Again, a quality assessment will be done for each resident pertaining to customer satisfaction. A 100% satisfaction will be maintained or the service will be repeated if reasonable. It is expected that an increase in requests will be measured by year end.

Standard of quality or impact that the program hopes to meet:

The work performed must meet the highest quality in order for the organization to become viable and increase the numbers of populations served in the coming years.

Number of service recipients:

200 families, individuals and targeted populations will receive chore services assistance that might not be readily accessible locally within the first year of operation.

Objective 3:

Groups of at least 5 to 10 volunteers in each of the five counties will be located and recruited who can and will assist targeted populations with home management and transportation needs. Examples of such services will include balancing a checkbook, house cleaning (for persons with

disabilities or the elderly), cooking, respite services, shopping, or transporting person to doctors appointments etc. Any responsible request will be considered. The effort will result in a pool of volunteers to assist targeted populations where large gaps in services available exist.

Work to be done:

To recruit and organize from area agencies, senior citizen centers, schools, church groups, etc. a pool of volunteers in each of the five counties of the Big Sandy area who are willing to help individuals and families with home management and transportation needs.

Result of work:

A pool of volunteers in each county will be recruited, trained and organized. Each volunteer will be entered into a database at each location for use when needed. The database will contain pertinent information about each volunteer such as name, abilities, interests, availability, access to transportation, phone numbers, etc. Background information/checks on the volunteer will be attained prior to matching the volunteer to the targeted population. A leader in each county will be responsible for coordinating the volunteers and scheduling them accordingly. Details regarding preparation and organization will be coordinated with the director and board of The Service Connection.

Means of measuring the quality or impact of the service:

The Service Connection director and the AmeriCorps Member will make periodic checks with each county volunteer group as to the progress in building the database. When home management and transportation services begin within a county, those persons receiving services will be questioned regarding customer treatment and satisfaction. If an area agency representative makes a referral, that representative will also receive a customer satisfaction questionnaire.

Standard of quality or impact that the program hopes to meet:

Because home management and transportation services require honesty, a high degree of professionalism, and safety consciousness of the volunteers, each volunteer will be asked to allow a background check be done prior to using their services. It will also be explained to each volunteer that customer satisfaction questionnaire will be obtained. These services, when begun, will impact communities by filling gaps needed in the region.

Number of service recipients:

It is expected that in the first year of organization and preparation for the home management and transportation services that approximately 10 to 20 people per county will be served totaling 50 to 100. The number will increase as the premise, volunteer database, and Service Connection identity develops within the counties.

How your project will accomplish the objectives:

As far as supervision of the objectives/work to be done, as mentioned in the overview of the organization, Big Sandy Area Development District who is acting as advisor to the Service Connection, the seven Member board of directors, and cooperating area agencies and non-profits

are all acting to keep the corporation's goals and objectives in sight. Literally, a qualified staff of caring individuals will supervise and oversee the daily activities of the work to be done.

All of our resources, whether it be funding, agency liaisons, or volunteers, will be required to assist our region's people in maintaining their dignity, homes and independence.

A quarterly action plan of accomplishments toward the objectives, especially during the start-up phase of the Service Connection, is not adequate. Daily meetings are scheduled with Big Sandy ADD; board Members of the corporation meet with the director and ADD staff monthly; and regular meetings with our area agencies are maintained to keep staff and volunteers on track toward attaining the above objectives.

AmeriCorps participation in the Service Connection will assist not only the corporation, but will provide a lasting life experience to those participants made available to serve the Big Sandy area.

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County of Warren

The Second Congressional District of Kentucky

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Objective: To organize a successful Neighborhood P.R.I.D.E. program.

An AmeriCorps Member is needed to implement the program in neighborhoods community-wide. This individual would work with the neighborhood P.R.I.D.E. committee and would receive supervision from the executive director of P.R.I.D.E., Kathie Curtis. The person will be expected to generate approximately 120 volunteers to assist in implementing Neighborhood P.R.I.D.E. projects. Below are listed anticipated results:

Reduce incidence of drug sales in affected neighborhoods by an estimated 10%;
Increase number of street lights in neighborhoods where there is less than a 3 to 1 lighting ratio;
Organize citizens committee to install sidewalks in neighborhoods where elementary schools are located;

- Increase street tree inventory by 30% in each of the six neighborhoods.
- Work with the Bowling Green Police Department to assess each neighborhood in relationship to the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design program. It is anticipated that the end result will be a 30% reduction in rate of crime from last years figures.

