



Introduction to Senior Corps and RSVP

Session 1: Tuesday, Oct. 2

3:30-4:30pm ET



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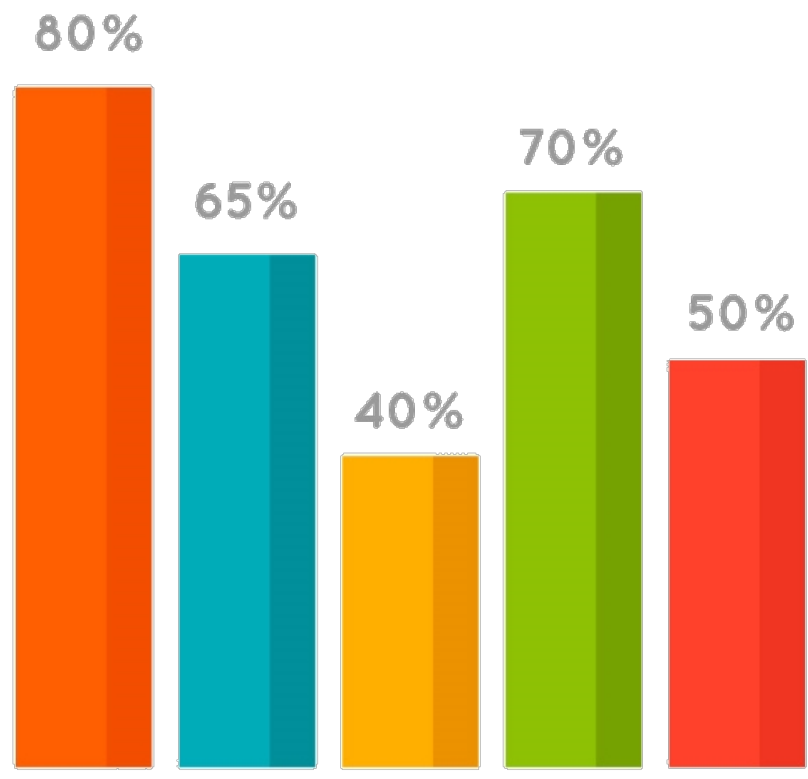
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Webinar	Cycle 1	Cycle 2
Introduction to CNCS, Senior Corps and RSVP	Oct. 2	Oct. 16
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RSVP in Action: Mobilizing a Generation	Oct. 4	Oct. 18
National Performance Measures	Oct. 10	Oct. 23
Submitting Your Application via eGrants	Oct. 11	Oct. 25

All calls at 3:30ET/12:30PT





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Competition Overview

- Competition is **open now!**
- Notice of Intent to Apply due **Oct. 10** at 5:00pm ET/2:00pm PT (Encouraged, not Required)
- Applications due **Nov. 7** at 5:00pm ET/2:00pm PT

FY 2019 RSVP Competition Intent to Apply

Contact Information

* 1. Provide the information for the applicant-organization and the person submitting the Notice of Intent to Apply on behalf of the organization:

Legal Applicant Name (Organization)	<input type="text"/>
Proposed service area by opportunity number	<input type="text"/>
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Address 2 (if this field is not applicable, enter N/A)	<input type="text"/>
City	<input type="text"/>
State	<input type="text"/>
Zip	<input type="text"/>
Contact person first name	<input type="text"/>
Contact person last name	<input type="text"/>
Contact Person Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Phone number	<input type="text"/>
How you heard about the competition	<input type="text"/>

Please provide an email address that is active and checked frequently. CNCS will use email to communicate with applicants in the event of an important update regarding this funding opportunity.

Competition Overview



2019 RSVP Competition Appendix A - List of Available Funding Opportunities

State	Opportunity Number	Total Annual Funding Available	Start Date	Number of Unduplicated Volunteers	Areas Affected
Alabama	AL-01	\$56,793	April 1, 2019	95	Tuscaloosa and Hale Counties
Alabama	AL-02	\$40,000	April 1, 2019	160	Monroe and Conecuh Counties
Alabama	AL-03	\$41,817	April 1, 2019	525	Lauderdale County
Alabama	AL-04	\$57,500	April 1, 2019	215	Mobile County



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Funding Priorities



- Access to Care – Opioid Abuse
- Aging in Place – Elder Justice
- Aging in Place – Independent Living
- Economic Opportunity – Workforce Development
- Education – Intergenerational Programming
- Disaster Services
- Veterans and Military Families



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50,000

Service Locations

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220,000

Senior Corps Volunteers



75,000

AmeriCorps Members

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About the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

- Independent federal agency that supports volunteerism and civic engagement
- **Mission:** Improve lives, strengthen communities and foster civic engagement through service and volunteerism
- Works in partnership with state and local partners, often through grants

