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basic requirements as other approved AmeriCorps programs, applicants must comply with the same application requirements specified in § 2522.300.

§ 2522.320 May an applicant submit more than one application to the Corporation for the same project at the same time?

No. The Corporation will reject an application for a project if an application for funding or educational awards for the same project is already pending before the Corporation.

Subpart D—Selection of AmeriCorps Programs

§ 2522.400 How will the basic selection criteria be applied?

From among the eligible programs that meet the minimum program requirements and that have submitted applications to the Corporation, the Corporation must select the best ones to receive funding. Although there is a wide range of factors that must be taken into account during the selection process, there are certain fundamental selection criteria that apply to all programs in each grant competition, regardless of whether they receive funding or educational awards directly or through subgrants. States and other subgranting applicants are required to use these criteria during the competitive selection of subgrantees. The Corporation may adjust the relative weight given to each criterion. (Additional and more specific criteria will be published in the applications).

§ 2522.410 What are the basic selection criteria for AmeriCorps programs?

The Corporation will consider how well the program will be able to achieve the three impacts mentioned in paragraph (a) of this section as demonstrated by the program design, the capacity of the organization to carry it out and other factors relating to need. The Corporation will also consider the extent to which the program promotes the Corporation's goals; and the extent to which the program contributes to the overall diversity of programs desired by the Corporation. These criteria are discussed in this section. Additional detail relating to these cri-

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teria may be published in any notice of availability of funding.

(a) *Program impacts.* The Corporation will consider the extent to which the program: (1) Achieves direct and demonstrable results;

(2) Strengthens communities; and

(3) Promotes citizenship and increases educational opportunities for participants.

(b) *Program Criteria.*—(1) *Program design.* The Corporation will consider four factors relating to the program design: (i) The quality of the program proposed to be carried out directly by the applicant or supported by a grant from the applicant;

(ii) The innovative aspects of the AmeriCorps program;

(iii) The feasibility of replicating the program; and

(iv) The sustainability of the program, based on evidence such as the existence of strong and broad-based community support for the program and of multiple funding sources or private funding.

(2) *Organizational capacity.* The Corporation will also consider an organization's capacity to carry out the program based on—

(i) The quality of the leadership of the AmeriCorps program;

(ii) The past performance of the organization or program; and

(iii) The extent to which the program builds on existing programs.

(c) *Need criteria.* In selecting programs, the Corporation will take into consideration the extent to which projects address State-identified issue priorities (if the program will be funded out of formula funds) or national priorities (if the program will be funded out of competitive funds), and whether projects would be conducted in areas of need.

(1) *Issue priorities.* In order to concentrate national efforts on meeting certain educational, public safety, human, or environmental needs, and to achieve the other purposes of this Act, the Corporation will establish, and after review of the strategic plan approved by the Board, periodically alter priorities regarding the AmeriCorps programs that will receive assistance (funding or approved AmeriCorps positions) and the purposes for which such