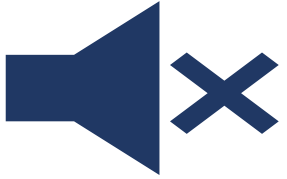




Introduction to the Corporation for National and Community Service and RSVP

Session 1 of 2 | July 13, 2020, 3:30 EST/ 12:30 PT





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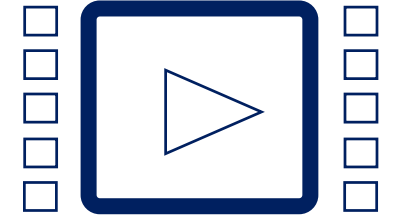
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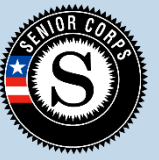




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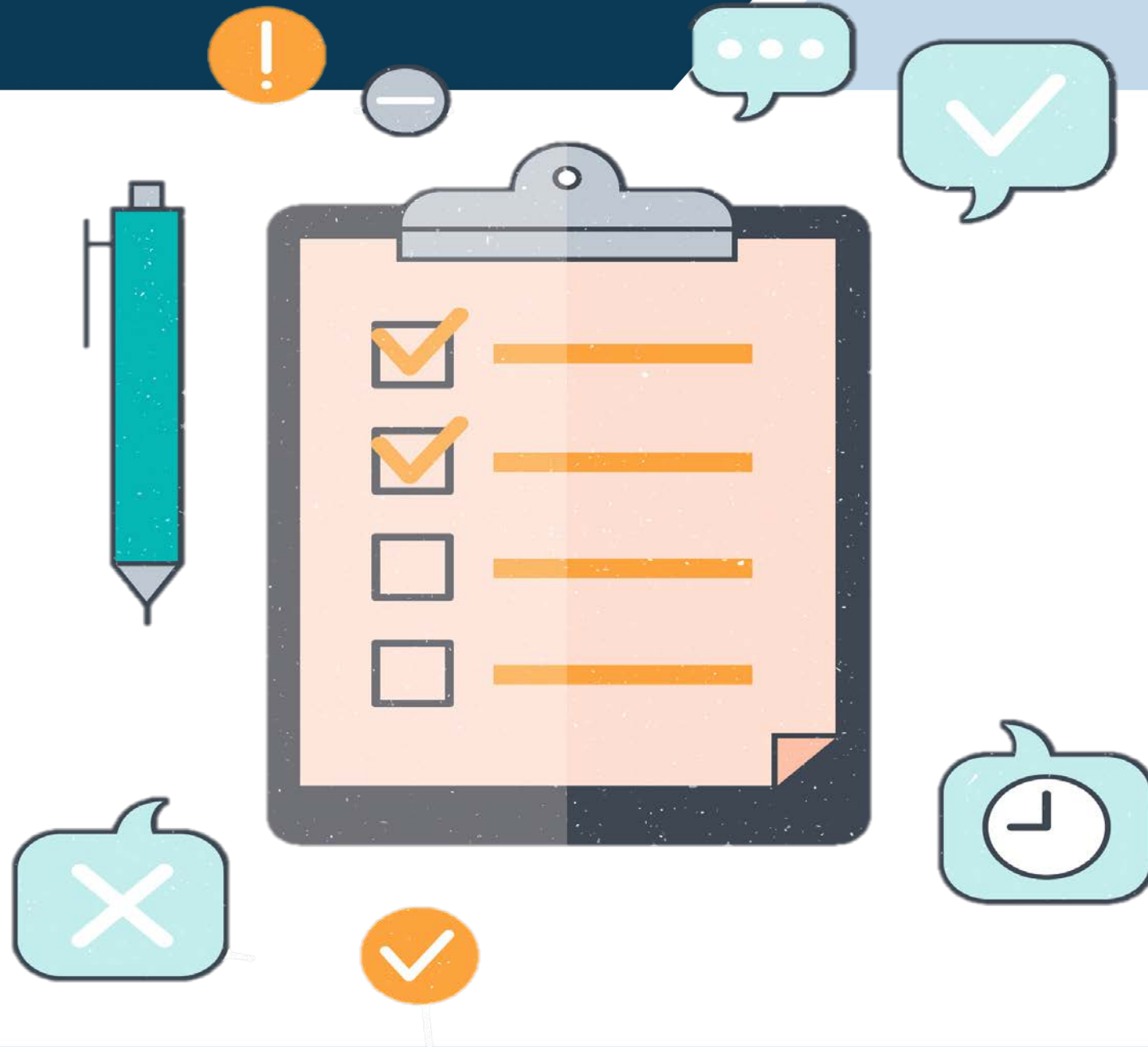
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- CNCS is accepting **applications now** for the RSVP program in specific geographic service areas
- Applications due by **5:00pm ET** on **September 1**
- To view available geographic service areas:
Appendix A

