

Appendix G: Cost per Volunteer Service Year Calculator



Overview

Organizations applying for funding for AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent, Senior Companion, and stipended Senior Demonstration Program projects have a Cost per Volunteer Service Year (VSY) of \$9,000. This means they must place at least one VSY in a work plan that results in National Performance Measure Outcomes for every \$9,000 in AmeriCorps Seniors funding. A VSY is 1,044 hours of service, and includes time a volunteer spends in service, orientation and training hours, and stipended leave.

Common arithmetic rules should be used to determine how to round VSYs for outcome-based work plans. Applicants should round to the nearest whole number. For example, an AmeriCorps Seniors applicant with stipended volunteers that is requesting \$100,000 in federal funding would require 11.1 VSYs in work plans that result in national performance measure outcomes ($100,000/9,000 = 11.1$). Since 11.1 is less than 11.5, this would be rounded down to 11 VSYs in work plans that result in national performance measure outcomes. In contrast, an applicant with \$150,000 in federal funding (16.6 VSYs in outcome-based work plans) would round up and require 17 VSYs in work plans that result in national performance measures outcomes.

VSY Calculator

In the table below, enter the amount of AmeriCorps Seniors funding you are applying for. The number of VSYs you have to place into outcome-based workplans for that amount of funding will be calculated for you.

Amount of AmeriCorps Seniors funding:	
Amount of funding / 9000:	
Number of VSYs you have to place in outcome-based workplans:	

Entering VSYs into Work Plans in eGrants

Due to limitations with eGrants, the work plans will ask for "Number of Unduplicated Volunteers." This is the field in which you enter your VSYs. For more detailed information on completing the work plans, please see the [Grant Application Instructions](#).