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, we will gain the knowledge we need 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 your goals for your neighborhood
- 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.

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 County Fiscal Court is attempting to install a E-911 emergency service system for McCreary Co. The type of E-911 system will be the most advanced system on the market. The system will allow the dispatchers to pinpoint the location of the caller and the location of the service vehicle in route to the caller. Directions will be displayed to the dispatcher which he/she will translate to the emergency units. the system will be supportive of future GIS data systems.

The work to be done within the 1700 hours of the AMERICORPS work year:

The Member will set-up data bases for signs and roads. Locate and ensure that signage is in proper location throughout the county. He will also oversee the construction and posting of signage to the 965 roads of McCreary County. He will coordinate with the post office in addressing the residences and take care of any problems that arise in name changes of roads and keep information as correctly as possible. In addition, there is all kinds of software on the market for 9-1-1 systems. The Member will be responsible for contacting representatives of companies selling 9-1-1 software to gain knowledge surrounding the different abilities and report to the fiscal court as to which programs would best benefit McCreary County. The Member will basically look into every aspect of 9-1-1 system and advise the fiscal court.

The result of the work:

The signs will benefit the local area in a variety of ways, such as, services, tourism, and the 911 system. At the present, people-based services in McCreary County have to rely on the caller's description of the area to locate the vicinity. Services, such as police, ambulance, rescue,

and fire departments must concur vicinities by local landmarks, stores, mountains and even rocks. The citizens of McCreary County will benefit from a faster response time from emergency services in the area. Individuals on roads with signs posted will benefit directly with the ability to correctly explain their location. All other citizens will benefit by having a road with a sign near their residence that will aid in directions to their households. The responding emergency units will benefit by having the sureness of the location in view. Local utility companies and businesses with deliveries will benefit as also tourism, the newest industry in McCreary County.

Means of measuring the quality of the product or impact of the service:

At least 65% (675) of McCreary County roads should have signs posted and located where they are needed and that the signs remain posted. The fiscal court should have a reasonable ideal of what type of software to purchase with total capabilities and cost. The database should be able to report information surrounding the sign project and pinpoint problems needing correcting for future signage.

Standard of quality or impact that the program hopes to meet:

The impact should allow a cut in 15 to 20 minutes in response time needed for emergency services to respond to a caller's distress signal. The County Garage should have the means to maintain information encompassing the road signs.

Number of service recipients:

An estimated 11,000 will directly benefit from the roads that will be signed, but truly every McCreary Countian will benefit due to their roads being near a signed road to aid in direction.

McCreary County has an AmeriCorps Member through the Forest service and will lose this slot. McCreary County wishes to continue his service; he has proved himself to be very resourceful and experienced in the area of specialization that is needed.

- 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:**
361 S. Main Street
Opelousas, LA 70570
- 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
- g. Telephone and fax numbers:**
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Home phone (318) 942-6794

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

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Parish of Webster
State of Louisiana**

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AMERICORPS PROJECT OBJECTIVES STATEMENT

Work to be done

Members will be participating in two major programs: Community Beautification and Volunteerism Growth. Member will have a key role in the development and supervision of these activities.

Community Beautification: Members will have the lead role in the development of a comprehensive program of beautifying the local rural community of Cullen. 160 citizens from the community will conduct a beautification program, letter and debris removal, and non-functional building removal, etc. Approximately 10% of the community's population will be involved in the effort. All 20 blocks, on a street by street basis beautification effort will empower residents to help improve their community. The Member will work with the local Citizens on Patrol in implementing these activities. The Community Beautification project will serve as a central medium for initiating and developing a strong program of community unity and cooperation.

What will result from the work:

The overall results from these three programs will be:

All streets (20 blocks), which include a variety of commercial, residential, and vacant lots, will be improved aesthetically and economically by the beautification efforts. Above all, a true spirit of cooperation and volunteerism will be generated. A total of 1000 volunteer hours is expected.

Measure of quality/success of work:

All streets, including all commercial, residential, and vacant lots will be improved through the effort. Upon completion, community members will be surveyed to determine if efforts were successful. A total of 1,000 hours of volunteer assistance is the major goal. A log of work will be kept to track the number of hours completed.

Standard of Quality/Success to Meet:

The entire rural community will be improved through the effort. Although the community is not large, a community member survey will indicate increased community satisfaction. Surveys will be designed with a 1-10 scoring system with a desired average of no less than 8 expected.

