

5.4 CNCS ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

As the primary federal source of funding for national volunteer activities, CNCS is obviously the most important player on the field. AmeriCorps operates in a decentralized manner that gives a significant amount of administrative responsibility to states and national and local nonprofit groups. CNCS realizes that the many organizations and individuals around the country with which it shares administrative responsibility for AmeriCorps will look to it for assistance on a broad range of issues and problems. The following table suggests some of the principal support functions that CNCS can provide:

OFFICE	AmeriCorps SUPPORT FUNCTIONS
Program	Houses CNCS program officers, who support, respond to programmatic issues for, and serve as the primary liaisons with State Commissions and National Direct parent organizations.
Grants	Oversees financial aspects of grants and awards.
Training and Technical Assistance	Works with national technical assistance providers and with training and technical assistance coordinators in State Commissions.
Trust	Manages the education awards for AmeriCorps members.
Public Affairs	Oversees media relations, marketing and publications.
Public Liaison	Oversees national initiatives, national service days, and all AmeriCorps awards.
General Counsel	Provides legal counsel for CNCS and can answer legal questions related to AmeriCorps program management.
Office of the Inspector General	Detects and deters waste, fraud, abuse, and violations of law of CNCS funded programs.
Recruitment	Provides support for the online recruitment system and other national recruitment efforts.