

## **CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (AMERICORPS)**

### **Fall 2022 Statement of Regulatory Priorities**

#### **OVERVIEW**

The Corporation for National and Community Service, operating as AmeriCorps, is the Federal agency for national service and volunteerism. AmeriCorps provides opportunities for individuals to address some of the nation's most pressing challenges, improve lives and communities, and strengthen civic engagement. AmeriCorps offers individuals and organizations flexible ways to make a local and lasting impact through its programs, such as AmeriCorps State and National, AmeriCorps VISTA, AmeriCorps NCCC, and the Volunteer Generation Fund, and AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP, Foster Grandparents, and Senior Companions programs. AmeriCorps also supports volunteerism through National Days of Service, including 9/11 Day and Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. AmeriCorps' authorizing statutes and regulations provide the necessary legal framework for its programs. AmeriCorps' regulatory priorities are guided by its Strategic Plan (available at [americorps.gov/about/agency-overview/strategic-plan](https://americorps.gov/about/agency-overview/strategic-plan)) and Administration priorities.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF AMERICORPS' REGULATORY PLAN**

This Regulatory Plan provides highlights of AmeriCorps' upcoming regulatory actions. Please refer to AmeriCorps' Semiannual Regulatory Agenda for the full spectrum of AmeriCorps' upcoming regulatory actions.

AmeriCorps' Strategic Plan establishes a goal of partnering with communities to alleviate poverty and advance racial equity. Two proposed regulatory actions relate to this goal:

AmeriCorps State and National Updates (3045-NEW) will consider additional programmatic and grantmaking flexibilities, including waivers and exceptions for individuals who may benefit from additional

education and training, such as those reentering society after incarceration, to participate in national service while acquiring skills and knowledge to ease their transition into the workplace.

AmeriCorps' VISTA New Project Regulations (3045-AA79) will also consider additional programmatic and grantmaking flexibilities intended to better reach underserved communities, reduce barriers to participation in national service, and provide those communities with access to the benefits of service to reduce poverty. VISTA's underlying purpose also supports the Administration's goal to promote economic resilience and address persistent poverty, by encouraging and enabling persons from all walks of life to perform volunteer service to assist in the solution of poverty and poverty-related problems and secure and increase opportunities for self-advancement by persons affected by such problems.