Number of service recipients:

All streets will be improved throughout the effort, 12 in all. This will serve approximately 250 residents.

3. How the project will accomplish objectives:

A. Supervision: Mayor Bobby Washington

B. Resources: Office space, administrative support, supervision, fax, phone, maps, reports, postage, etc. will be provided by the town of Cullen.

Applicant: Macon Ridge Economic Development Region, Inc. (Designated)

Contact: Buddy Spillers, Executive Director

Supervisor: Buddy Spillers

Address:

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PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

1. The AmeriCorps Member will coordinate workshops and conduct entrepreneurship training resulting in 15 new enterprises.

The Macon Ridge EC has budgeted funds for entrepreneurial development. within the EC. The AmeriCorps Member will work in outreach to potential entrepreneurs utilizing community-based workshops. Measurement of success will be based on the number of new enterprises 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 enterprises;

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 businessss;

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

Project Celebration - Champion Community

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INTRODUCTION

This project seeks to enable business leaders, employees, community leaders, and high school youth with the ability to provide accurate and useful information on the history, resources, and opportunities of this area. Our goal will reap multiple rewards: Increased awareness of this area among its residents for their own benefit and use; Business and residents able to serve the increasing number of visitors; And, an increase in pride and care of Toledo Bend by the local residents.

Objective 1:

A Committee will be organized from among area agencies, business owners, municipalities and interested residents to address the issue of tourism development in the Toledo Bend Lake area. The geographic area represented by this committee would include DeSoto, Sabine and Vernon Parishes in Louisiana as well as Shelby, Sabine and Newton Counties in Texas. This committee will meet regularly to establish goals, offer support and guide specific efforts for the "Pride of Toledo Bend" project. A primary focus of this committee will be the supervision of the "hospitality training" team. It is believed that as more local residents become aware of the assets and opportunities of the area, they will be better able to recommend it as a viable recreation, vacation or retirement location.

OBJECTIVE I

The Member will organize and develop “Pride of Toledo Bend”, a program designed to provide support to the youth of the Toledo Bend area. “Pride in Toledo Bend” will incorporate the development of youth councils and youth ambassadors in an effort to provide a base of community service centered around volunteerism efforts.

Work to be done:

Through this project, the Member will provide training to a minimum of 6 classes. To recruit and organize area youth into “youth councils” for the purpose of increasing awareness and participation in local tourism development activities.

To train youth councils to become trainers and promoters within their schools and communities regarding the positive aspects of their local environment.

Result of the work:

The area youth councils will become a vital part of the development and maintenance of the area recreation and visitor center. Local pride and participation will increase due to increased awareness.

Means of measuring the quality of service:

Sign-in sheets will be maintained to measure participation in the youth council meetings.

Membership and attendance will be monitored throughout the year.

Surveys will be given at the beginning and ending of training sessions to ascertain the level of understanding of the local environment and the purpose of the training.

Participation in programs, events, and contests will be encouraged and monitored.

Standard of quality:

Local youth councils will provide area youth with creative outlets and guidance for their spare time, while offering them the opportunity to improve their communities while learning and utilizing leadership skills. Community pride will increase as well as participation in local events.

Number of service recipients:

Representatives from each area high school will be invited to participate in “Pride of Toledo Bend”. These ambassadors will be trained so they can return to their respective schools and train their peers. Training sessions will directly reach 250 students from 32 schools. The number of actual recipients will increase exponentially as the ambassadors share their training and information with fellow students, teachers, neighbors and family.

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

The Americorps Members will recruit and serve alongside community volunteers in order to rehabilitate the Charles Bannerman Family Development Center and Red Bud Park Center and surrounding areas in order to promote community development.

Work to be done:

- Recruit approximately 100 community volunteers/participants and about 5 community groups/organizations.
- Recruit at least ten carpenters and environmentalists to assist AmeriCorps Members and community volunteers with rehabilitating the centers and surrounding community environments.
- AmeriCorps Members in partnership with one-hundred community volunteers will paint, repair ceilings and roof, weatherize, provide ongoing clean-up projects in and around centers, etc.
- AmeriCorps Members will serve alongside at least 100 volunteers/participants in creating and utilizing a recycling bend; planting approximately 50 trees and creating one rural garden.

