Community-based Program for School-Age Youth

Community-based organizations working with school-age youth may receive grants from the State Commission for programs to involve such youth in community service.

National non-profit organizations may apply to the Corporation to make subgrants or run multi-state community-service programs for this population.

Higher Education Innovative Projects

Higher Education institutions, consortia of such institutions, or partnerships of higher education institutions and non-profit institutions may receive grants from the Corporation for student community-service programs or programs to train teachers in service-learning methods.

Funds may supplement College Work-Study funds being used for community service placements.

EXTENSION OF THE DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE ACT OF 1973

The proposal extends and expands VISTA and Older American Volunteer Programs authorized by the Domestic Volunteer Service Act. Following a transition period, these programs will be administered by the Corporation for national service.

VISTA

Extends authority for the VISTA program and increases number of VISTA volunteers.

Authorizes new VISTA Summer Associate program.

Authorizes a University Year for VISTA program to encourage student volunteer efforts addressing the needs of low-income communities.

Removes restrictions limiting the flexibility to manage VISTA, while reaffirming commitment to recruiting a diverse group of VISTA volunteers including young and older adults.

Increases post-service stipends by \$30 for each month of service. Such stipends are not available if VISTA volunteer accepts an educational award under the national service trust.

Continues support for VISTA Literacy Corps.