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Office of Management and Budget (OMB)
Sharon Mar, Policy Analyst
OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service
725 17th Street, N.W. Room 10102
Washington, D.C. 20503

RE: Request for OMB Approval for Emergency Processing

Dear Ms. Mar:

Thank you for reviewing the attached guidance for applicants for Recovery Act funding. We appreciate your time and attention to expediting the clearance of this collection.

As you know, the Corporation for National and Community Service (the "Corporation") received funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to provide additional funds to current grantees. In an effort to be compliant while ensuring that these funds are disbursed as rapidly, efficiently, and transparently as possible, we are therefore submitting the enclosed request under 5 CFR 1320.13 to OMB for emergency processing and approval of information collection activities.

Public harm is reasonably likely to occur if normal clearance procedures are followed. It is essential to the purpose of these funds that they be disbursed as soon as possible in order for AmeriCorps members to begin serving and have an impact on communities affected by the economic crisis.

In sum, we are requesting emergency approval by March 16, 2009 because a longer review will not allow the Corporation to disburse these funds in the manner that is intended in the Recovery Act.

The Corporation has not learned of any objections to the content of this submission from its grantees in previous communication about these collection activities. In addition, because we have been diligent in eliciting public comment via e-mail since the Recovery Act was passed, we expect little substantive comment when we publish these for 30 days of comment, as you have suggested. We understand that all comments will be collected by the Corporation and by OMB during the 30 day period.

This submission includes one set of Guidance with instructions for current grantees to apply for Recovery Act funds. It also includes this letter, the OMB ROCIS form, Supporting Justification, and a copy of the *Federal Register* notice.

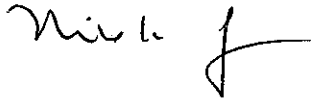


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If you have any questions, Amy Borgstrom is the Corporation's contact, and she is available to assist you in completing this expedited process. She can be reached at 202-606-5000, ext. 6930. We sincerely thank you for your consideration of this request and your willingness to work with us in strengthening our compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicola Goren", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nicola Goren, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Corporation for National and Community Service

Enclosures