- AmeriCorps Members will teach basic wellness skills to at least 50 low income individuals in the surrounding communities dependent on social programs, in order to provide them with suggestions/solutions on how they and their households can become self-sufficient.

Result:

- The AmeriCorps Members will have built coalitions among community members and community based organizations.
- The community members will develop community pride.
- The centers will be restored for use by the community and the AmeriCorps members for future use in sponsoring helpful community programs/projects.
- The AmeriCorps Members will promote service learning among volunteers/participants.
- The work to be done will promote community/neighborhood beautification.
- The work to be done will prevent soil erosion and eliminate waste.
- Families/individuals will move towards self-sufficiency.

Measure:

A survey will be administered to find out if residents are satisfied with AmeriCorps Members' and volunteers/participants service performed; and whether participants/residents:

- will continue to spend at least 20% of their time revitalizing their community/environment, when deemed necessary.
- will utilize the facilities for ongoing community programs/projects.
- gained a sense of community pride and ownership.
- feel community/facilities appearance improved by 50%.
- gained new skills or knowledge by 30% (as a results of participating in the aforementioned community projects).

Whether at least five families/individuals became independent of at least one social program dependent upon; or increased their efforts/knowledge by at least 50% to become self-sufficient.

Number of recipients:

The entire community as a whole will benefit from the Members' service. However, approximately 250 area residents will directly benefit from the service provided including the following: 200 volunteers who actually participated in facility/community cleanup efforts and environmental projects; and 50 individuals and their total households involved in the self-sufficiency program.

ENTITY: Town of Edwards

Contact Person: Daron Pritchard, Mayor

Supervisor: Daon Pritchard, Mayor

Address: 101 Front Street, Edwards, MS

Counties work will take place: Hinds County

Congressional District: Second

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Objective 1:

The AmeriCorps Member will lead an effort in which burned and collapsing buildings in downtown Edwards can be demolished and/or cleared. The Member will also be responsible for recruiting and organizing 75 local volunteers and/or organizations to undertake this effort.

Result: The result of the work will be the elimination of risk to public safety associated with the building's continued existence. The removal of these buildings will encourage new business activity back into the downtown -- leading to a revitalization of this area and increasing the availability of goods and services to a severely underserved community of less than 1300 people.

Measure:

That all five devastated properties are removed by the end of the program year. That a successful volunteer effort can be carried out. And, that some assistance from professional demolition companies can be secured to help with building demolition.

Objective 2:

The AmeriCorps Member will coordinate with Edwards Attendance Center, Hinds Community College to establish a community education course aimed at reeducating at risk youth.

The Member will (a) tutor retained youths in an effort to bring them up to necessary learning levels, (b) assist older (students three or more years behind in their classwork) jr. high and high school students in preparing for the GED exam and reviewing their interest in education especially secondary education.

Result:

The result of this coordination will be permanent education center in the community serving 15-30 youth in the first year. It is anticipated that this program will result in a reduced drop out rate among teens from it current level to the national norm.

Success:

Success of this objective will be measured solely on its successful implementation. The need for a learning center is rising along with the drop out rate, the number of teen mothers in the community, and the number of crimes committed by teen age perpetrators. A learning center may give the youth enough of a positive boost to deter their interest in crime.

Number of recipients:

The number of service recipients will vary according to the number and type of classes the program is able to secure. The program hopes to enroll 15-30 students in classes during the first year of operation.

How will you accomplish objectives:**Objective 1:**

This work will be jointly supervised by the mayor of Edwards and the chair person of the Edwards Concerned Citizens Council.

The AmeriCorp Member will need transportation to and from the county seat the research deeds as well as modest funds for occasional request of title search. Contacts will be made through mail and by phone.

1st quarter will be dedicated to researching deeds and tracking change of ownership situations.

2nd quarter will be dedicated to working with the town attorney to either get legal clearance from the property owner or legally forcing the property owner to cleanup the property on his own.

3rd quarter will involve the enactment of the cleaning program. The Member will use volunteer assistance whenever available to complete the project.

The project should be completed before the beginning of the 4th quarter but any additional work may be done during this open time.

Objective 2:

This project will be supervised by the AmeriCorps State Contact and the chair of the Edwards Concerned Citizen Group.

No specific materials are needed for this project. The Member will rely on personal and agency (RECD) knowledge of grant and aid funds for this project.

1st quarter will be used to research the existing center at Hinds Community College for project development and grant writing advice. During this quarter the Member is expected to begin actively searching grants.

