

The 2022 AmeriCorps Research Grantee Dialogue *Embracing the Diversity of Civic Engagement: Implications and Opportunities for National Service*

May 17 – 19, 2022

AmeriCorps' mission is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering. To support our agency's mission, the Office of Research and Evaluation hosts an annual gathering to not only learn about research and evidence supported by the agency but also to connect scholars with diverse stakeholder communities to foster a generative space for learning from one another. Shared learning benefits both attendees and the agency, as we shore up existing knowledge about our mission and programming and as we share the newest research findings across the field.

During this year's Research Grantee Dialogue on May 17 – 19, *Embracing the Diversity of Civic Engagement: Implications and Opportunities for National Service*, AmeriCorps research grantees will highlight the various ways that people, in particular: refugee communities; African American youth; seniors; and those divided between rural and urban spaces are (or can be) civically engaged. By centering communities often excluded from the national conversation, we hope to generate new ideas to innovate and improve our national service programs and to foster civic engagement for all people across the country.

Purpose: The goal of the Research Grantee Dialogue is to share research about civic engagement or volunteering and to generate discussions with our programs and partners. Creating this space to share across knowledge communities can be used to innovate as well as to improve program engagement with diverse populations across the country. This year's Research Grantee Dialogue will consist of three, one-half days to convene virtually. Our intention is to connect a diverse audience of stakeholders with research to exchange ideas on civic engagement and volunteering. This year, we are focusing on refugee communities, African American youth, seniors, and those divided between urban and rural communities.

Program: The virtual Research Grantee Dialogue event will consist of presentations, panel discussions, and open Q&A. The themes will discuss National Service and Civic Engagement within:

- Refugee Communities
- Senior Volunteering, Urban/Rural Geographical Diversity
- African American Youth and Civic Engagement

Attendees: Potential partners, current partners (grantees, sponsors), AmeriCorps staff, ORE Grantees, scholars, and practitioners

Location:

- Virtual.
- Registration available April 2022. Until then, please email: evaluation@cns.gov
- Space limited to 500 participants per session.
- All sessions will be recorded and made publicly available on [AmeriCorps Impact Webinar](#)