The Public Policy of the Peace Corps

Maddie Dohrer

Western Oregon University, mdohrer16@mail.wou.edu

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.wou.edu/aes

Part of the Political Science Commons

Recommended Citation
https://digitalcommons.wou.edu/aes/92
THE PUBLIC POLICY OF THE PEACE CORPS

THE PEACE CORPS GOALS

1. To help the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women.
2. To help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served.
3. To help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans.

The Peace Corps works in 6 sectors:

- Agriculture
- Environment
- Community Development
- Economic Development
- Health
- Youth in Development

Where is the Peace Corps?

- Countries served as of 2009
- Countries formerly served

A country can participate in the Peace Corps if:

1. It formally invites the Peace Corps.
2. The Peace Corps can financially support work in that country.
3. That country has priority need (no matter the kind).
4. Peace Corps volunteers will be safe as residents there.

THE BIRTH OF THE PEACE CORPS

- November 2, 1960: President Kennedy proposes a "peace corps" in a speech.
- March 1, 1961: The Peace Corps was established by executive order.
- September 22, 1961: Officially approved as a permanent federal agency.

81% of all foreign assistance spending so far this year has been spent on the Peace Corps.

But don’t be fooled by the big numbers—less than 1% of the federal budget goes toward foreign aid overall.

SPENT FUNDING BY FISCAL YEAR

Note: current-to-date spending for 2017 is not reflective of total 2017 spending