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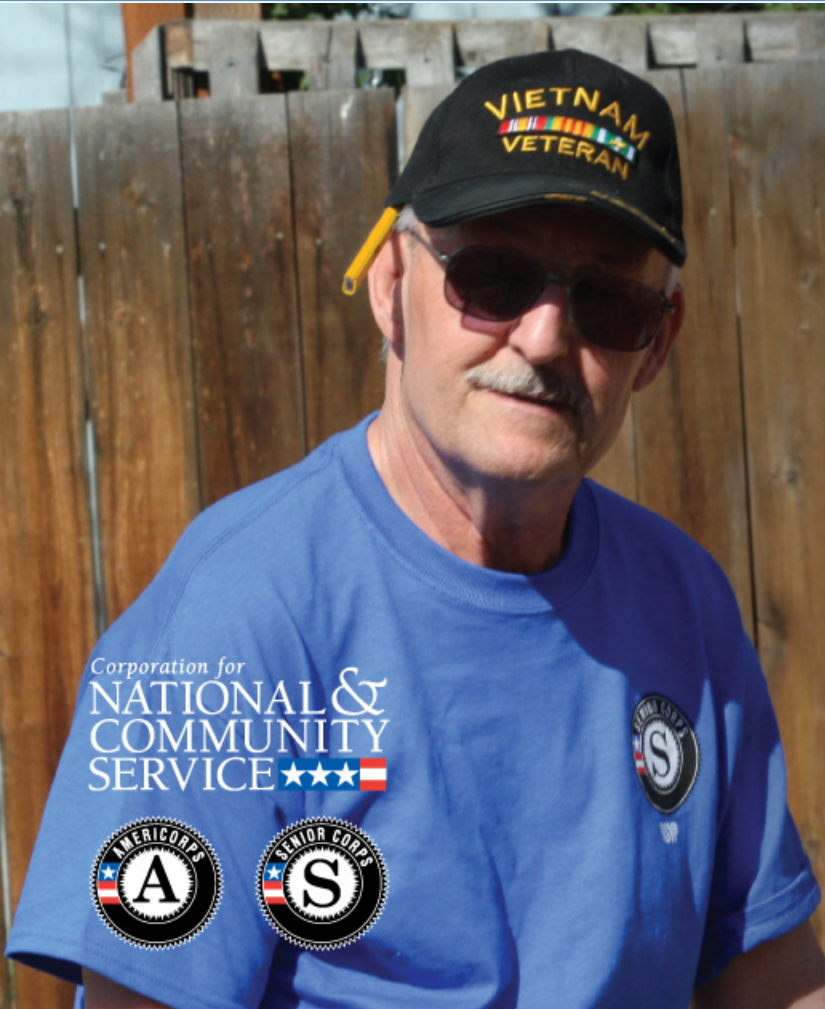
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Each year, Senior Corps and AmeriCorps members assist

750,000

veterans & military family members through:

- employment services
- benefits counseling
- transportation
- housing support

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Senior Corps and
AmeriCorps members
support students
in nearly

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public, parochial,
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across the country.



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AmeriCorps and Senior Corps members are addressing the opioid crisis in more than **150** communities across **45** states.



NationalService.gov/SubstanceAbuse



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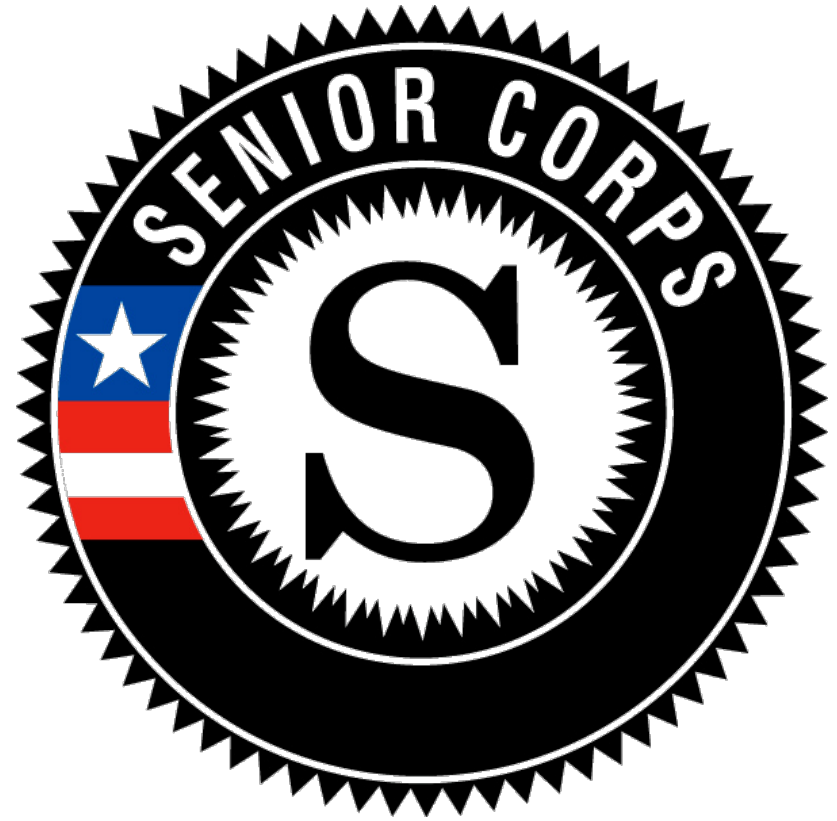
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- NationalService.gov
- <https://www.nationalservice.gov/impact-our-nation/state-profiles>
- Your CNCS State Office
- Social Media:
<https://www.nationalservice.gov/newsroom/social-media-hub>



