



1 uals who have had contact with the juvenile justice system,  
2 Indians, veterans, and individuals whose abilities are not  
3 typical, such as individuals with intellectual or develop-  
4 ment disabilities, especially where the entities propose re-  
5 cruiting applicants for positions to serve in the same met-  
6 ropolitan statistical areas as those in which they attended  
7 institutions of secondary or higher education.

8 **SEC. 150210. WAIVERS.**

9 (a) **WAIVER OF MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRE-**  
10 **MENTS.**—Section 189A of the National and Community  
11 Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12645d) is amended—

12 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “;  
13 **MATCHING FUNDS DURING COVID–19 RE-**  
14 **SPONSE AND RECOVERY PERIOD**” after “**COM-**  
15 **MUNITIES**”; and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(c) **COVID–19 RESPONSE.**—Notwithstanding any  
18 other provision of law, an entity that receives assistance  
19 from the Corporation for any program under the national  
20 service laws (including a State Commission and an entity  
21 receiving subgrant funds) during the COVID–19 emer-  
22 gency response and recovery period shall not be subject  
23 to any requirements to provide matching funds for any  
24 such program, and the Federal share of such assistance

1 for a recipient (including for a State Commission and a  
2 subgrant recipient) may be 100 percent.”.

3 (b) NO SUMMER LIMITATION DURING COVID–19  
4 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PERIOD.—Section 104 of the  
5 Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4954)  
6 is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(f)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
8 part, during the COVID–19 emergency response and re-  
9 covery period, the Director may enroll full-time VISTA as-  
10 sociates in a program, during any months of the year,  
11 under such terms and conditions as the Director shall de-  
12 termine to be appropriate. Such individuals shall be as-  
13 signed to projects that address the needs of underserved  
14 communities as a result of the COVID–19 public health  
15 emergency.

16 “(2) In preparing reports relating to programs under  
17 this Act, the Director shall report on participants, costs,  
18 and accomplishments under the program under this sub-  
19 section separately.

20 “(3) The limitation on funds appropriated for grants  
21 and contracts, as contained in section 108, shall not apply  
22 to the program under this subsection.”.

23 (c) VISTA LIMITATION APPLICABILITY.—Section 108  
24 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C.  
25 4958) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “Of funds ap-  
2 propriated” and inserting “Subject to subsection (c),  
3 of funds appropriated”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(c) **RULE FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE AND RECOV-**  
6 **ERY PERIOD.**—Notwithstanding subsection (a), during the  
7 COVID–19 emergency response and recovery period, in  
8 order to address the needs of underserved communities re-  
9 lated to the COVID–19 pandemic, of funds appropriated  
10 for the purpose of this part under section 501, not more  
11 than 75 percent may be obligated for the direct cost of  
12 supporting volunteers in programs and projects (including  
13 new programs and projects that begin after the date of  
14 enactment of this Act) carried out pursuant to this part,  
15 and such funds may be obligated regardless of when grant  
16 recipients commenced such programs and projects.”.

17 (d) **AUGMENTATION AND EXPANSION GRANTS.**—  
18 Title VI of the National and Community Service Act of  
19 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12501) is amended by adding at the end  
20 the following:

21 **“SEC. 603. COVID–19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOV-**  
22 **ERY PERIOD AUGMENTATION AND EXPAN-**  
23 **SION GRANTS.**

24 “During the COVID–19 emergency response and re-  
25 covery period, the Corporation may award noncompetitive

1 augmentation and expansion grants, at such time and in  
2 such manner as the Corporation determines appropriate.”.

3 (e) TERM OF SERVICE DURING COVID-19 EMER-  
4 GENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PERIOD.—Section 146  
5 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42  
6 U.S.C. 12602) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
7 lowing:

8 “(g) TERM OF SERVICE DURING COVID-19 EMER-  
9 GENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PERIOD.—Notwith-  
10 standing the aggregate limit under Section 146(c), during  
11 the COVID–19 emergency response and recovery period,  
12 a participant who has already earned the aggregate of two  
13 full-time education awards is eligible to serve one addi-  
14 tional term of service and receive a living allowance and  
15 other benefits under section 140.”.

16 (f) INCREASE IN LIMITATION ON GRANT  
17 AMOUNTS.—Section 189(a) of the National and Commu-  
18 nity Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12645c(a)) is amend-  
19 ed by inserting “the CEO may increase the limitation  
20 under section 189(a) during the COVID–19 emergency re-  
21 sponse and recovery period if necessary to increase the  
22 AmeriCorps member living allowance or meet the compel-  
23 ling needs of the program due to funding constraints re-  
24 sulting from the COVID–19 national emergency”.

1 (g) INCREASE IN LIMITATION ON TOTAL GRANT  
2 AMOUNT FOR EDUCATIONAL AWARD ONLY PROGRAM.—  
3 Section 129A(b) of the National and Community Service  
4 Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12581a(b)) is amended by insert-  
5 ing “The CEO may increase the operational support per  
6 individual during the COVID–19 emergency response and  
7 recovery period”.

8 (h) SEASONAL PROGRAM.—

9 (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL CIVILIAN  
10 COMMUNITY CORPS PROGRAM.—Section 152(b)(2) of  
11 the National and Community Service Act of 1990 4  
12 (42 U.S.C. 12612(b)(2)) is amended by striking  
13 “summer” and inserting “seasonal”.

14 (2) SEASONAL NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM.—  
15 Section 154 of the National and Community Service  
16 Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12614) is amended—

17 (A) in the section heading by striking  
18 “**SUMMER**” and inserting “**SEASONAL**”;

19 (B) in subsection (a), by striking “sum-  
20 mer” and inserting “seasonal”;

21 (C) in subsection (b), by striking “50 per-  
22 cent of the participants in the summer” and in-  
23 serting “35 percent of the participants in the  
24 seasonal”; and

1 (D) by striking subsection (c) and insert-  
2 ing the following:

3 “(c) SEASONAL PROGRAM.—Persons desiring to par-  
4 ticipate in the seasonal national service program shall  
5 enter into an agreement with the Director to participate  
6 in the Corps for a period of not less than 3 months and  
7 not more than 6 months, as specified by the Director.”.

8 (i) NATIONAL SENIOR SERVICE CORPS.—Part D of  
9 title II of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42  
10 U.S.C. 5021 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
11 the following:

12 **“SEC. 229. COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOV-  
13 ERY PERIOD.**

14 “(a) AGE REQUIREMENTS.—Notwithstanding section  
15 201(a), 211(d), 211(e), of title II of the Domestic Volun-  
16 teer service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 5000 et seq.), during  
17 the COVID-19 emergency response and recovery period,  
18 in order to address the critical needs of local communities  
19 across the country as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic,  
20 an individual age 45 years of age or older may enroll as  
21 volunteers to provide services under part A.

22 “(b) INCOME REQUIREMENTS.—For the purposes of  
23 parts B and C of such title II notwithstanding section  
24 211(d), during the COVID-19 emergency response and  
25 recovery period, the terms ‘low-income person’ and ‘person

1 of low income’ under such section shall mean any person  
2 whose income is not more than 400 percent of the poverty  
3 line defined in section 673(2) of the Community Services  
4 Block Grant (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)) and adjusted by the Di-  
5 rector in the manner described in such section.”.

6 (j) END-OF-SERVICE CASH STIPEND.—Section  
7 3514(a)(2)(B) of the CARES Act is amended by inserting  
8 “, or the full value of the stipend under section 105(a)  
9 of title I of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973  
10 (42 U.S.C. 4955), as amended,” after “such subtitle”.