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**Geographic Service
Area (“Areas
Affected”)**



**Funding
Available**



**Number of
Unduplicated
Volunteers**





Opportunity Number	Total Annual Funding Available	Number of Unduplicated Volunteers	Areas Affected
AL-14	\$141,304	1,109	Autauga, Coosa, Elmore, Montgomery, Tallapoosa Counties

970 Opportunities

44 States

The Notice of Funding Opportunity



**HOW LONG IS
THE AWARD?**

**WHAT IS THE
REVIEW
PROCESS?**

**ARE ANY
MATCHING
FUNDS
REQUIRED?**

**WHAT
INFORMATION
SHOULD I INCLUDE
IN MY APPLICATION**

**WHAT KINDS OF
PROJECTS IS CNCS
HOPING TO FUND?**



I. Application Deadline

Application Deadline: Applications are due by **5:00 PM Eastern Time on Tuesday, September 1, 2020**. Successful applicants will be notified by January 2021.

II. Funding Opportunity and Application Instructions

Applicants must review both the Notice of Funding Opportunity including the Appendices and the Grant Application Instructions in order to fully understand the applications requirements.

- [FY 2021 RSVP Competition *Notice of Funding Opportunity*](#)
- [RSVP Grant Application Instructions](#)
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III. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

The FAQs document will be compiled and regularly updated. Questions submitted to 2021RSVP@cns.gov will likely be answered in the FAQs document.

Coming Soon

Resources



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MISSION

The mission of CNCS is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering.



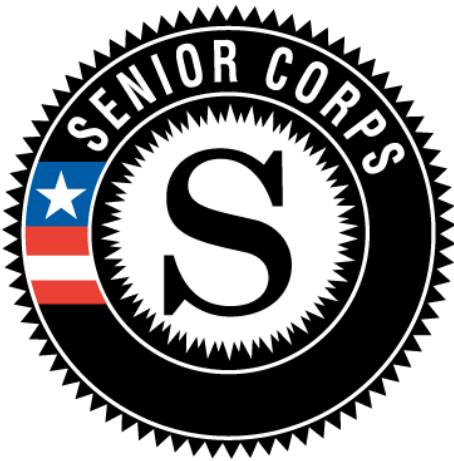
What is National Service?

National service is an opportunity to volunteer your time and talent to make a difference in people's lives and get things done for America. Through AmeriCorps and Senior Corps, individuals of any age can serve their country and their community by putting their valuable skills to use.

