



## 2016 Foster Grandparent Program and Senior Companion Program Indian Tribes, **Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders Competition:**

**Notice of Funding Availability Overview** 



Technical Assistance Call #2

## Agenda

- Overview of CNCS and relevant Senior Corps programs
- Notice of Funding highlights
  - Deadlines
  - Eligibility
  - Geographic service area
  - Volunteer Service Years
  - Budget requirements
  - Work Plans
  - Application and Review Process
- Notice of Funding website resources:
  - www.nationalservice.gov/TribalGrants
- Questions



#### **CNCS** Overview

- The mission of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering.
- Grant competition website: <a href="http://www.nationalservice.gov/tribalgrants">http://www.nationalservice.gov/tribalgrants</a>
- Agency website: <a href="http://www.nationalservice.gov">http://www.nationalservice.gov</a>



### **FGP and SCP Overviews**

Foster Grandparent Program	Senior Companion Program
Begun in 1965	Begun in 1974
Volunteers provide direct service to children and youth in their communities	Volunteers provide direct service to adults, including frail seniors and persons with disabilities
Goal: Help improve educational outcomes for children and youth	Goal: Help older adults and individuals with disabilities live independently
Service locations: Primarily schools, Head Start Centers, or after-school programs	Service locations: Primarily the private homes of clients being served

- Run by **Program Sponsors** who are awarded CNCS grants
  - Requires a **Project Director**
- Volunteers serve at Volunteer Stations in the geographic service area
  - Volunteers serve an average of 20 hours per week
- Volunteers receive a tax-free hourly monetary stipend of \$2.65/hour if eligible (income must not exceed 200% of poverty level)



## **Notice of Funding Highlights**

- This presentation covers highlights from the Notice of Funding.
- Please read the entire Notice of Funding and other materials available on the competition website: www.nationalservice.gov/tribalgrants
  - FGP direct link: <u>www.nationalservice.gov/FGPTribalGrants</u>
  - SCP direct link: www.nationalservice.gov/SCPTribalGrants



#### **Deadlines**

- Notice of Intent to Apply due: Friday, May 13, 2016
  - Not required, but highly encouraged
  - Include:
    - Name of the applicant organization
    - Address
    - Contact person
    - Email address
    - Phone Number
    - How you heard about the 2016 Indian Tribes, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders Competition
  - Email: FGPSCP@cns.gov
- Applications due: Tuesday, June 14, 2016, 5:00 p.m. **Eastern Time**





#### Federally Recognized Indian Tribes

 An Indian Tribe is defined as a federally recognized Indian Tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Native village, Regional Corporation, or Village Corporation, as defined under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

#### Also eligible to apply are:

- A nonprofit organization may apply on behalf of a federally recognized tribe and must submit a sanctioning resolution adopted by the tribal governing body. The resolution must name the nonprofit and authorize it to act on behalf of the tribe.
- Incorporated nonprofit multipurpose community-based Indian organizations
- National or regional incorporated nonprofit Native American organizations with Native American community-specific objectives:
- Incorporated nonprofit Alaska Native multipurpose community based organizations;
- Public and nonprofit private agencies serving Native Hawaiians with at least 51 percent of governing board representative of Native Hawaiians – Public and nonprofit private agencies serving native peoples from Guam, American Samoa, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (the populations served may be located on these islands or in the continental United States) with at least 51 percent of the governing board representative of Native Pacific Islanders.



## **Anticipated Ineligible Applicants**

- Not eligible if:
  - Organization has been convicted of a federal crime
  - Engages in lobbying activities under Section 501(c)4
- Previously receiving federal funding is not a requirement



## Geographic Area Served

- Applicants define the geographic service area
- Applicants can propose to serve:
  - Tribal lands not currently served by a tribal FGP or SCP grantee
  - Any county not currently served by any SCP/FGP grantee
- See Appendix A for list of current grantees and their service areas



## **Budget Requirements**

- Grant amounts are directly related to the amount of funding budgeted fro stipends.
- Senior Corps uses the term Volunteer Service Year (VSY) to discuss funding specifically designates for stipends.
- A VSY is a budget term which equals 1,044 hours of service.
  - FGP and SCP: \$6,000 per VSY
- A higher rate per VSY is possible if evidence-based programming is used.
- 80% of the CNCS grant amount must be used for cost reimbursements for volunteers (stipends, insurance, transportation, meals, physical examinations, recognition, etc.).
- 10% match: Applicant must contribute at least 10% of the total project budget. Can include cash or in-kind support. This match continues at 10% for years 2 and 3.