Introducing Senior Corps

- Nation's largest network of older American volunteers
- 220,000 volunteers in every state in the country, plus D.C., Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands
- Support more than 70,000 organizations across the country



The Foster Grandparent Program

- Foster Grandparents are role models, mentors, and friends to children with exceptional needs.
- Volunteers serve at thousands of local organizations that:
 - Help children learn to read and provide one-on-one tutoring
 - Mentor troubled teenagers and young mothers
 - Care for premature infants or children with disabilities
 - Help children who have been abused or neglected
- Eligible volunteers may receive a small stipend to defray the costs of serving.



The Senior Companion Program

- Senior Companions provide assistance and friendship to adults who have difficulty with daily living tasks, such as shopping or paying bills.
- We help these adults remain independent in their homes instead of having to move to more costly institutional care.
- Senior Companions give families or professional caregivers a much needed time off from their duties, run errands, and often provide friendship for their clients.
- Eligible volunteers may receive a small stipend to defray the costs of serving.



Introducing RSVP

- Established in 1971
- Engages people 55 and older in diverse volunteer activities.
- Volunteers:
 - Tutor children
 - Renovate homes
 - Teach English to immigrants
 - Assist victims of natural disasters
 - Provide independent living services
 - Recruit and manage other volunteers
 - And much, much more.



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Key Terms

- **Sponsor/Grantee:** The organization that receives RSVP funding and is legally responsible for stewarding grant funds
- **Station:** A community partner where RSVP volunteers serve



How RSVP Works

- RSVP volunteers are individuals 55+
- RSVP assesses community needs and leverages RSVP volunteers to meet those needs
- RSVP volunteers serve at RSVP volunteer stations in the geographic service area, including the sponsor itself.

