

**CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirement on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Corporation is soliciting comments concerning its proposed data collection instrument entitled: Field Network Pilot Study Report Form. Copies of the proposed information collection request may be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by February 8, 2005, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit written input to the Corporation by any of the following methods:

- (1) Electronically through the Corporation's e-mail address system to Kimberly Spring at [KSpring@cns.gov](mailto:KSpring@cns.gov).
- (2) By fax to 202-565-2785, Attention Ms. Kimberly Spring.
- (3) By mail sent to: Corporation for National and Community Service, Department of Research and Policy Development, 8th Floor, Attn: Ms. Kimberly Spring, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20525.
- (4) By hand delivery or by courier to the Corporation's mailroom at Room 6010 at the mail address given in paragraph (3) above, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kimberly Spring at (202) 606-5000, ext. 543, by e-mail at [KSpring@cns.gov](mailto:KSpring@cns.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Corporation is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Propose ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**Background:** The Corporation has contracted with the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government to carry out a Field Network Pilot Study to learn how the Corporation's goals and requirements regarding capacity building and performance measurement are affecting the AmeriCorps program and the nonprofit organizations where AmeriCorps members serve. The Pilot Study will consider how grantee and subgrantee organizations are selected; how the Corporation communicates with grantees and subgrantees; how local contexts and available funding opportunities vary from state to state; and how the Corporation's goals and requirements fit into the context of the grantees' and subgrantees' own policies and the many diverse responsibilities they face.

The Field Network Pilot Study Report Form will be used to assess the impact of the Corporation's policies around capacity building and the performance measurement initiative. Independent, local field researchers will be employed in collecting the information. During the data-gathering phase of the Pilot Study, the researchers will refer to background information about the Corporation, its programs, and the Field Network method.

**Current Action:** The Corporation seeks public comment on the Report Form questions, the introductory statement, and the accompanying background package.

**Type of Review:** New.

**Agency:** Corporation for National and Community Service.

**Title:** Field Network Pilot Study Report Form.

**OMB Number:** None.

**Agency Number:** N/A.

**Affected Public:** Non-profit Institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

**Total Respondents:** 84.

**Frequency:** Annually.

**Average Time Per Response:** 3 hours.

**Estimated Total Burden Hours:** 252.

**Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):** None.

**Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):** None.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 6, 2004.

**Robert T. Grimm, Jr.,**

*Director, Research and Policy Development.*

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**CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE****Information Collection; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), has submitted a public information collection request (ICR) entitled Study of Volunteers' Experience in the VISTA Program to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13, (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Kelly Arey at (202) 606-5000, ext. 197. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY-TDD) may call (202) 565-2799 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 10, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted, identified by the title of the information collection activity, by any of the following two methods:

- (1) By fax to: (202) 395-6974, Attention: Ms. Katherine Astrich, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service; and
- (2) Electronically by e-mail to: [Katherine\\_T.\\_Astrich@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Katherine_T._Astrich@omb.eop.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Propose ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submissions of responses.

#### Comments

A 60-day public comment Notice was published in the **Federal Register** on July 29, 2004. This comment period ended September 27, 2004. No comments were received from this Notice.

*Description:* The Corporation for National and Community Service is strongly committed to evaluating the effectiveness of its programs. VISTA is our country's longest continually operating domestic service program, with over 130,000 participants enrolling since its inception in 1965. Since 1994 the program has been administered by the Corporation as part of AmeriCorps. VISTA participants work in communities to build local capacity to advance economic development in low-income neighborhoods across the United States. The study will examine the long-term impacts VISTA service has on participants' civic attitudes, life decisions, goals, values, and enduring habits of civic engagement.

The objective of this study is to explore the long-term impacts of VISTA participation from 1965–1994 on the lives of participants to a comparison group who enrolled in VISTA during the same time period and completed the VISTA orientation but who did not actually serve in the program (or served less than one month). To meet these objectives, a sample of VISTA participants and near-participants will be drawn from the roster of individuals enrolling in VISTA from 1965 to 1993. In addition to collecting information on the outcomes specified above, data on respondent demographics and pre-VISTA experiences will be collected. The inclusion of a comparison group of near-participants will provide insight

into the outcomes realized by VISTA participants who completed their term of service.

This study will gather data using phone surveys and in-person interviews. The phone surveys will provide largely quantitative information, while the in-person interviews will allow for the collection of highly detailed and more qualitative descriptions of the life courses charted by VISTA participants and near-participants.

*Type of Review:* New Information Collection.

*Agency:* Corporation for National and Community Service.

*Title:* Study of Volunteers' Experience in the VISTA Program.

*OMB Number:* None.

*Agency Number:* None.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and households.

*Total Respondents:* 1400.

*Frequency:* Once.

*Average Time Per Response:* 43 minutes (telephone survey: average of 35 minutes per respondent; the in-person interview: average 3 hours per respondent).

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 997 hours.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* None.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* None.

Dated: November 29, 2004.

**Robert Grimm,**

*Director, Office of Research and Policy Development.*

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#### CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

##### Approval of an Information Collection Currently Approved Through Emergency Clearance; Submission for OMB review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13), (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service,

Kimberly Spring, ext. 543. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY–TDD) may call (202) 565–2799 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Ms. Katherine Astrich, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC, 20503, (202) 395–4718, within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The initial 60-day **Federal Register** notice for the Next Generation Grants Concept Paper and Application Instructions was published on June 9, 2004. The comment period for this notice has elapsed.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;
- Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Propose ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submissions of responses.

*Type of Review:* Currently approved through emergency clearance.

*Agency:* Corporation for National and Community Service.

*Title:* Next Generation Grants Concept Paper and Application Instructions.

*OMB Number:* 3045–0087.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Non-profit organizations and institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 400 for the Concept Paper Instructions; 40 for the Application Instructions.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* Ten hours for each set of instructions.

*Total Burden Hours:* 4400 hours (4000 for Concept Paper Instructions and 400 for Application Instructions).

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* N/A.

*Total Annual Cost (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* None.