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# **SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSIONS**

## **A. Justification**

### **A1. Need for Information Collection**

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) awards grants to states, institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations, Indian tribes, and U.S. Territories to operate AmeriCorps State, AmeriCorps National, AmeriCorps NCCC, AmeriCorps VISTA, Social Innovation Fund and Senior Corps programs. This information collection comprises the questions applicants answer to report on an awarded Senior Corps grant.

### **A2. Indicate how, by whom, and for what purpose the information is to be used.**

Sponsors respond to the questions included in these reports in order to report on project progress in relation to Senior Corps grant awards. Senior Corps will use the information collection to track performance and inform continued grant funding support, as well as to identify trends and to support management and analysis.

### **A3. Minimize Burden: Use of Improved Technology to Reduce Burden**

CNCS will be eliciting and accepting sponsors' responses to these questions electronically via eGrants the CNCS' secure online grants management system. If sponsors are unable to apply or report on-line, they can use the attached forms and instructions to submit their progress reports.

### **A4. Non-Duplication**

There are no other sources of information by which CNCS can meet the purposes described in A2 (above).

### **A5. Minimizing for economic burden for small businesses or other small entities.**

This collection of information does not impact small businesses because they are not eligible to apply for grants. There is no economic burden to any other small entities beyond the cost of staff time to collect and report the data. This is minimized to the degree possible by only asking for the information absolutely necessary to assess an organization's progress in administering a Senior Corps grant.

### **A6. Consequences of the collection if not conducted, conducted less frequently, as well as any technical or legal obstacles to reducing burden.**

The Corporation will be unable to request the necessary information to assess sponsor progress towards meeting Senior Corps program objectives.

**A7. Special circumstances that would cause information collection to be collected in a manner requiring respondents to report more often than quarterly; report in fewer than 30 days after receipt of the request; submit more than an original and two copies; retain records for more than three years; and other ways specified in the Instructions focused on statistical methods, confidentially, and proprietary trade secrets.**

There are no special circumstances that would require the collection of information in these ways.

**A8. Provide copy and identify the date and page number of publication in the Federal Register of the Agency's notice. Summarize comments received and actions taken in response to comments. Specifically address comments received on cost and hour burden.**

The 60 day *Notice* soliciting comments was published on Friday, June 10, 2016 on page 37582. No comments were received.

**A9. Payment to Respondents**

There are no payments or gifts to respondents

**A10. Assurance of Confidentiality and its basis in statute, regulation, or agency policy.**

Your responses to this information collection will be disclosed as appropriate unless prohibited by law.

**A11. Sensitive Questions**

The information collection does not include questions of a sensitive nature.

**A12. Hour burden of the collection**

These are the project progress reports for Senior Corps grant awards.

We expect approximately 1250 sponsors to use these project progress reports to report on progress towards program objectives. The frequency of response will not be greater than annually, and should not exceed 12 hours of effort per respondent. There is no estimated annual hour burden outside of the customary and usual business practices.

**A13. Cost burden to the respondent**

There is no cost to the respondent.

**A14. Cost to Government**

There are no additional costs to the Government.

**A15. Reasons for program changes or adjustments in burden or cost.**

Not applicable.

**A16. Publication of results**

Some results of this grant competition will be published on the CNCS website for the purpose of transparency in federal grantmaking.

**A17. Explain the reason for seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection.**

Not applicable.

**A18. Exceptions to the certification statement**

There are no exceptions to the certification statement in the submitted ROCIS form.