

**Subject:** Updates for MLK Day of Service grantees

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Dear MLK Day of Service grantees,

As we approach the end of your project periods, we would like to share updated guidance for completing required Project Progress Reports (PPRs). As a reminder, PPRs for the 2022-2023 grant year are due **October 12**, **2023** for grantees with project periods ending in July, and **December 29**, **2023** for grantees with project periods ending in September. If you are unsure which due date applies to your grant, the correct deadline and reporting period are viewable in the eGrants Progress Reports screen. **Please read the attached guidance carefully** before completing your report even if you have submitted progress reports for this grant in the past, as **some definitions have changed since last year**. Please note in particular the changes to Performance Data Elements outlined on page 3. Progress reports that do not follow the new guidance will be returned for rework by your Portfolio Manager.

While the PPRs are a formal way for us to learn about your projects' progress and successes, we also encourage you to share some of the success stories that came out of your MLK Day events this year more informally by emailing us at <a href="DaysofService@cns.gov">DaysofService@cns.gov</a>. Stories can include short narratives, photographs, news articles, or anything you would like to share about your Day of Service events. We're eager to hear about how your events went and what you learned from them!

In other news, a new and improved <u>Grantees & Sponsors</u> page for Days of Service grantees is coming soon to the AmeriCorps website, which will make it easy for you to find resources specific to your MLK Day grant in a centralized place. The new page will be a combined hub for resources for Volunteer Initiatives grantees, which include Days of Service and the Volunteer Generation Fund. We're excited to make these resources available and will notify you once the page is up and running.

Thank you all for your continued commitment to this impactful Day of Service, and we look forward to learning more about your projects from your emails and progress reports.

In service,

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