

Corporation for
**NATIONAL &
COMMUNITY
SERVICE** 





2009 Competitive NOFO and Guidance

- Basic Facts
- Changes from 2006 Round
- Open Discussion



Basic Facts

1. Applications are due in eGrants at 5:00 Eastern on April 14, 2009.
2. Grants are for Grant-Making Entities (GMEs) and State Education Agencies (SEAs) to support service-learning.
3. All you need to know is in two documents, the NOFO and Application Instructions
4. Please read all the guidance carefully to ensure that you are responding to the competition priorities



What is Service-Learning?

42 U.S.C. 12511

The term "service-learning" means a method--

(A) under which students or participants learn and develop through active participation in thoughtfully organized service that--

(i) is conducted in and meets the needs of a community;

(ii) is coordinated with an elementary school, secondary school, institution of higher education, or community service program, and with the community; and

(iii) helps foster civic responsibility; and

(B) that--

(i) is integrated into and enhances the academic curriculum of the students, or the educational components of the community service program in which the participants are enrolled; and

(ii) provides structured time for the students or participants to reflect on the service experience.



Why Service-Learning?

- **Benefit to participants**
 1. Civic engagement
 2. Academic engagement
- **Benefit to communities**
 1. Community problems addressed
 2. Partnerships established or deepened
- **Benefit to Institutions**
 1. Expand SL practice in schools
 2. Improve school climate



Elements of Service-Learning

1. Students take part in projects in which they apply the knowledge and skills of the classroom to addressing community problems they care about.
2. Projects follow the “IPARDC” process:
 - Investigation
 - Planning
 - Action
 - Reflection
 - Demonstration
 - Celebration



New for 2009

Here are changes in the NOFO and Instructions from 2006:

- The NOFO and Instructions are better aligned.
- We are focusing this year's grants on STEM service-learning in middle schools.
- You are now allowed to make subgrants to CBOs partnering with schools as well as directly to LEAs for school-based service-learning.
- Training and TA should be geared to Billig's work on quality standards for SL.
- Needs/service activities should focus on building healthier communities.



Other

1. Consider using the surveys we posted on the Clearinghouse
2. Three-year plan is the outline for the narrative, though the budget is year 1
3. See subgrantee criteria on NOFO p. 4
4. Note the match %s are of the entire budget (CNCS + grantee shares)



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