

Message from the Campus Compact President



As many of you may have heard, President Obama released his proposed 2010 budget this week. The President is requesting \$1.149 billion for CNCS, a **29% increase** over the FY09 enacted level. We are optimistic, though we are disappointed that this is less money than we had hoped for. Remember that this is the first step in the budget process and the next step is for the House and Senate to determine their budgets.

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Obama budget breakdown:

VISTA: \$97.9 million to support 5,980 full time AmeriCorps VISTA members and 1,690 Summer Associates, a \$1.8 million increase over the FY09 enacted level.

Learn and Serve: \$39.5 million, \$2 million or 5% increase over FY09. We are still sorting out the details within Learn and Serve, to understand the proposed funding for both new and existing programs

National Service Trust: \$195.6 million for the National Service Trust, including the increase in the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award.

Longitudinal Study: \$1 million to begin the longitudinal study about the impact of service-learning

National Service-Learning Clearinghouse: \$1.6 million, which is a decrease when you consider current funding for the NSLC and the Resource Center. We are seeking more information about this item.

Other Provisions of Interest:

Training: allows for the state commissions to use their training budget for Learn and Serve programs.

Social Innovation Fund: \$50 million to take successful projects and programs to scale and leverage additional capital from the private sector.

Volunteer Generation Fund: \$10 million to support grants to states and nonprofits to recruit, manage and support volunteers and strengthen the nation's volunteer infrastructures.

State Commission Administrative Grants: \$16 million to help support the commission's increased workload.

Next Steps:

1. There will be Campus Compact presence for at least three of the CNCS public listening sessions in Missouri, Massachusetts, and Louisiana. We are finishing the talking points that will be given to those participating.
2. We encourage you all to consider writing comments to the Corporation or participating on the conference calls which will be in June. It is important that they hear from as many people as possible. Even if we are saying the same thing, it is still valuable. We will share our talking points with you as well as more information about the conference calls and the web tool as soon as we get them.