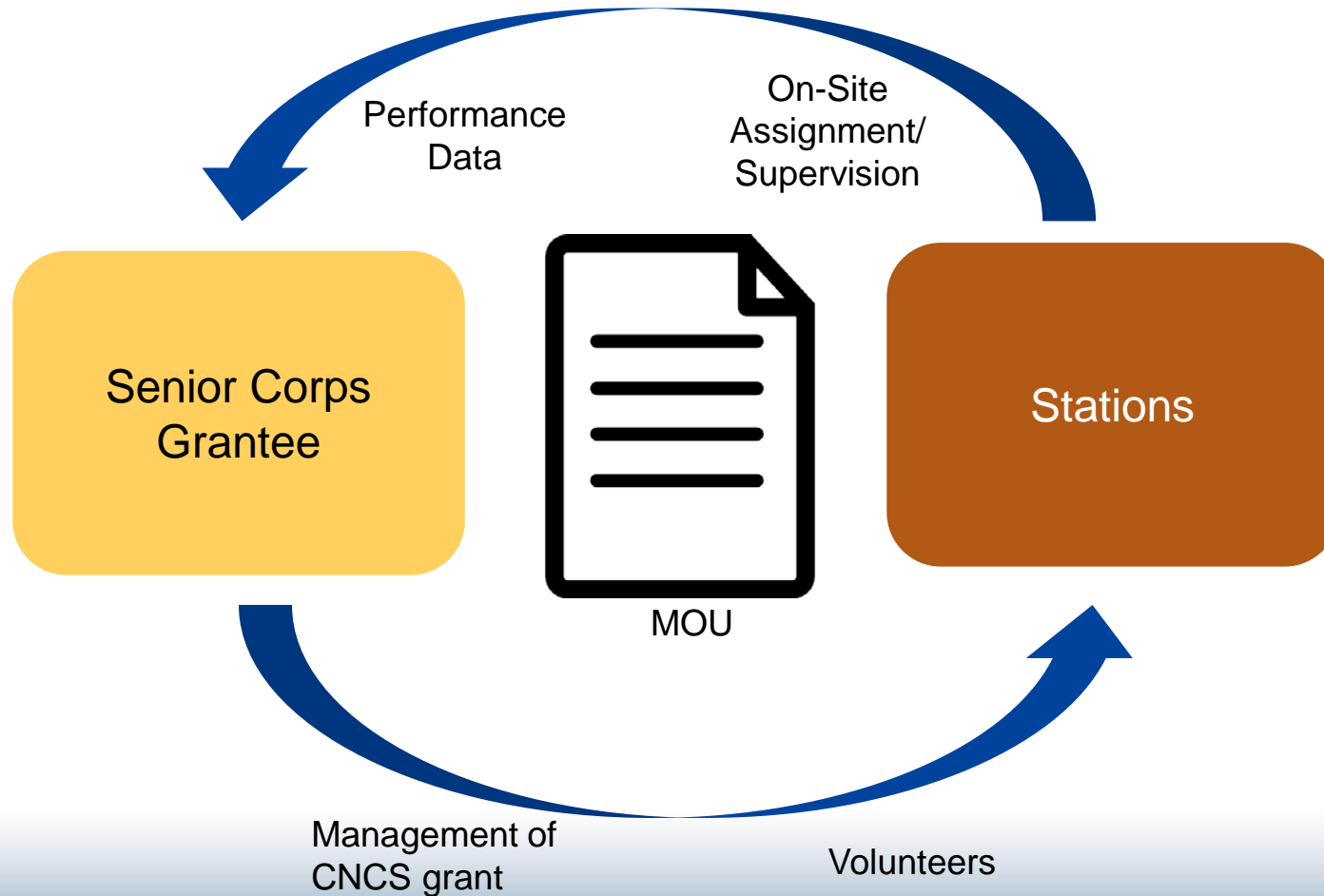


Volunteer Stations

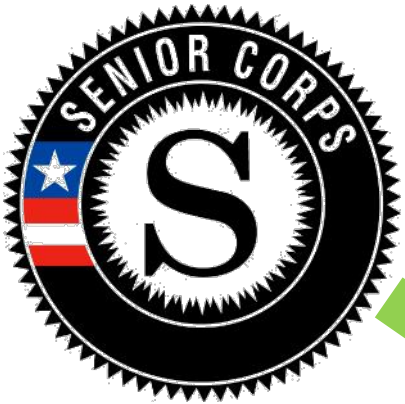
- Nonprofit organizations, proprietary health care facilities, public agencies
- Some sponsors may develop a wide range of stations, dispersed throughout a geographic service. Others may choose to focus on a couple specific stations or service activities.
- RSVP sponsor can also be RSVP volunteer station.
- RSVP sponsor organizations sign Memoranda of Understandings with local organizations and sends them volunteers



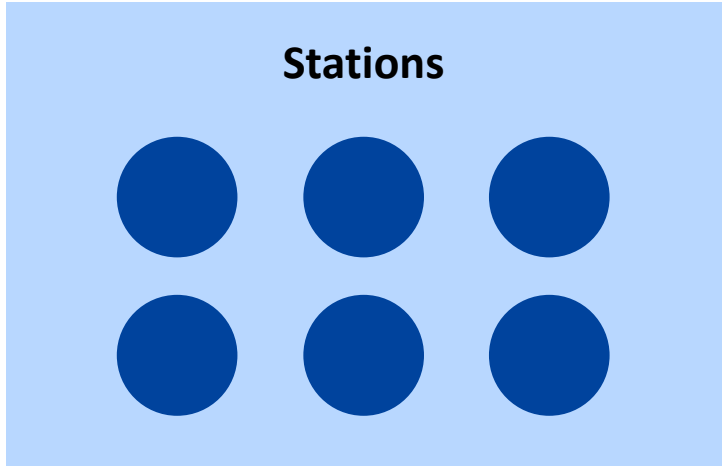
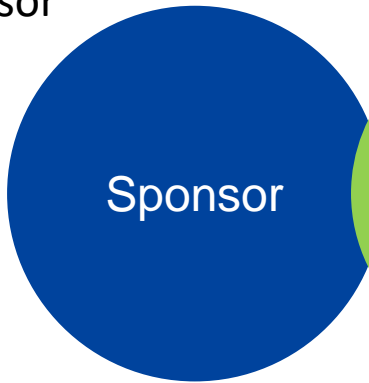
Partnering with Senior Corps



