



ASC/Policy Updates

ASC

- As of October 1, 2021, ASC (America's Service Commissions) elected its new leadership team

Elected Board Officers, 2021-2022:

- **Maureen Eccleston, Chair** – Executive Director, PennSERVE (*re-appointed*)
- **Judd Jeansonne, Vice Chair/Public Policy Chair** – Executive Director, Volunteer Louisiana (*new officer*)
- **Lisa Spinali, Resource Development Chair** – Commissioner, California Volunteers (*new officer*)
- **Beth McGuinness, Membership Chair** – Director of Programs, Massachusetts Service Alliance (*re-appointed*)
- **Jeanne Duffy, Treasurer** – Executive Director, Serve Wisconsin (*new officer*)
- **Shelly McAlpin, Secretary** – Executive Director, Serve Wyoming (*re-appointed*)

Public Policy (national)

- CNCS CEO Nominee Michael Smith was advanced to the full Senate for consideration by the Senate HELP Committee last month.
- American Rescue Plan funds have increased Commission Support Grant fund by \$360,000 over 3 years. Over \$3 million in formula funds over 3 years.
- Build Back Better Act passed the House on November 19. National service highlights include:
 - Over \$15 billion in funding for CNCS to start a Civilian Climate Corps (CCC). The CCC is intended to engage 300,000 members over 10 years on top of the existing AmeriCorps members.
 - Raises in the minimum living allowance to \$15 an hour equivalent, max cost per MSY to 125% of the living allowance
 - Directs CNCS to waive matching requirements for grantees and commissions, on the \$40 million that is provided for CSG



COMMISSIONER UPDATE

Executive Director's Report | December 8, 2021

- **CNCS Challenges**
 - Slow rollout of funds and initiatives, burdensome guidance (ARP)
 - Poor collaboration and partnership (Public Health Initiative, match waiver)
 - Staffing and related challenges leading to management and implementation issues (ARP amendment process)

Public Policy (state)

- Lt. Governor Nungesser asked VL to increase its state general fund request from \$125,000 to \$1 million – focused on disaster services. (\$970,000 requested)

New programs or program expansions: \$565,000

Fully fund CERT and other preparedness training/initiatives that are currently reliant on federal grants \$300,000

Fund technology to support volunteer and donations management, cost share documentation \$125,000

Fully fund required match for federal operational grant: \$140,000

Position/staffing needs: \$225,000

Fund 3 full time Disaster Service Specialists (2 currently, federally funded) \$225,000

Capital Outlay requests: \$150,000

Fund mobile volunteer housing to support response and recovery in remote/affected areas \$150,000

Vehicles (new/replacement): \$30,000

One additional vehicle to deploy staff in times of disaster to affected areas. \$30,000

For 2022

- Return to in-person meetings and activities (fingers crossed)
- Statewide listening tour and update of state service plan for 2022-2025
- Re-align commissioner appointments, terms, orientation, etc
- Commissioner retreat to accomplish all 3 above



Commission Membership

Governance Committee Meeting
December 3, 2021

- Committee considered applications for new Commissioners, recommended a slate of 5 to the Lt. Governor for consideration
 - Stefanny Alecon, New Orleans (national service seat)
 - Matthew Fairbrother, Baton Rouge (youth seat)
 - Suzanne Harris, Gonzales (union seat)
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- This slate addresses 2 identified needs: gaps in statutory seat requirements and lack of New Orleans area representation



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Volunteer & Disaster Services | December 8, 2021

DISASTER SERVICES

Total Trained

- FY21 | 487 individuals trained in 6 parishes; Union, Iberia, East and West Feliciana, Livingston
- FY22 | 41 individuals have been trained in Livingston and Iberia parishes
 - Next week, Volunteer Louisiana will host a Campus CERT Training at the University of Louisiana – Monroe, 55 have registered so far.

New Efforts

- Volunteer Louisiana now had the bandwidth to take an active role in Long Term Recovery Meetings. Heather Mazeitis-Fontenot is serving as our Volunteer-Louisiana's staff liaison at meetings throughout the parishes impacted by Ida.
- A common theme at the meetings is the desperate need for volunteers from the local community to plan day trips to support rebuilding efforts.

AWARDS

Louisiana Volunteer Service Awards

- FY21 | 563 awards were made across 5 regions; South/Southwest, North Louisiana, Central Louisiana, New Orleans, and Greater Baton Rouge
- FY22 | 39 awards have been made to date across 4 regions; South/Southeast, Central Louisiana, North Louisiana, and Greater Baton Rouge

Champions of Service

- FY21 | 42 nominations
- FY22 | 6 nominations to date
 - The Volunteer Louisiana team will be executing a campaign of social media ads and emails through the January 31st nomination deadline.
 - In order to reach our goal of 100 nominations, we need the support of our commissioners!
 - Please take time to email the nomination information to at least 5 non-profit organizations in your area.
 - We also challenge each commissioner to nominate an outstanding volunteer in your area and share the social media posts on your personal pages.



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FY22 RFP Timeline and Adjustments

August 15: Competitive ARP amendments submitted to CNCS
for
funding

September 15: FY22 NOFO was released

October 28: Revised application Submission Process

November 12: Original application due date

December 6: Competitive amendment was awarded

December 8: Commission Vote Competitive Prime

January 1, 2022: Competitive Prime due to CNCS

February 2022: Formula Subapplicant Due Date



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AmeriCorps Committee | December 8, 2021

Competitive Funding Recommendations

| Status | CONTINUATIONS | FY21 Original Award | FY21 ARP Amendment | FY21 Total | FY22 Request |
|--------|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------|
| | AmeriCorps State Competitive | | | | |
| c | City Year Baton Rouge | \$1,043,200 | \$57,600 | \$1,100,800 | \$1,382,400 |
| c | City Year New Orleans | \$836,832 | \$50,400 | \$887,232 | \$1,209,600 |
| c | Up2Us Sports | \$175,833 | \$10,515 | \$186,348 | \$255,862 |