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RSVP Competition: What's New for Fiscal Year 2025

August 2024



Agenda

- RSVP Grant Lifecycle
- What's New for Fiscal Year 2025
- Recap and Knowledge Check
- Q&A





Pre-Poll Questions

How confident do you feel in your current ability to submit an RSVP competitive application?

5 - Very Confident

4 - Confident

3 - Somewhat Confident

2 - Not Very Confident

1 - Not Confident at All

Have you utilized the training and technical assistance materials on americorps.gov?

Yes

No

Unsure



Disclaimer

This webinar is a high-level overview of the key updates in the Notice.

Applicants should thoroughly review the Notice and be sure they follow all directions, regardless of whether the sections are included in this overview.





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RSVP Grant Lifecycle

Understanding the Application Process

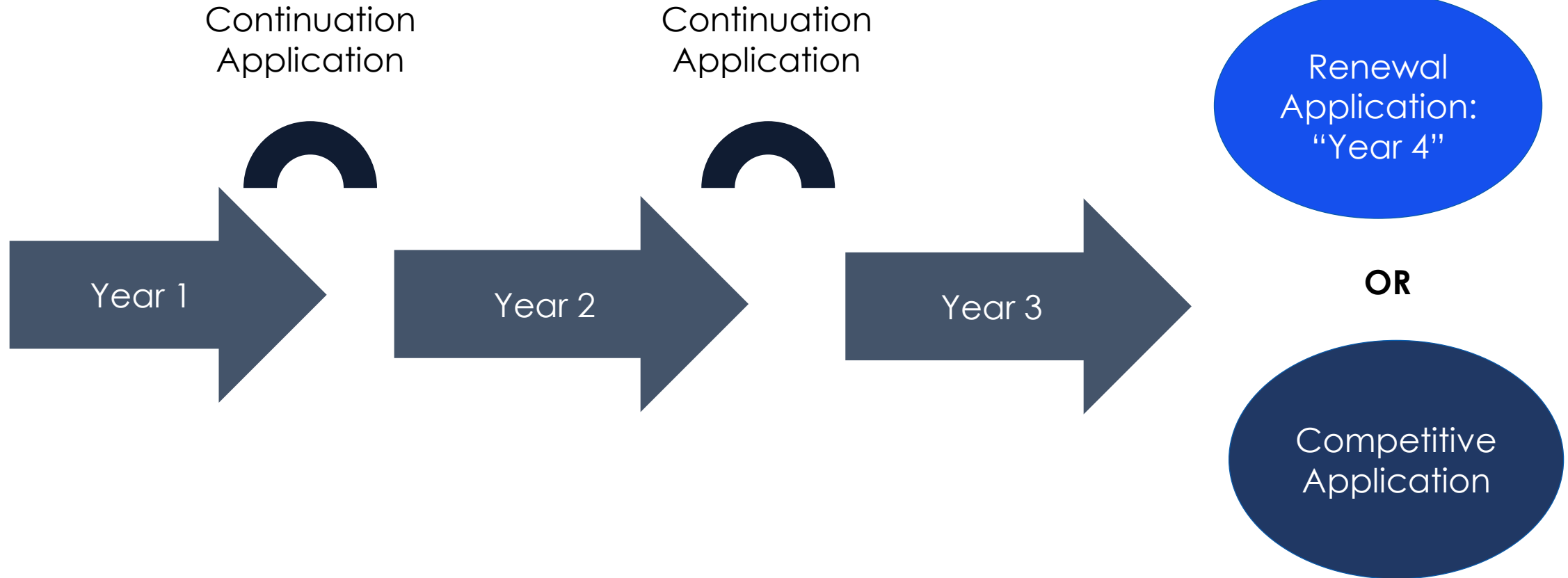


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RSVP Grant Lifecycle





RSVP Competition Schedule - Overview

Competition
("On" Years)

Admin Renewals
("Off" Years)

Competition
("On" Years)

Admin Renewals
("Off" Years)

