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include, but are not limited to, clerical work and research. However, a participant may engage in such activities if the performance of the activity is incidental to the participant's provision of service that does provide a direct benefit to the community in which the service is performed.

§ 2520.30 Are there any activities that are prohibited?

Yes. Some activities are prohibited altogether. Although all prohibited activities may be performed voluntarily by participants on their own time, they may not be performed by participants in the course of their duties, at the request of program staff, or in a manner that would associate the activities with the AmeriCorps program or the Corporation. These activities include:

- (a) Any effort to influence legislation, as prohibited under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 501(c));
- (b) Organizing protests, petitions, boycotts, or strikes;
- (c) Assisting, promoting or deterring union organizing;
- (d) Impairing existing contracts for services or collective bargaining agreements;
- (e) Engaging in partisan political activities, or other activities designed to influence the outcome of an election to any public office;
- (f) Engaging in religious instruction, conducting worship services, providing instruction as part of a program that includes mandatory religious instruction or worship, constructing or operating facilities devoted to religious instruction or worship, maintaining facilities primarily or inherently devoted to religious instruction or worship, or engaging in any form of religious proselytization;
- (g) Providing a direct benefit to—
 - (1) A business organized for profit;
 - (2) A labor union;
 - (3) A partisan political organization;
 - (4) A nonprofit organization that fails to comply with the restrictions contained in section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 except that nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent participants from en-

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gaging in advocacy activities undertaken at their own initiative; and

(5) An organization engaged in the religious activities described in paragraph (e) of this section, unless Corporation assistance is not used to support those religious activities; and

(h) Such other activities as the Corporation may prohibit.

PART 2521—ELIGIBLE AMERICORPS PROGRAM APPLICANTS AND TYPES OF GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR AWARD

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2521.20 What types of AmeriCorps program grants are available for award?

2521.30 How will AmeriCorps program grants be awarded?

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§ 2521.10 Who may apply to receive an AmeriCorps grant?

(a) States (including Territories), subdivisions of States, Indian tribes, public or private nonprofit organizations (including labor organizations), and institutions of higher education are eligible to apply for AmeriCorps grants. However, the fifty States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico must first receive Corporation authorization for the use of a State Commission or alternative administrative or transitional entity pursuant to part 2550 of this chapter in order to be eligible for an AmeriCorps grant.

(b) The Corporation may also enter into contracts or cooperative agreements for AmeriCorps assistance with Federal agencies that are Executive Branch agencies or departments. Bureaus, divisions, and local and regional offices of such departments and agencies may only receive assistance pursuant to a contract or agreement with the central department or agency. The requirements relating to Federal agencies are described in part 2523 of this chapter.