

**PART 1212—VOLUNTEER AGENCIES  
PROCEDURES FOR NATIONAL  
GRANT VOLUNTEERS [RESERVED]**

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**Subpart A—General**

**§ 1213.1-1 Introduction.**

(a) Section 122(a), part C, of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (the Act), Pub. L. 93-113, 87 Stat. 401, authorizes the Director of ACTION to conduct and to make contracts for special volunteer programs to encourage wider volunteer participation on a full-time basis to strengthen and supplement efforts to meet a broad range of human, social, and environmental needs, particularly those related to poverty. The ACTION Cooperative Volunteer Program (ACV) is one of these special volunteer programs. It provides full-time volunteer service opportunities for individuals in assignments with nonprofit and public agency sponsors involving a broad range of human, social, and environmental needs, particularly those related to poverty. Organizations wishing to become sponsors enter into an agreement with ACTION to share expenses associated with ACV volunteer assignments. The sponsor's share consists of reimbursing ACTION for the direct costs of volunteer support, i.e. allowances, stipend and other direct benefits.

(b) Section 122(b) requires that the assignment of ACV volunteers be on such terms and conditions as the Director shall determine.

(c) Section 122(c) provides that the Director may provide to persons serving as full-time volunteers in a program of at least one year's duration such allowances and stipends as he determines are necessary. The kinds and amount of such allowances and stipends may not exceed those authorized

to be provided to VISTA volunteers (part A, title I, Pub. L. 93-113).

### Subpart B—Description of Volunteer Service

#### § 1213.2-1 Enrollment and duration of service.

ACTION enrolls an individual in ACV during the preservice processing it provides. Such enrollment is for a period comprising the time of such processing, ACTION preservice orientation, and a one-year assignment to a project.

#### § 1213.2-2 Provisional volunteers.

Individuals are considered to be provisional volunteers during the period of pre-service processing and ACTION preservice orientation. They have all the rights and benefits and are subject to all the duties of volunteers, except as expressly provided in these regulations or where it would appear from the language of a section of the regulations to be inappropriate.

#### § 1213.2-3 Extension of service and reenrollment.

In certain situations, a volunteer may have his period of volunteer service extended for not more than one year, at the request of a sponsor and the concurrence of the appropriate ACTION Regional Director.

A volunteer may only be reenrolled for a period of at least one year. A sponsor must request the reenrollment and it must be approved by the appropriate ACTION Regional Director. No volunteer may serve for more than a total of five years in full-time volunteer programs under Title I of Pub. L. 93-113.

Such extensions and reenrollments may be for the same or different projects and may include interregional and intraregional transfers.

#### § 1213.2-4 Living conditions.

To the extent practicable volunteers are expected to make a personal commitment to live among and at the economic level of the people served by the project in which the volunteer works. The sponsor will insure that this commitment is observed.

#### § 1213.2-5 Role of the volunteer.

The volunteer's assignments are carried out under the auspices of the sponsor. The volunteer assumes a "live-in" obligation carrying his work into all facets of community life and social activity. He is available for service without regard to regular working hours seven days a week, except for periods of approved leave.

### Subpart C—ACTION Provided Volunteer Support

#### § 1213.3-1 Financial support.

(a) *Food and lodging.* Each ACV volunteer receives from ACTION a food and lodging allowance approximately commensurate with the actual standard of living of the residents of the community to which he is assigned. The amount of this allowance is determined by the Regional Office after consultation with the sponsor.

(b) *Personal living allowance.* ACTION also provides each volunteer a personal living allowance of \$75 per month. It is intended to cover incidental expenses and local travel.

(c) *Adjustment allowance.* At the beginning of service, a volunteer may receive from ACTION an adjustment allowance when necessary to cover the initial cost of securing and setting up living quarters. Such an allowance is usually provided only to volunteers who serve outside their home area. It is not usually available to volunteers recruited locally for an assignment in their home or nearby communities.

(d) *Stipend.* At the conclusion of the term of service, each volunteer receives a stipend of \$50 for each month of service on an ACV project. Volunteers may be authorized to make bi-weekly allotments from the stipend, not in excess of \$12.50, in extraordinary circumstances. These may include allotments for obligations incurred prior to service for family support, insurance or loan payments and income taxes.

(e) *Provisional volunteers.* Provisional volunteers do not receive any allowances nor do they accrue stipends. During the period they are provisional volunteers their food and lodging is provided by ACTION and they receive a