Multi-Issue/Multi-Station RSVP



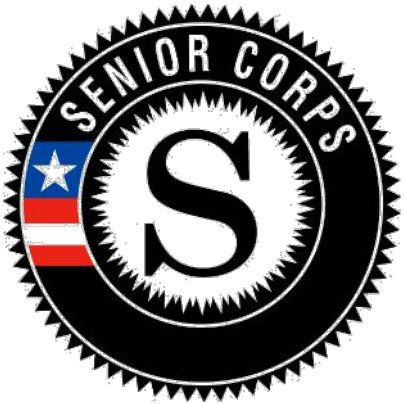
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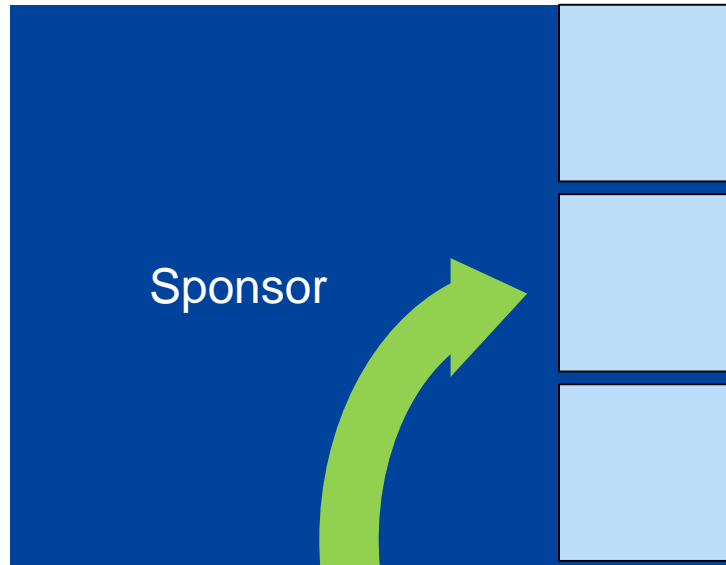
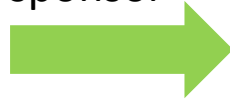
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Single-Issue/Self-Station RSVP



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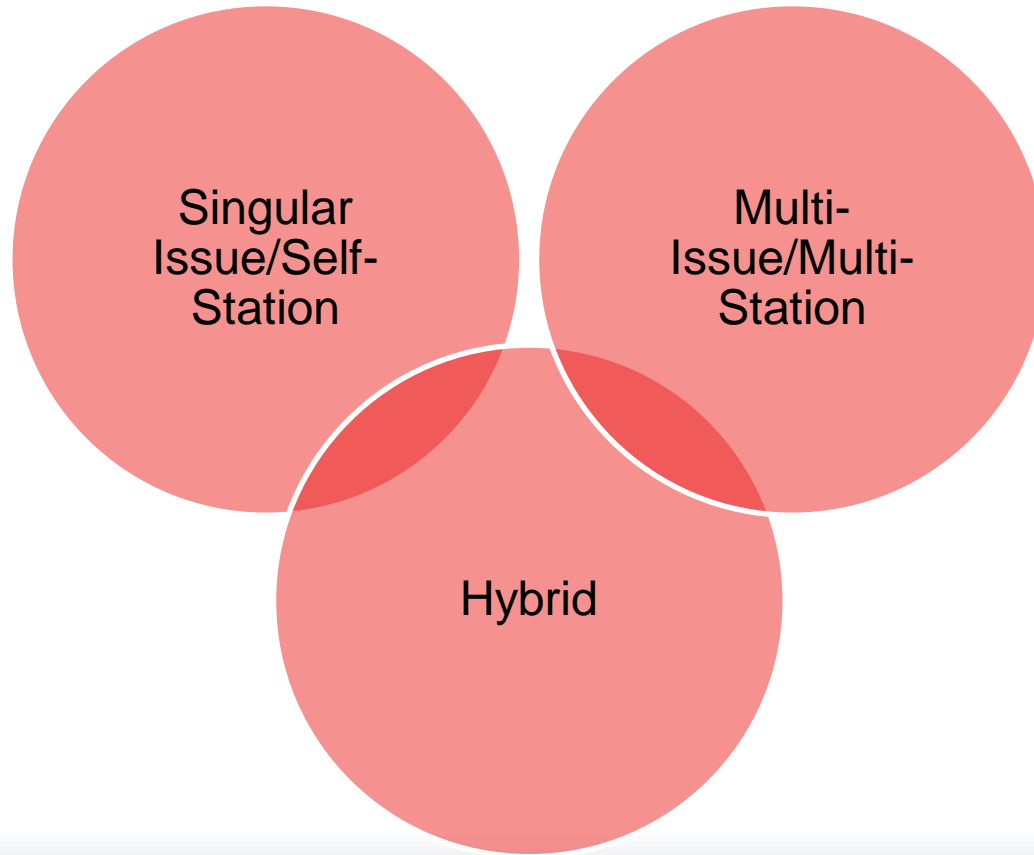