2nd quarter plan includes continued work on grants proposals and also securing a building for the classes if Edwards Attendance Center is unavailable for use at that time of class scheduling. The AmeriCorps Member will also research the requirements for certifying GED instructors.

3rd quarter will involve recruiting students for the program. The Member will visit all area schools and interview students for interest from those with problem in attendance, class work, discipline, and suspected drug or gang involvement. The Member will also interview educators and retired educators for interest in teaching classes.

4th quarter the Member will supervise classes and organize activities to encourage participants to complete the course requirements. If possible program advocates would like to see participants receive classroom credit for non-GED classes and return to school to complete their high school education.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The AmeriCorps Member will reorganize, train, and lead a group of about twenty mature adults in Natchez (50+ years) in the Natchez Retiree Partnership to successfully recruit 20 families to retire to the community. The AmeriCorps Member will also double the number of mature adult participants in the volunteer program, bringing the total to 40, and organize a support role for private sector businesses with an interest in recruiting retirees to Natchez.

OBJECTIVE 1:

The Volunteer Corps of the Natchez Retiree Partnership will meet regularly to receive training on how to follow-up on leads received from people interested in relocating to Natchez. This training will address issues of telephone and written contact with prospects, on-site visitation with prospects, data entry and management of the prospect data base, and "welcome" services for those deciding to relocate to our community. After training, the Volunteer Corps will complete these duties using the Natchez-Adams County EDA offices. This effort will result in the successful recruitment of 10 families to Natchez.

The work to be done within 1700 hours of the AmeriCorps work year:

The AmeriCorps Member will take the existing Natchez Retiree Partnership Volunteer Corps of about 20 people in the 50+ age group, reorganize them into a more functional committee structure, and train them in the systematic recruitment of retirees.

The results of the work:

This Retiree Recruitment Volunteer Corps will efficiently process more than 500 inquiries for information on relocation to Natchez, perform the necessary follow-up through telephone contact and written correspondence, and on-site visits, to convince ten couples to make Natchez their new home.

Means of insuring the quality of the product or impact of the service:

Analysis of voter registration rolls and county tax rolls will determine new residents and interviews with the new residents will confirm the Partnership's role in recruiting these people.

Standard or quality or Impact that the program hopes to meet:

The relocation of ten couples will have the equivalent economic impact of 36 new factory jobs; \$350,000 in annual income and \$3 million in net worth to the community (Source: Jacksonville State University, 1994).

Number of service recipients:

The service will directly benefit the initial Volunteer Corps of about twenty individuals.

OBJECTIVE 2:

The Volunteer Corps of the Natchez Retiree Partnership should be expanded to include a broader demographic and work-skill background so that a wider range of retirees can be successfully recruited.

The work to be done within 1700 hours of the AmeriCorps work year:

The AmeriCorps Member will organize and educate the existing Volunteer Corps members on how to bring additional volunteers into the retiree recruitment Process.

The results of the work:

The Volunteer Corps will double in size to 40 members.

Means of measuring the quality of the product or impact of the service:

Quality of the work will be determined by the increased diversity of the volunteer membership; specifically, how many new volunteers are African American and other ethnic minorities and how many former-occupations and former-state residencies are represented by the new volunteers. This information will be gathered with a background profile survey of each volunteer.

Standard or quality or impact that the program hopes to meet:

Doubling the size of the volunteer base would increase the number and speed with which inquiries we handled, theoretically doubling the capacity.

Number of service recipients:

An additional twenty volunteers would be added to the original group of twenty.

OBJECTIVE 3:

The Volunteer Corps should establish formal ties with Realtors, **homebuilders**, banks, hospitals, **and** other **private** sector institutions **for the** purposes of broadening community involvement in the Retiree Recruitment in Natchez.

The work to be done within 1700 hours of the AmeriCorps work year:

The volunteer Corps will be organized and educated on the steps necessary to build a stable public-private partnership for the Natchez Retiree Partnership. In addition, the entire Natchez Retiree Partnership will be reorganized to give these private sector organizations Board membership in proportion to their involvement in the retiree recruitment process.

The results of the work:

Three financial institutions, the Natchez Homebuilders Association, the Natchez Board of Realtors, Natchez Community Hospital and Natchez Regional Medical Center will become active supporters of the Volunteer Corps, lending expertise on matters of interest to retirees. The Partnership bylaws will be amended to provide these organizations with a direct voice in budget and management decisions.

