



AmeriCorps has implemented a final rule to modernize AmeriCorps Seniors. These new changes make it easier for older adults to volunteer and help their communities.

The final regulations include:

1. Modernized Income Calculation

Change: AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers in the Foster Grandparents and Senior Companion programs will no longer be required to include not legally mandated family support in their reported income.

Impact: This adjustment allows more low-income older adults to participate in the program and become eligible to receive a stipend for their service, which will expand opportunities for community involvement.

2. Stipend Continuation During Administrative Leave

Change: Grantee policies may permit volunteers to continue receiving a stipend during short-term administrative leave due to extenuating circumstances.

Impact: Volunteers can maintain financial stability even when temporarily unable to serve, which ensures continuous support without the fear of income loss.

3. Supplementing Stipends

Change: Grantees now have the flexibility to supplement stipends with their own funds, allowing them to adjust hourly rates as needed to recruit and support older adults in their communities.

Impact: This change offers community organizations greater control over stipend amounts, which will make attracting and retaining volunteers easier.

4. Consistency in Match Requirements

Change: The match requirement for the AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP program is now standardized at 10 percent across all grant years, replacing the previous requirement of 30 percent in year three and beyond.

Impact: This standardization allows grantees to focus resources on program operations rather than meeting fluctuating match requirements, which promotes equity across all AmeriCorps Seniors programs.