Sponsor Programs

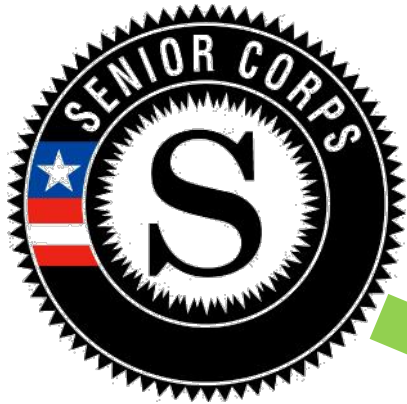
Sponsor recruits volunteers and places them within own programs (sponsor = station)



RSVP Models



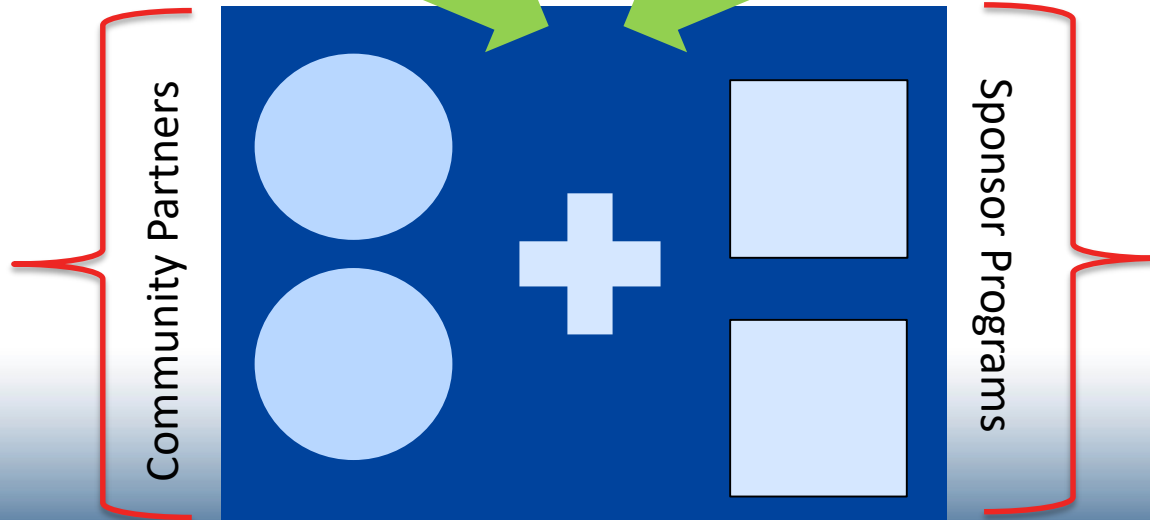
RSVP as Hybrid



CNCS grants funds to sponsor

Sponsor recruits volunteers and places them within own programs and at independent volunteer stations

RSVP
Volunteers



Senior Corps

What's Important

- Local presence and capacity to meet local needs
- Demonstrate community needs that are well documented and supported by data in the application
- Community partners
- **Using RSVP volunteers to realize outcomes and make a difference!**



Examples?

1. Go to <https://nationalservice.tumblr.com/> and search “RSVP”

NOV 3, 2016 ♥ 2

Senior Corps RSVP Volunteers Help Children Succeed at School, Work, and Life

by Kathy Baird, Monadnock Senior
Corps RSVP Program Director &
Allison Riley, Monadnock Senior
Corps RSVP Program Coordinator



*Senior Corps volunteer Brenda
Garozzo has a fun time selecting
books for her students at the Annual
RSVP Book Fair*

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DEC 1, 2016

Osteoporosis affects millions. This free class could help fight it.

By: Danielle Douglas-Gabriel,
Washington Post



Katarzyna Massie, Rita Nirola and
Connie Winternitz attend a Bone
Builders class at Potomac Community
Methodist Church. (Sue Schick)

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#SeniorCorpsWorks: Serving Veterans - RSVP Veterans Coffeehouse

By CNCS Connecticut State Office



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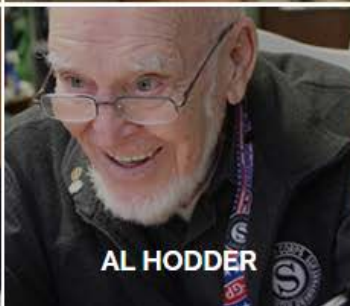
2. <https://www.nationalservice.gov/about/open-government-initiative/transparency/results-grants-competition>

