



# CREATING NEW NATIONAL SERVICE MODELS

The Commission seeks to ensure that national service is a realistic choice for all Americans and continues to grow, includes expanding existing programs and creating new models.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

While continued growth from existing models will play an important role in reaching the Commission's goal of 1 million Americans annually in national service, **new service models will enhance and accelerate that effort.**

- **Provide support for CNCS to run novel demonstration projects.**

The Commission proposes that Congress appropriate funds that enable CNCS to conduct five demonstration projects over a period of three years, including a focus on two areas: concentrated, single-community national service projects designed to solve an important local issue, and projects supporting the reintegration of ex-offenders.

- **Create an ambitious new national service fellowship program.**

A fellowship program would empower individuals to choose programs that fit their interests and allow smaller organizations, especially those in rural areas and those without philanthropic support, to host national service members.

- The program would start at 25,000 fellows and grow by 25,000 each year for ten years.
- Potential fellows, ages 18 to 25, would be selected by a lottery that not only ensures every congressional district receives fellows, but also reserves spaces for opportunity youth and Tribal communities.
- These fellows would receive a cash stipend equal to that available to AmeriCorps State and National participants in the same region and would also be eligible for the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award or discounted cash payout at the end of their service term.

*City Year AmeriCorps members in Cleveland, Ohio, pledge a year of their lives to national service.  
Source: City Year*

For more information about the Commission's recommendations on national service growth, please see Pages 55–58 of *Inspired to Serve: [The Final Report of the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service](#)*.