## **Budget Example**



- An FGP or SCP applicant proposes 30 VSYs.
  - $-30 \text{ VSYs} \times \$6,000 = \$180,000 \text{ CNCS grant request}$
  - 10% required match = \$18,000
  - Total project cost = \$198,000
  - Amount required for volunteer cost reimbursements = \$158,400 (80% of CNCS grant amount)



#### **Award Period**

- Three-year project period
- Funding for the second and third year of the project period is dependent upon:
  - Satisfactory performance
  - Demonstrated capacity to manage the grant
  - Compliance with grant requirements
  - Availability of Congressional appropriations



## Work Plans: Foster Grandparent Program

- Foster Grandparent Program
  - Primarily serve in Education focus area
  - Main outputs: Number of children participating or number of children in youth/mentor matches
  - Main outcomes: Gains in social/emotional development, gains in literacy skills, gains in math skills, improved academic engagement, improved school attendance
- For every \$6,000 in annual base federal funding, at least one Volunteer Service Year worth of service must be placed in work plans that result in National Performance Measure outcomes in the Education focus area.
- See Appendix B: National Performance Measures Instructions



## **Work Plans: Senior Companion Program**

- Senior Companion Program
  - Primarily serve in Healthy Futures focus area
  - Main outputs: Number of homebound or older adults and individuals with disabilities receiving food, transportation, or other independent living services; number of caregivers receiving respite services
  - Main outcomes: Number of homebound or older adults and individuals with disabilities who report having increased social ties/perceived social support; or number of caregivers reporting the same.
- For every \$6,000 in annual base federal funding, at least one Volunteer Service Year worth of service must be placed in work plans that result in National Performance Measure outcomes in the Healthy Futures Independent Living focus area.
- See Appendix B: National Performance Measures Instructions



## **Application Process**

- All applications submitted through eGrants: https://egrants.cns.gov/
- Paper applications are possible if extenuating circumstances make eGrants use impossible
- National Service Hotline (800) 942-2677 or via https://questions.nationalservice.gov/app/ask\_eg for technical questions regarding eGrants
- Submit all required attachments by the application deadline
- FGP or SCP must be included in the project title



## **Application**

- Attachments: Part IV: Required Documents in the Grant **Application Instructions** 
  - FGPSCP@cns.gov
  - Subject Line: Include application ID
- Page Limits: 15 pages as they print from eGrants
  - Includes executive summary, project narratives, cover page
  - DOES NOT INCLUDE budget or work plans
- Include DUNS number and EIN
- Register in the System for Award Management (SAM)
- Late Applications (for technical issues only): LateApplications@cns.gov



# Basic Selection Criteria: Categories and Respective Weights



- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Does Not Meet



## **Review and Selection Process Stages**

- Compliance Review (all applications)
- Staff Review
- Post-Review Quality Control
- Risk Assessment Evaluation
- Clarification
- Program Staff Review
- Selection for Funding
  - Applicant Feedback
- Award announcements anticipated in August 2016



#### **Technical Assistance**

- Frequently Asked Questions
  - Questions can be submitted to <u>FGPSCP@cns.gov</u>
  - Answers posted in the FAQs
- Technical Assistance Calls
  - Listed on the Notices website: www.nationalservice.gov/TribalGrants
    - **FGP website**: www.nationalservice.gov/FGPTribalGrants
    - **SCP website**: www.nationalservice.gov/SCPTribalGrants



## **Additional Applicant Training**

 TTA Call 3 and 4 **FGP Performance Measures Overview** Monday, May 16, 2016, 1PM Eastern Time

SCP Performance Measures Overview Monday, May 16, 2016, 3PM Eastern Time

- TTA Call 5 eGrants Overview Wednesday, May 18, 2016, 2PM Eastern Time
- TTA Call 6 eGrants Overview Wednesday, May 25, 2016, 2PM Eastern Time



#### **Questions?**



#### Application deadline

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