Database of Submitted Applications

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Organization State		
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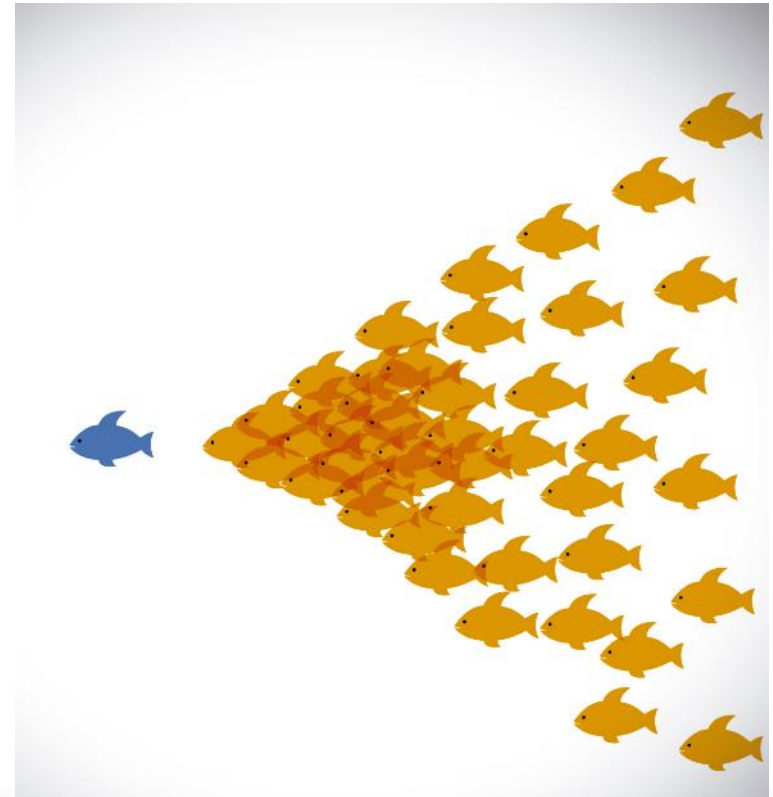
Examples?

3. <https://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/senior-corps/senior-corps-stories>



Benefits to the Sponsor

- Leverage volunteers to achieve your mission
- Build the capacity of your organization
- Become part of a large national network
- Strengthen other public and nonprofit agencies in your community
- Demonstrate competitive programming



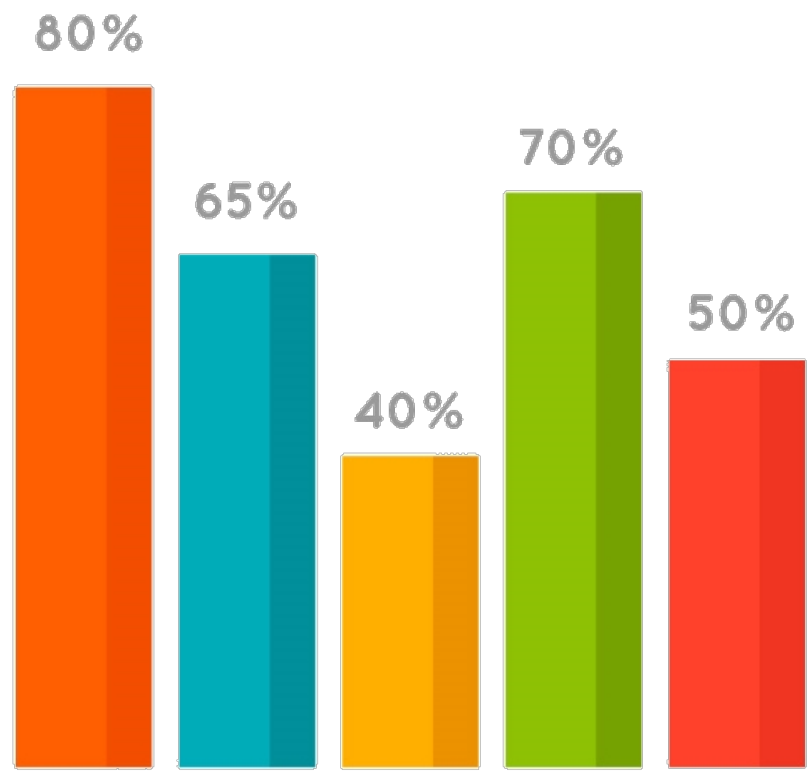
Benefits to the Volunteer

- Real Impact on Community Needs
- Friends and Connections
- Flexible Opportunities
- Health and Happiness
- Benefits:
 - Insurance (Accident, Personal Liability, and Certain Excess Automobile Liability)
 - Recognition
 - Meals
 - Transportation



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Performance Measurement

- All RSVP grants must use CNCS' National Performance Measures to project and measure impact
- Volunteers allocated to two kinds of “work plans”
 - National Performance Measure or “outcome-based” work plans tied to specific output and outcome measures
 - “Other Community Priority Work Plans” for activities not measured by National Performance Measures
- At least one unduplicated volunteer programmed in NPM work plans for every \$1,000 in federal funding