FY19 | 19SR

FY22 | 22SR

FY25 | 25SR

FY28 | 28SR

FY20 | 20SR

FY23 | 23SR

FY26 | 26SR

FY29 | 29SR

FY21 | 21SR

FY24 | 24SR

FY27 | 27SR

FY30 | 30SR



Incumbent vs New Applicants

Incumbent Applicants

- Required to compete
 - 22SRXXXXX grant number
 - Temporary sponsors
- Any other current AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP grantee

New Applicants

- Organizations without a current active AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP grant



Understanding Your Grant Number

Grant Number: 23SRGOK008

23 **SR** **G** **OK** **008**

1 **2** **3** **4** **5**

- 1** Fiscal Year the grant was awarded
- 2** Corporate code
(SR = AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP)
- 3** Office of Regional Operations region code
- 4** State abbreviation
- 5** Grant identifier

Application ID: 24SR267896

24 **SR** **267896**

A **B** **C**

- A** Fiscal Year for the application or amendment
- B** Corporate code
(SR = AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP)
- C** Application identifier



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What's New for Fiscal Year 2025

Important Changes to Process



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Areas Affected by the Project

Define your geographic service area:

- Open to all states/territories
- Incumbents not limited to previous service area
- More than one grantee can serve a single county
- List county names or tribal lands only; do not list cities, towns, etc.

Example:

If serving counties in one state

- Vermont: Addison, Orange, Washington

If serving a tribal land

- Arizona: Fort Yuma-Quechan Tribal lands

If serving counties in multiple states

- Arkansas: Crittenden
- Mississippi: DeSoto



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A.2. Funding Priorities



06 Supporting behavioral health initiatives

Reduce isolation, improve mental health, offer peer support, provide support, and use harm reduction methods

05 Supporting local climate change initiatives

Energy efficiency, waste management, and ecosystem restoration

04 Reducing the number of people who are unhoused

Provide affordable housing, support the unhoused, and addressing housing needs



01 Supporting older adults and their caregivers

Caregiver respite, support groups, system navigation, care coordination, and resources for custodial grandparents

02 Helping older adults re-enter the workforce

Job readiness support, mentoring, training, and removing barriers to employment

03 Preventing and mitigating fraud and scams

Digital navigators and other methods to prevent and mitigate financial fraud, abuse, and exploitation



A.3. Performance Goals or Expected Outcomes

Designated work plans for priorities

- Selection criteria and service activities for priorities are included in Appendix B

Other Community Priorities work plans

- Can have more than one; assign a service activity to each
- No more than 20% of total unduplicated volunteers in Other Community Priorities

Suggested Resources:

Appendix B

[Using Narratives and Work Plans to Make Your Case](#): Aug 8 and 28, 2 PM ET



B.2. Estimated Award Amount

- Federal share of the budget cannot exceed \$75,000 plus \$350 per unduplicated volunteer
 - No List of Funding Opportunities (formerly known as “Appendix A”)
 - No established baseline funding
 - No established number of unduplicated volunteers
- See [Appendix E](#) for a calculator
- Formulas:

$$\text{Federal Share} \leq \$75,000 + (\$350 * \text{Unduplicated Volunteers})$$

OR

$$(\text{Federal Share} - \$75,000) / \$350 = \text{Unduplicated Volunteers}$$



How Much Federal Funding Do I Ask for?

Start with how many unduplicated volunteers you can achieve

Example: You can achieve 100 unduplicated volunteers.

$$\$75,000 + (100 * \$350) = ?$$

$$\$75,000 + \$35,000 = \$110,000$$

Federal share: \$110,000 (maximum)

At least 100 unduplicated volunteers

Start with the amount you need to manage the program

Example: You need \$160,000 in federal funding for the program.

$$(\$160,000 - \$75,000) / 350 = ?$$

$$\$85,000 / 350 = 242.9$$

Federal share: \$160,000 (maximum)

