

AmeriCorps Seniors

AmeriCorps Seniors in Action: Mobilizing a Generation

Fiscal Year 2024



Agenda

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Poll #1

How would you describe your organization?

- Federally or state-recognized Indian tribes*
- Institutions of higher education
- Local governments
- Nonprofit organizations
- State service commissions
- State or US Territory



*In addition to Indian tribes as defined in [2 CFR 200.1](#), tribal organizations that are controlled, authorized, or chartered by federally recognized Indian tribes are also eligible to apply.

Poll #2

How confident do you feel in your current level of knowledge relating to **AmeriCorps Seniors focus areas and program examples?**

5- Very Confident

4- Confident

3- Neutral/Not sure

2- Not confident

1- Very not confident





MISSION

The mission of AmeriCorps is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering.

Overview of AmeriCorps Seniors Programs



AmeriCorps Focus Areas

Overview of AmeriCorps Seniors Programs



**Environmental
Stewardship**



Disaster Response



Education



Economic Opportunity



Healthy Futures



**Veterans and Military
Families**



Environmental Stewardship

AmeriCorps Focus Areas



- Improving parks, public lands, trails, and rivers
- Improving weatherization and energy efficiency
- Increasing environmental knowledge and stewardship





Disaster Response

AmeriCorps Focus Areas



- Preparing a community to handle a disaster strike
- Helping a community recover after a disaster strike





Education

AmeriCorps Focus Areas



- Improving school readiness
- Improving academic performance for K-12 students
- Supporting students in post-high school educational settings





Economic Opportunity

AmeriCorps Focus Areas



- Improving financial literacy or assisting with tax return preparation
- Increasing safe and affordable housing or helping people attain housing
- Helping people train for, find, and secure jobs





Healthy Futures

AmeriCorps Focus Areas



- Supporting older adults who are aging in place
- Improving healthy behaviors and food security
- Increasing access to care





Veterans and Military Families

AmeriCorps Focus Areas



- Supporting veterans, active military, and their families through select Economic Opportunity, Education, and Healthy Futures outcomes



AmeriCorps Seniors Programs

Overview of AmeriCorps Seniors Programs



Foster Grandparent Program

Senior Companion Program

RSVP Program

Senior Demonstration Program



Foster Grandparent Program

- Intergenerational Program.
- One-on-one tutoring and mentorship for success in academics and life.

AmeriCorps Seniors Programs

Overview of AmeriCorps Seniors Programs

Foster Grandparent Program

Senior Companion Program

RSVP Program

Senior Demonstration Program



Senior Companion Program

- Peer-to-peer program.
- Helps older adults live independently.

AmeriCorps Seniors Programs

Overview of AmeriCorps Seniors Programs



Foster Grandparent Program

Senior Companion Program

RSVP Program

Senior Demonstration Program



RSVP Program

- Most flexible program.
- Addresses critical needs.

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Senior Demonstration Program

- Expand reach and impact.
- Allows funding of innovative programming and activities.

Program Examples



Disclaimer: The following are only examples of programs and is not meant to direct an applicant's proposal.

Foster Grandparent Program

Program Examples



Focus Area: Education



Example #1

Community Needs:

- County has state's lowest percentile for poverty and academic performance

Volunteer Service Activities and Impact:

- **12** AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serving **10,440** hours
- Provide academic support, interventions, and mentorship to first grade classes
- **50** student's reading skills impacted as measured by reading assessment



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Foster Grandparent Program

Program Examples



Focus Area: Education



Example #2

Community Needs:

- Underserved population of youth at local juvenile detention facility
- Need for academic reinforcement and mentorship

Volunteer Service Activities and Impact:

- **12** AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serving **13,572** hours
- Provide push-in academic tutoring in reading and math and mentorship
- Improvement of **20** youth as measured by academic assessment and pre- and post-test of social-emotional learning

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Senior Companion Program

Program Examples



Focus Area: Healthy Futures



Community Needs:

- Limited access to healthcare supports for older adults
- Increased number of older adults who are homebound due to lack transportation
- 15% increase of caregivers of homebound clients
- High level of stress navigating complex health care systems

