

The Work of Government and Nonprofit Agencies - Sample Answers

Department/ Agency	Purpose	Nonprofit Organization	Mission / Programs
Agriculture/ Food and Nutrition Service	Strengthens the nutrition safety net through commodity distribution and other nutrition assistance to low-income families, emergency feeding programs, Indian Reservations, and the elderly.	Senior Nutrition Services Region IV, Inc.	Mission: Provide meals to elderly in need Programs: Provided over 415,000 congregate and home delivered meals to persons over age 60
Commerce/ Minority Business Development Agency	The only Federal agency specifically created to encourage the creation, growth, and expansion of minority-owned businesses in the United States.	Saginaw County Minority Business Development Center	Mission: Minority business development Programs: Business counseling, specialized assistance, business information resources, training and education, and products to enhance such businesses
Defense/ Advanced Concept Technology Demonstrations	Exploits mature and maturing technologies to solve important military problems.	Heritage Foundation	Mission: Heritage Foundation is a Washington think tank that formulates and aggressively promotes conservative public policies based on the principles of free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, traditional American values and a strong national defense. Programs: Foreign and Defense Policy: We promote deployment of a missile defense system; free international trade enhancing economic freedom and lowering trade barriers; rebuilding the defense budget to assure military readiness; and foreign aid reform, especially an end to U.S. appropriations to the International Monetary Fund.
Education/ Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs	Established in 1974 by Congress, the Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs helps school districts meet their responsibility to provide equal education opportunity to	California Association for Bilingual Education	Mission: The California Association for Bilingual Education is a nonprofit corporation whose purpose is to assure educational excellence and equity for all students through bilingual education. The



	limited English proficient children.		<p>Association accomplishes its purpose through the following programs: 1) advocacy, 2) professional development of teachers, 3) research and 4) scholarships.</p> <p>Programs: Bilingual education and training conferences provided training for teachers, aides and parents so that non-English speaking children have an enriched educational opportunity. Scholarships were awarded to enhance bilingual education opportunities. Public awareness and advocacy for bilingual education issues were promoted.</p>
Energy/U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission	To ensure adequate protection of the public health and safety, the common defense and security, and the environment in the use of nuclear materials in the United States.	Nuclear Information & Resource Service	<p>Mission: Nuclear energy information and awareness</p> <p>Programs: Provide information and assistance to individuals and groups working to replace nuclear power with safer and more economical alternatives.</p>
Health and Human Services/Administration on Aging	Providing services to the elderly, especially to enable them to remain independent. Supports meals for the elderly, including home-delivered "meals on wheels," helps provide transportation and at-home services, supports ombudsman services for elderly, and provides policy leadership on aging issues.	AARP Foundation	<p>Mission: A.A.R.P. Foundation was established to engage in the study and discussion of problems of aging persons.</p> <p>Programs: In addition to its many other activities, AARP Foundation administers government grants, the largest of which is the Senior Community Service Employment Program. Its purpose is to provide job placement services and temporary work experience and training for people aged 55 and older whose incomes fall at or below the federal poverty line. The AARP Tax-Aide Program is a free nationwide tax counseling service offered to middle and low-income taxpayers aged 80 and older. The AARP Foundation Litigation files "Friend of the Court" briefs where</p>



			warranted, lawsuits which focus on issues that affect the older population. It concentrates on cases that raise novel or significant issues, challenge common or systematic practices, or affect policies.
Housing and Urban Development /Office of Housing, Federal Housing Administration	Underwrites single family, multifamily, property improvement, and manufactured home loans. Administers assisted housing programs for low-income families who are experiencing difficulties affording standard housing.	National Low Income Housing Coalition and Low Income Housing Information Service	<p>Mission: The NLIHC is solely dedicated to ending America's affordable housing crisis through educating, organizing, and advocating to ensure decent affordable housing within healthy neighborhoods.</p> <p>Programs: NLIHC informs and educates housing advocates and activists, and the public at large, about policy solutions to the affordable housing crisis. Research and Policy Analysis-NLIHC is a leading publisher of thoughtful and useful information on low income housing issues.</p>
Justice/Immigration and Naturalization Service	Regulates permanent and temporary immigration to the United States. Maintains control of U.S. borders.	American Immigration Law Foundation	<p>Who We Are: AILF promotes public understanding of immigration law and policy through education, policy analysis, and support to litigators. We seek to counter anti-immigrant groups that would close America's doors to future newcomers, making the case that America is a Nation of Immigrants.</p> <p>Programs: The Legal Action Center was created to promote fundamental fairness for immigrants, their families, and their employers. The Center conducts impact litigation, including filing affirmative suits against the INS.</p>
Labor/Occupational Safety and Health	The mission of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is to save lives, prevent injuries	Farmworker Justice Fund, Inc.	Who We Are: Farmworker Justice Fund, Inc. (FJF) is a national litigation and advocacy organization for migrant and seasonal farmworkers. We focus