At least 243 unduplicated volunteers



De Minimis Rate of Modified Total Direct Costs

- The de minimis rate is increasing to 15% for awards made on or after October 1, 2024
- Applicants claiming the de minimis rate may budget for 15% of modified total direct costs





D.3. UEI and SAM

- Applicants must have:
 - an active [SAM](#) registration at the time of the application deadline
 - **Applicants that do not have an active [SAM](#) registration as of September 18, 2024, will be deemed non-compliant**
 - Legal name and physical address in eGrants must match exactly what is in [SAM](#)
 - a valid Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)
 - an Employer Identification Number (EIN)



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Recap & Knowledge Check

What are the key takeaways?



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Knowledge Check

What kind of grant identifier is 22SRGTX001?

- A. **Grant Number**
- B. Application ID

What type of grant application will 22SRGTX001 submit in FY 2025?

- A. Continuation Application
- B. **Competitive Application**



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Important Reminders

Things to Remember



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Funding Opportunity Page



- Notice of Funding Opportunity and Appendices
- Grant Application Instructions
- Training and Technical Assistance Webinars
- FAQs and Other Resources for Applicants

Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP Opportunity

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About RSVP

Established in 1971 and now one of the largest senior volunteer programs in the nation, AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP engages people ages 55 and older in a diverse range of volunteer activities. AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP volunteers tutor children, help prepare simple taxes, assist victims of natural disasters, provide nutrition/food support, facilitate opioid and substance abuse education workshops, and serve in their communities in many other ways. AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP volunteers choose how, where, and how often they want to serve, with commitments ranging from a few hours to a maximum of 40 hours per week. While serving, AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP volunteers improve their own lives by staying active and civically engaged. To read the statute that regulates the AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP program, view the [Uniform Guidance § CFR 800](#) and [RSVP Federal Regulations](#).

Application Deadline

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, September 18, 2024. Successful applicants will be issued awards by end of March 2025.

For more information, visit the [Funding Opportunity Page](#).

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Important Dates



Applications are due no later than **Wednesday, September 18, 2024, by 5:00 PM ET**

Successful applicants will be issued awards by **March 2025**



Successful applicants will be notified by **January 2025**



Training and Technical Assistance

Upcoming Training Opportunities

- [Priorities and Selection Criteria](#): Aug 6, 2 PM ET
- [Best Practices in Budget Development](#): Aug 7, 2 PM ET
- [Using Narratives and Work Plans to Make Your Case](#): Aug 8, 2 PM ET





Key Contacts

Who to Contact and When

Question/Issue	Send an email to...
To receive a printed copy of the Notice, Grant Application Instructions, and Appendix B	RSVPCompetition@americorps.gov
Late application request	LateApplications@americorps.gov
Request a federally negotiated indirect cost rate from AmeriCorps	IndirectCostRate@americorps.gov
Submit the Operational and Financial Management Survey (OFMS)	Submit online ; forms submitted by email will not be accepted
Submit Tribal organization eligibility documentation	AdditionalDocuments@americorps.gov
General questions about the competition or AmeriCorps Seniors	RSVPCompetition@americorps.gov

*Please note: Incumbent grantees **should not** contact their portfolio manager for questions about the RSVP Competition.*

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Issues with eGrants

Who to Contact and When



Call the AmeriCorps Hotline at 800-942-2677

- Make note of your ticket number
- If assistance is needed on an application within 10 days of the submission deadline, choose option #3

Submit a question to the support team via the [web form](#)

Hotline hours:

- Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time
- Closed on federal holidays