Volunteer Service Activities and Impact:

- **12** AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serving **15 VSYs** (**15,660** hours)
- Activities include music and memory activities; accompanying clients to medical appointments and social activities; preparing light meals; create caregiver plan
- **60** clients report having increased social ties and perceived social supports
- **48** caregivers report having increased social ties and perceived social support

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RSVP Program

Program Examples

Community Needs:

- Preparing tax returns,
- Supporting food pantries,
- Supporting non-profit resale shops, and
- Maintaining local walking trails

Volunteer Service Activities and Impact:

- **80** AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers
- Volunteers generated **\$250,000** in tax returns,
- Improved food security for **430** community members,
- Managed **\$475,000** in donations for four non-profit resale stores, and
- Maintained **15 miles** of public trails.

Focus Areas: Healthy Futures, Environmental Stewardship, and Economic Opportunity



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Senior Demonstration Program

Program Examples



American Rescue Plan



30 AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers.

Program Activities:

- Pick up food donations; sort, package, and deliver donations
- Provides referrals to medical, behavioral, and social services

Anticipated Impact:
Over 1,000 people

Native Nations and Indigenous Elders



13 AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers

Program activities: Instruct and share Indigenous culture, history, and traditions

Impact:

- **90** students with improved academic engagement or social-emotional skills
- **90** children with gains in school readiness
- **120** individuals with increased health knowledge related to healthy eating.

Workforce Development



18 AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers

Program activities:

- Increasing access to oral health
- Supporting roommate project to address loneliness
- Connecting seniors to health interventions

Impact: Volunteer Service-to-Employment

Current Funding Opportunity Primary Focus Areas



Current Funding Opportunity Primary Focus Areas

Expansion and Replacement Opportunities

Foster Grandparent Program

- Education
- Provide or facilitate access to services and resources that contribute to improved educational outcomes for economically disadvantaged people



Senior Companion Program

- Healthy Futures
- Establish programming that engages adults 55 years and older to serve as volunteers who help seniors live independently



Important Dates, Contact Information, and Applicant Training and Technical Assistance



Important Dates and Contact Information

- Applications are due no later than **Thursday, February 1, 2024, by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.**
- Successful applicants will be notified by **April 2024.**
- Successful applicants will be issued awards by **June 2024.**

For questions related to this funding opportunity, contact FGPSCPRreplacement@americorps.gov.

Applicant Training and Technical Assistance

Live Events (Requires Registration)	Pre-Recorded
AmeriCorps Seniors in Action: Mobilizing a Generation	Introducing AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps Seniors, and Its Programs
Identifying Funding Priority Areas in Your Community	AmeriCorps National Performance Measures Curriculum
Tour of the Notice of Funding Opportunity – Selection Criteria Review	Best Practices in Budget Development
National Performance Measures and Work Plans	Submitting Your Application in eGrants
Office Hours: Budget Q&A	AmeriCorps Due Diligence Review and Compliance Training
Office Hours: General and Performance Measurement Q&A	Frequently Asked Questions (Document)

For more information, visit the AmeriCorps [Funding Opportunity](#) Page.

Office Hours

Foster Grandparent Program Office Hours

- Budget Q&A, Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 1:30 p.m. ET
- General and Performance Measures Q&A, Thursday, January 18, 2024, 2:00 p.m. ET
- [Pre-Submit Questions](#) for webinar

Senior Companion Program Office Hours

- Budget Q&A, Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 1:30 p.m. ET
- General and Performance Measures Q&A, Thursday, January 18, 2024, 3:30 p.m. ET
- [Pre-Submit Questions](#) for webinar

Knowledge Check

What is the Primary Focus of the Foster Grandparent Program?

Education



What is the Primary Focus of the Senior Companion Program?

Healthy Futures



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Poll #3

Having attended today's webinar, how confident do you feel in your current level of knowledge relating to **AmeriCorps Seniors focus areas and program examples?**

5- Much more confident

4- More confident

3- Neutral/Not sure

2- Less confident

1- Much less confident



**Thank you for your interest in
AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps
Seniors programs.**