Means of measuring the quality of the product or impact of the service:

The quality of the work by the AmeriCorps Member will be determined by the regular participation in Partnership programs and activities by representatives of the above-mentioned groups.

Standard or quality or impact that the program hopes to meet:

The most lasting impact of these organizational and educational activities by the AmeriCorps Member will be the success of the Volunteer Corps and private sector institutions in developing a multi-year program and funding plan for the Partnership.

Number of service recipients:

There are approximately 50 members of the Natchez Board of Realtors, 40 members of the Natchez Homebuilders Association and 750 employees of the banks and hospitals noted above that would be served by this component of the project.

1. Champion Communities

Preapplication for 1996 AmeriCorps Program Participation

- a. Name of EZ/EC Applicant Entity:** Claiborne & Jefferson Counties (Alcorn State)
- b. Name of Contact Person:** Dr. T.J. Pinnock
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- d. Address of Entity:** 100 ASU Drive #1285, Walter Washington Administration Building, Lorman, MS 39096
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- f. Congressional Districts in which the work will take Place:** 2nd
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2. AmeriCorps Project Objective Statement:

The purpose of this AmeriCorps service project in Claiborne and Jefferson Counties is to address the many critical social, economic, environmental, and educational problems which are endemic to rural communities in Mississippi. These issues were recently addressed under the Claiborne/Jefferson County EZ/EC Strategic Plan submitted to USDA-RDA. The socio-economic profiles of these counties fall below both state and national levels. According to the 1990 Bureau of Census reports, 43.6% of Claiborne and 46.9% of Jefferson Counties' residents live in poverty; 56% of children Claiborne County and 100% of children 18 years of age and under in Jefferson County live in severely distressed living conditions; 45.5% of households in Jefferson County and 40.9% of households in Claiborne County are headed by single females; 40.9% of Claiborne County households and 45.5% Jefferson County households have an annual income under \$5000; 30.6% of Claiborne County and 40.3% of Jefferson County households receive public assistance.

Jefferson County, MS has one of Mississippi's highest unemployment rates, making the county one of the poorest counties in the nation. During the past fifteen years, both counties courts have witnessed drastic changes in the number of cases they handle annually. Court statistics reveal a significant increase in the number of crimes committed by children and youth in both counties

over the last 10 years. Additionally, over the past five years, the number of juveniles incarcerated in Mississippi jails increased by 30%.

The implication of these and related statistical findings suggest that Claiborne and Jefferson Counties at-risk youth have become trapped (with their families) in zones of poverty, powerlessness, and a cycle of despair. A significant number of the youths in this target area find escape through drugs, guns, and violence. While a relatively small percentage of youthful/chronic offenders intimidate and devastate the lives and property of the community residents, other young people find themselves at-risk as victims of endless poverty, disease, and crime.

In 1992, twenty-one percent of all babies in Mississippi were born to teenagers. This figure is steadily climbing. In FY 1991, Mississippi spent \$92,111,462 in AFDC, food stamps, and Medicaid on teenage childbearing. Hence, Claiborne County ranks 47.74% and Jefferson County ranks 42.17% of the 82 Mississippi counties in percent of birth to teens. Statistics released in February 1994 by the MS State Department of Health indicate that Mississippi ranked first for 1993 in reported cases of early syphilis. Because more syphilis cases are seen in teenagers and young adults who are substance abusers and who use prostitution as a 'sex for crack' act, the statistics are especially alarming.

AmeriCorps Project Objectives Statement:

Considering the alarming figures, prevention is much a less costly alternative. AmeriCorps Members will establish creative intervention methods to address these prevailing problems. Alcorn State University, working with AmeriCorps, proposes to utilize community centers, childcare centers, schools, social service agencies, churches, civic groups, community leaders and volunteers in efforts to curtail economic deprivation, lack of education, joblessness and hopelessness showering upon these communities.

Objective 1:

To promote and facilitate the development of healthy, secure, self-reliant families and neighborhoods where people live, work, and raise families and the quality of life is standard and met a lifestyle option. Each AmeriCorps Member will:

Outcome #1:

Work to reduce incidence of domestic violence through information and referral services and offering at least 15 conflict resolution training seminars and domestic violence prevention programs in communities and low-income housing projects; Over 100 families will receive professional counseling and services conducted jointly with local housing authorities officials and a Family Life and Child Development Specialist from the Alcorn Cooperative Extension Program. Designated AmeriCorps Members will also conduct community surveys and maintain evaluative reports on each family.