Performance Measurement

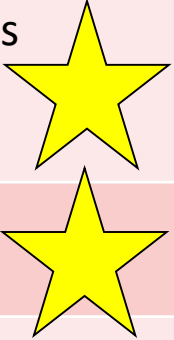
State	Opportunity Number	Total Annual Funding Available	Start Date	Unduplicated Volunteers	Areas Affected
Gulliver	GU-01	\$75,000	April 1, 2019	100	Lilliput and Brobdingnag Counties

1. Divide \$75,000 by \$1000 = **75**
2. Program at least 75 volunteers in NPM work plans
3. Program other volunteers in “Other Community Priorities,” with no less than 100 total volunteers
4. NPM volunteers + OCP volunteers \geq **100**

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Rules and Regulations

- The **Code of Federal Regulations** is the source of the requirements that govern Senior Corps grants.
- The Code of Federal Regulations (abbreviated CFR), is the codification of the general and permanent rules published in the Federal Register by the executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government.
- Code of Federal Regulation 45 part 2553 (abbreviated “**45 CFR 2553**”) is the source of requirements for RSVP.

Code of Federal Regulation

- The eCFR (www.ecfr.gov) is the best way to access the CFR.
 - RSVP-Title 45 Part 2553
- The Senior Corps Federal Regulations are easy to search and are written in an easy to understand question and answer format.



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Service Activity Restrictions

- Replacing Paid Staff
- Political Activity
- Religious Activity
- Labor and Anti-Labor Activity



Criminal History Checks

- Required for RSVP project staff
- Recommended and allowable for all volunteers
- Visit <https://www.nationalserviceresources.gov/national-service-criminal-history-check-resources> for details
- Include in budgeting



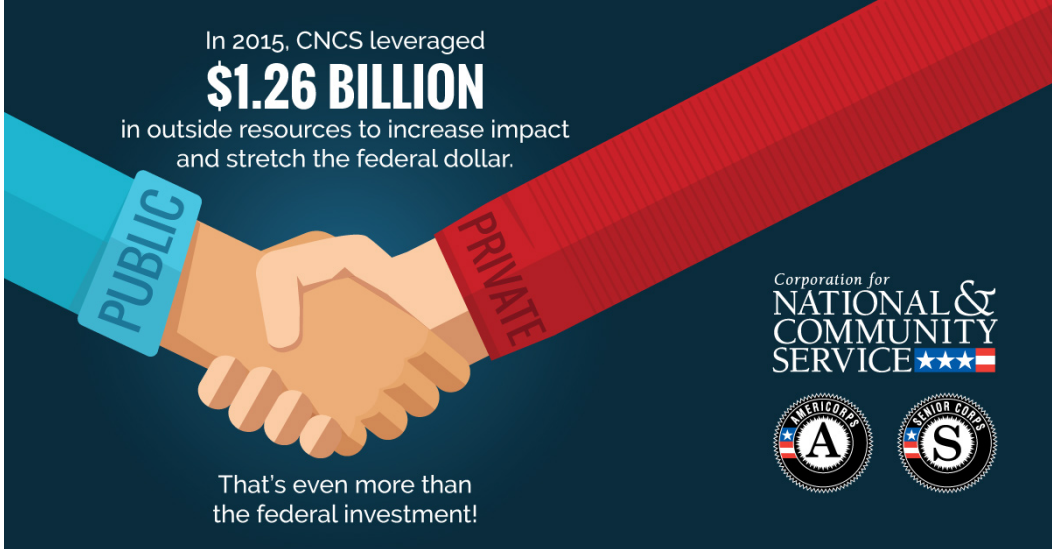
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- Support a Program Director, other staff
- Recognition Activities
- Recruitment Activities
- Communications with volunteers and stations (newsletters, other mailings, or local travel)
- Staff Training
- Grants are subject to **Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200)**



Match



Year	Match Requirement
Year 1	10% of total project budget
Year 2	20% of total project budget
Year 3	30% of total project budget



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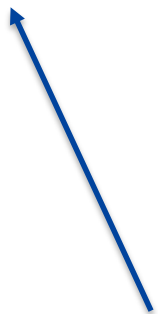
- Grant award covers three year. CNCS generally funds the first year.
- Funding for the second and third year of the project period is dependent upon:
 - Satisfactory performance
 - Demonstrated capacity to manage the grant
 - Compliance with grant requirements
 - Availability of Congressional appropriations
- After three years, grant may be “renewed” – a non-competitive process
- If renewed, competition begins again in **six years**



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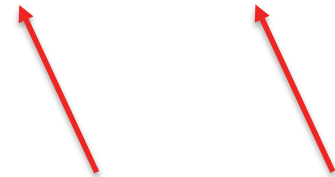
Performance Period 1			Performance Period 2		
Budget Year 1	Budget Year 2	Budget Year 3	Budget Year 1	Budget Year 2	Budget Year 3



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Renewal
(Non-Competitive)



“Continuations” –
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Recompete

2019
Initial Award