Administrati on	and protect the health of America's workers.		<p>on labor, employment, immigration, occupational safety and health, farmworker women and access to justice.</p> <p>Goals and Results: FJF has one hundred farmworkers as "promotores de salud," or lay health promoters. They, in turn have educated nearly 8,000 co-workers and neighbors about ways to reduce risks of infection from HIV/AIDS and to prevent exposure to pesticides and environmental health hazards. FJF has helped many farmworkers improve their working conditions.</p>
State/Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor Affairs	Promoting the growth and consolidation of democracy and human rights.	Amnesty International USA, Inc.	<p>Mission: Amnesty International works to: free all prisoners of conscience detained anywhere for their beliefs or because of their ethnic origin, sex, colour or language who have not used or advocated violence; ensure fair and prompt trials for political prisoners; abolish the death penalty, torture and other cruel treatment of prisoners; end extrajudicial executions and disappearances.</p> <p>Programs: Worldwide campaigns: Each year, Amnesty International members from around the world campaign on human rights issues in one country or on a particular human rights issue. These major campaigns involve reporting on major human rights issues, lobbying governments and ambassadors globally for change, publicizing human rights abuses, and working closely with local human rights activists and other community organizations to achieve change.</p>



Interior/National Park Service	To promote and regulate the use of the national parks, which purpose is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.	National Parks & Conservation Association	<p>Mission: NPCA is America's only private, nonprofit advocacy organization dedicated solely to protecting, preserving, and enhancing America's National Parks for present and future generations.</p> <p>Programs: Two program areas - Park Resource Protection and Visitor Experience - address systemic threats facing the parks. The two others - Park Funding & Management and Public Support - are aimed at creating the underpinnings for the sustained protection of the parks.</p>
Transportation/Federal Highway Administration	Sharing our expertise with state and local transportation agencies across the country. Ensuring that we keep America moving--safely, efficiently, economically, and without harm to our environment.	National SAFE Kids	<p>Mission: The National SAFE KIDS Campaign and its 275 Coalitions lead the fight against the number one killer of children ages 14 and under - unintentional childhood injury - through education and safety device distribution to families in need.</p> <p>Programs: The National SAFE KIDS Campaign provides direct public service through local safety events, a toll-free hotline for car seat information, educational materials and safety device distribution. Each May, the Campaign holds National SAFE KIDS Week to reach kids, teachers, and consumers with life-saving messages. Through the Campaign's SAFE KIDS BUCKLE UP program, thousands of families attend Car Seat Check Up events each year where trained experts assist families with the proper installation of car seats. The SAFE KIDS CYCLE SMART program features local bicycle rodeos where kids learn safe riding skills, the importance of bike</p>



			helmet use and receive free helmets.
Treasury/Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms	Reducing violent crime, collecting revenue, and protecting the public.	The NRA Foundation, Inc.	<p>Mission: The NRA Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization that raises tax-deductible contributions in support of a wide range of firearm-related public interest activities of the National Rifle Association of America and other organizations that defend and foster the Second Amendment rights of all law-abiding Americans.</p> <p>Programs: The NRA Foundation provides millions of dollars in grant funding for both NRA's educational programs and those of organizations across the country that provide America with youth firearms training, hunter education, conservation, law enforcement training, marksmanship and firearms safety, and many other firearm-related activities</p>
Veterans Affairs/National Cemetery Administration	The National Cemetery Administration honors Veterans with a final resting place and lasting memorials that commemorate their service to our nation.	North Dakota Militia Foundation, Inc.	<p>Accomplishments: Grants were made to the Adjutants Office for direct support of the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery which is a state-owned facility. The grant was for maintenance and development costs. Grant was made to the North Dakota National Guard. 188th ADA Bn. Unit Fund for flood relief for unit members due to the Grand Forks, ND flood.</p>