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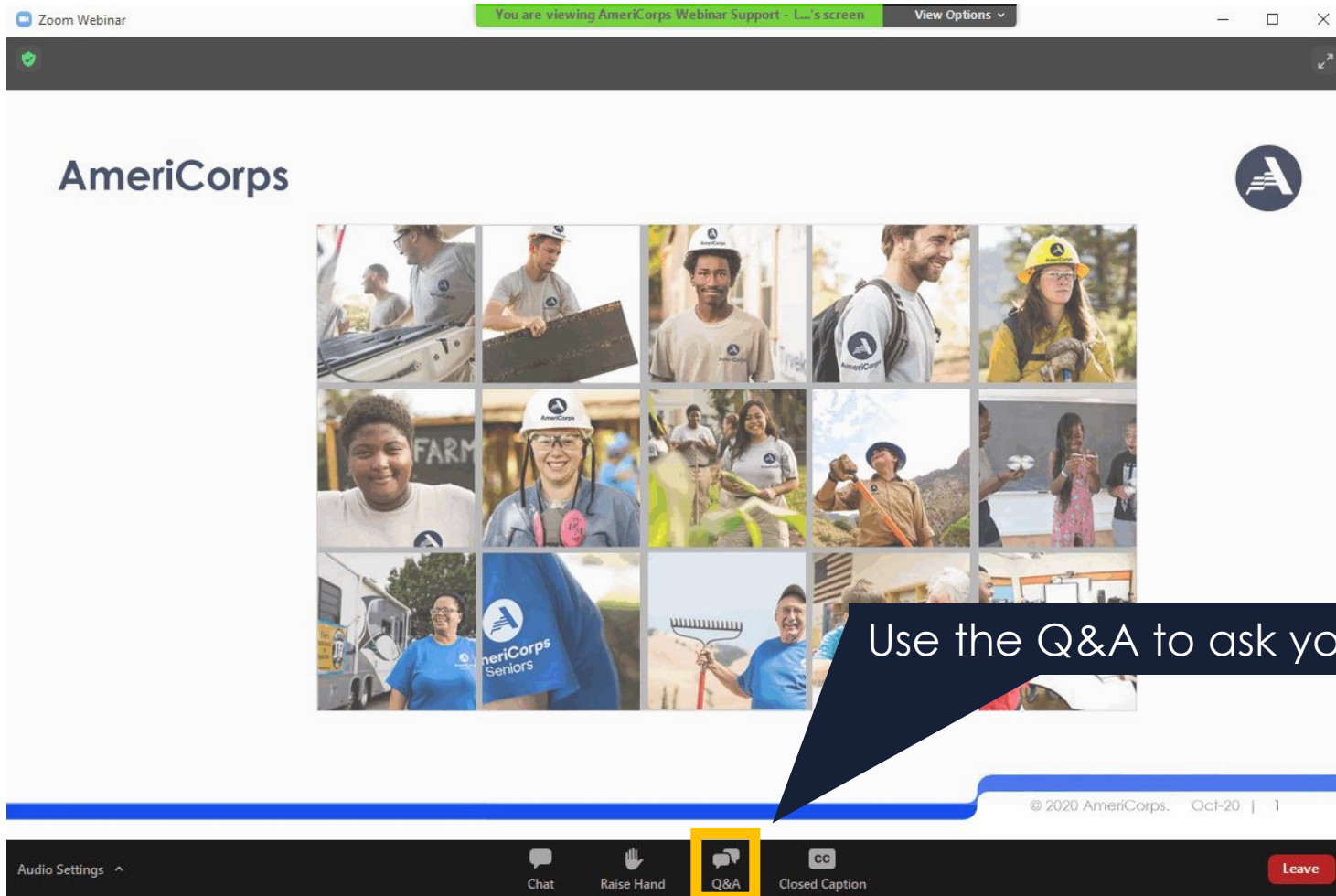
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Question & Answer

What questions do you still have?



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Questions?

Please enter your questions into the Q&A box.

Use the Q&A to ask your questions.



Post-Poll Questions

How confident do you feel in applying the skills and knowledge gained from “What's New for Fiscal Year 2025” training session?

- 5- Very Confident
- 4- Confident
- 3- Somewhat Confident
- 2- Not Very Confident
- 1- Not Confident at All

Do you intend to apply for an AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP grant?

- Yes, this year (FY2025)
- Yes, but in a future year
- Possibly
- Probably not
- No, definitely not



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