Outcome #2:

Provide a family assessment mechanism to determine needs of 100 families and assist these families through information and referral services in accessible, convenient locations; Services

will include GED referral, employability skills training, AIDS awareness, after school tutorial services, and entrepreneurial training.

Outcome #3:

Offer 12 ongoing, structured curriculum-based parenting skills classes which address behavior modification parent/child communication, unrealistic expectations and effective child management community centers, housing complexes, or other locations; AmeriCorps Members will conduct/host parenting classes/seminars for limited resource parents at local school sites. AmeriCorps Members will also recruit and train mentors for 20 young parents in order to reinforce parenting skills/theories learned in class, reduce fear and anxiety and model effective methods of venting frustrations and meeting their own needs.

Objective 2

To help reduce juvenile crime and violence by 20% through innovative, realistic youth oriented projects and service, offering positive meaningful opportunities for youth during after hours.

Outcome #1:

AmeriCorps Members will teach conflict resolution skills in day care centers, community centers, and housing complexes so that individuals, young and old, are exposed to creative non-violent solutions to volatile situations.

Outcome #2:

Increase and embrace youth recreational services and after school enrichment programs by conducting mini-seminars on relevant social issues, arranging peer rap sessions with resource speakers on pertinent subjects; Specific programs will include youth basketball on Friday and Saturday nights from 6-10 PM and providing tutorial services for 80 youth in a Jefferson County after-school project and 40 in Claiborne County for youths ages 5-13.

Outcome #3:

Implement a youth entrepreneurship program that assists 25 young adults in attaining self-employment throughout the year. This will increase job opportunities for young adults and enable them to take advantage of job skills training and continuing educational opportunities. AmeriCorps Members will help provide employability skills training to these young adults and work with the local employment service agency to secure 10 available jobs for these clients.

Outcome #4:

Establish a Teen Resource Center a Port Gibson Middle School library and Jefferson County Parenting Center in include a library of printed and audio visual materials focusing on positive life-management skills, self-development and teen pregnancy/STC prevention, gang violence , nutrition, and fitness. These materials will be available for use by all school-age youths in the community, community action groups, teachers, counselors, and parents.

Outcome #5:

Implement and expand two tutorial sites in the target areas to offer a safe environment for middle and high school youths as a venue for developing a positive self-image, encouraging later generational bonding, improving study and goal-setting skills, and reducing the risk of dropping out of school through tutorial support and encouragement. Fifty at-risk youth will be identified and receive after school tutorial and homework assistance. 'Service learning' honor students will provide primary services.

Objective 3

To develop active partnerships between local government and citizens to work together with other agencies (i.e. local law enforcement, juvenile court) to identify strategies for crime intervention and prevention.

Outcome #1:

Create a sense of urgency through monthly site visitations, with 100 limited resource families about children's needs and a climate for change by helping these families make the connections between the child suffering they see and local, state, and federal budget priorities and policies. The family assessment instrument in Objective 1 will be used to obtain the information. AmeriCorps Members will also facilitate the organization of a social services agencies coalition to meet quarterly and share information, resources, and ideas as well as to seek solutions to common problems. AmeriCorps Members will employ the development of the 'one-stop shopping' concept in order to more effectively meet the needs of the citizens of Claiborne and Jefferson Counties.

Outcome #2:

Create, by mid-year, two county-wide high school-age youth councils composed of 15 youths which will serve as a forum for discussion of issues and by which youths receive training in leadership, citizenship and management skills.

The anticipated outcomes will positively affect youths and adults and will contribute significantly to quality of life of families and in the communities. We are convinced that the socio-economic well-being of the participants will be improved as a result of counseling, job training opportunities, educational opportunities and the like. More importantly, the project will establish a pattern of community involvement that will have a permanent effect of empowering people to build a model rural community.

EVALUATION METHODOLOGY:

The programmatic evaluation will include quarterly reports on such matters as program/seminar attendance rates; daily/weekly activities; skills classes and number of participants; referrals of families and youth for counseling, social or medical services; and, an analysis of program goals and objectives as outlined in the proposal. Management by objectives forms will be kept to determine planned to actual accomplishments.

A participant opinion questionnaire requiring a rating of agreement or disagreement with the appropriateness and/or effectiveness for services provided, will be administered after completion of first and third quarters.