

PEACE CORPS OPERATIONS PLAN IN THE ABSENCE OF CURRENT YEAR APPROPRIATIONS

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1. PURPOSE

This is guidance in the event of a lapse in current year appropriations (hereafter “lapse”), either through failure to pass a regular appropriations bill or a continuing resolution (CR). It may be supplemented by more specific guidance for any specific event. For example, the designation of excepted, funded, and other employees and use of available funding may vary depending on the circumstances of a specific lapse.

2. AUTHORITY

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-11, Section 124, Agency Operations in the Absence of Appropriations.

3. BACKGROUND

Annually, the Peace Corps receives two-year appropriated funding. When a lapse occurs, it means the Peace Corps’ two-year appropriations bill has not been passed by Congress and signed by the President. However, any unused portion of the second year of funding from the previous year’s two-year appropriation remains available. This remaining fund balance is called “carryover.” Carryover funds may be used for operations during a lapse and are subject to the limitations described in this plan.

4. POLICY

It is the policy of the Peace Corps that in the event of a lapse, post operations in support of future or current Volunteer activities are deemed excepted. However, the continuation of our post operations often requires that funding be provided to posts to support those operations. As such, the agency will prioritize the use of carryover funding to support post operations.

5. AMENDMENT

The agency is in the midst of continuity of operations activities due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. Currently, the agency has no Volunteers actively serving at any overseas posts. Each overseas and domestic Peace Corps office is working through varying operational phases. Currently, Peace Corps has remaining carryover balances to continue daily operations both domestically and overseas. If the agency projects that carryover funding will be exhausted prior to the receipt of new appropriations, Peace Corps will issue subsequent guidance on operations in the event of a lapse, including specific actions to cease daily operations in the event that the agency runs out of available appropriations.