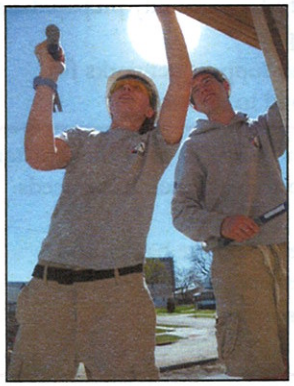
Project Sponsor Provides:

- Project supplies and materials
- Technical support and direction
- Schedule of work
- Meals*
- Lodging (if further than an hour from Vinton, IA)**

NCCC Provides:

- Meals*
- Lodging (if less than an hour from Vinton, IA)**
- Transportation
- Basic Personal Protective Equipment



*For cities more than an hour from NCCC's Vinton, IA campus, access to a kitchen is required if meals are not provided. The team will purchase and cook their own food.

**Lodging may be basic, e.g. local camps, churches, park cabins, vacant school facilities, youth hostels, YMCA/YWCA facilities, vacant apartments in public housing facilities, college campuses, military facilities, state and local park facilities, etc.

———There is no direct fee for service.———

We are requesting proposals for team-based community service projects, typically lasting 6-8 weeks, that focus on at least one of our five main service areas:
disaster services, energy conservation, environment, infrastructure improvement, and urban and rural development.

Available Project Dates	Concept Form Due	Application Due
Rd 1: Mar. 12 - May 11	Nov. 4, 2011	Nov. 18, 2011
Rd 2: May 3 - Jun. 27	Feb. 3, 2012	Feb. 17, 2012
Rd 3: Jul. 16 - Sep. 14	Apr. 20, 2012	May 4, 2012
Rd 4: Sep. 7 - Nov. 2	Apr. 20, 2012	May 4, 2012

Step 1 is to complete a Concept Form. Upon review, potential sponsors will be invited to submit a full application or contacted for more information.

For more information or to request an application, please contact your state's representative listed below:

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Request For Proposals

Strengthening communities and developing leaders through team-based national and community service.

What is AmeriCorps NCCC and How Can We Help?

AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) is a federal team-based national service program for men and women between the ages of 18 and 24. Corps Members serve a full-time, ten-month term, working on projects to meet community needs in five main program areas: disaster services, energy conservation, environment, infrastructure improvement, and urban and rural development.

The North Central Region is requesting proposals for community service projects.

Those eligible to apply are non-profit organizations, government entities (federal, state, or local), educational institutions, community-based organizations, neighborhood associations, Native American Tribal Councils, and faith-based organizations.

Corps Members are men and women who are:

- Recruited nationally and are from different social, cultural, socioeconomic, and educational backgrounds. Over 30% are college graduates, 30% with some college background, 30% with high school diplomas and a small percentage that are working towards their General Equivalency Diploma (GED).
- Assigned to a team of 9-12 members who are supervised by a Team Leader and overseen by a Unit Leader responsible for a total of seven teams.
- Provided one 15 passenger van per team with fuel covered by AmeriCorps NCCC.
- Trained in CPR, first aid, leadership, team building, service learning, disaster response, and much more!
- Insured by the Federal Tort Claims Act & Federal Employees' Compensation Act.

Criteria for Good Projects:

Projects Must...

- Address compelling community needs.
- Have clearly stated and well-planned tasks which ensure timely availability of materials, tools, technical expertise, and sponsor support.
- Provide opportunities for members' growth and development that includes orientation and training.
- Involve the community throughout the project including local volunteer support.
- Have a plan for sustainability after AmeriCorps NCCC members complete their work.

Examples of What Teams Can Do:

- Help build and refurbish homes for low-income citizens.
- Support after-school programs and other activities for youth.
- Provide immediate assistance with national disaster relief/recovery.
- Construct wheelchair ramps and assemble playgrounds.
- Develop recycling programs.
- Create nature trails and make park improvements.
- AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!!

NCCC and Natural & Other Disasters

Part of our program's focus is assisting in the area of disaster. This includes disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation.

Greater consideration will be given to projects with a large disaster emphasis.

Preparedness includes actions such as planning, organizing resources, training, and improving operational capabilities. Sample projects include:

- Disaster and safety education programs
- Disaster simulations to test community preparedness and identify gaps in support
- Identifying resources and support networks for organizations that respond to disasters

Response includes activities during or after the disaster to get people immediate help to meet their basic needs. Sample projects include:

- Staffing shelters, emergency phone banks, and donation distribution centers
- Conducting needs assessments
- Wildland firefighting

Recovery focuses on restoring the disaster-damaged area to its previous state. Sample projects include:

- Home repair post-disaster
- Clean-up of public lands
- Re-establishing infrastructure (e.g. boardwalks, park shelters, etc.)

Mitigation attempts to reduce the loss of life and property by avoiding or lessening the impact of future disasters. Sample projects include:

- Installing storm shelters
- Removing fuel from wildfire-prone areas
- Restoration of natural habitat that protects people from hazards (e.g. green spaces along rivers)

Illinois ★ Indiana ★ Iowa ★ Michigan ★ Minnesota ★ Nebraska ★ North Dakota ★ Ohio ★ South Dakota ★ Wisconsin