CNCS Programs and Initiatives



AmeriCorps State and National
AmeriCorps VISTA
AmeriCorps NCCC



RSVP
Foster Grandparents
Senior Companions



About CNCS

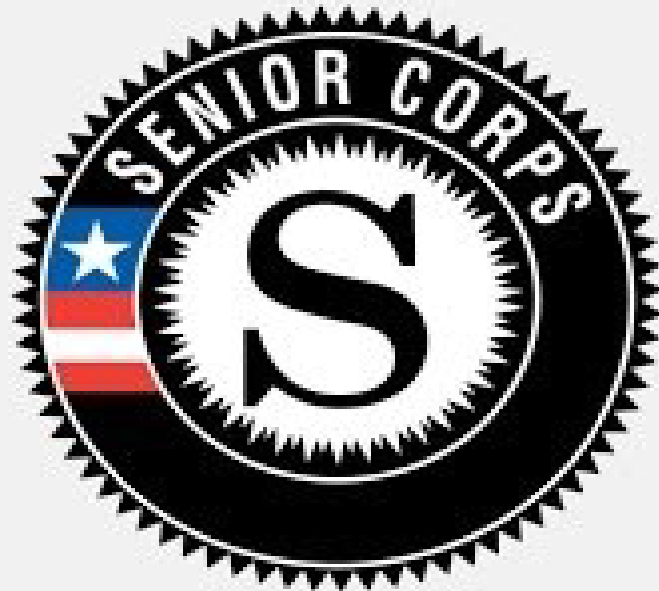


- [NationalService.gov](https://www.nationalservice.gov)
- National Service in Your State:
<https://www.nationalservice.gov/impact-our-nation/state-profiles>
- Your CNCS State/ Regional Office:
<https://www.nationalservice.gov/stateoffices>
- Social Media:
<https://www.nationalservice.gov/newsroom/social-media-hub>














WHAT IS SENIOR CORPS?





8 REASONS TO SENIOR CORPS

A program of the **Corporation for National & Community Service**

<p>MORE THAN 200,000 VOLUNTEERS EACH YEAR</p> 	 <p>50 MILLION HOURS SERVED EACH YEAR</p>	 <p>84% OF VOLUNTEERS REPORTED STABLE OR IMPROVING HEALTH</p>
 <p>KATRINA SANDY FLORENCE HARVEY AND MORE.</p> <p>RSVP HELPS COMMUNITIES RECOVER FROM DISASTER</p>	 <p>SeniorCorps.gov</p>	 <p>FOSTER GRANDPARENTS MENTOR STUDENTS WITH EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS</p>
 <p>SENIOR COMPANIONS HELP FELLOW SENIORS LIVE INDEPENDENTLY</p>	 <p>SENIOR CORPS VOLUNTEERS LIVE HAPPIER, HEALTHIER LIVES</p>	 <p>COMBATS ELDER ABUSE & OPIOID ADDICTION WITH SPECIAL INITIATIVES</p>

The Foster Grandparent Program (FGP)

- Role models and mentors to children with exceptional needs
- 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 (SCP)

- Provide assistance and friendship to adults who have difficulty with daily living tasks, such as shopping or paying bills.
- Help them remain independent in their homes instead of more costly institutional care
- Give other caregivers much needed respite
- Eligible volunteers may receive a small stipend to defray the costs of serving





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

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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.



Senior Corps Stories



Jim Koelliker

Senior Corps RSVP

Jim Koelliker

When asked about his time volunteering in the community, Senior Corps RSVP volunteer Jim Koelliker summed it up best, "There's no better place to meet people, caring, happy people who lift me up." Jim retired early in order to stay home and take care of his wife. He started volunteering because he was looking for flexible options away from home to keep moving. He loves to meet people and help fill a need.

Jim is a retired professor in Biological and Agriculture Engineering at Kansas State University. He was a founding member of the faculty committee that established the Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences Secondary Major in 1991. Jim first started working with the Konza Prairie Biological Station in 1978 as a researcher, and now he enjoys assisting with events and environmental programs with kids, and was a member of the Friends of the Konza Prairie board for six years.



To Learn More



**SENIOR CORPS
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SPONSOR/ GRANTEE:

The organization that receives RSVP funding and is legally responsible for stewarding grant funds

STATION:

A community partner where RSVP volunteers serve

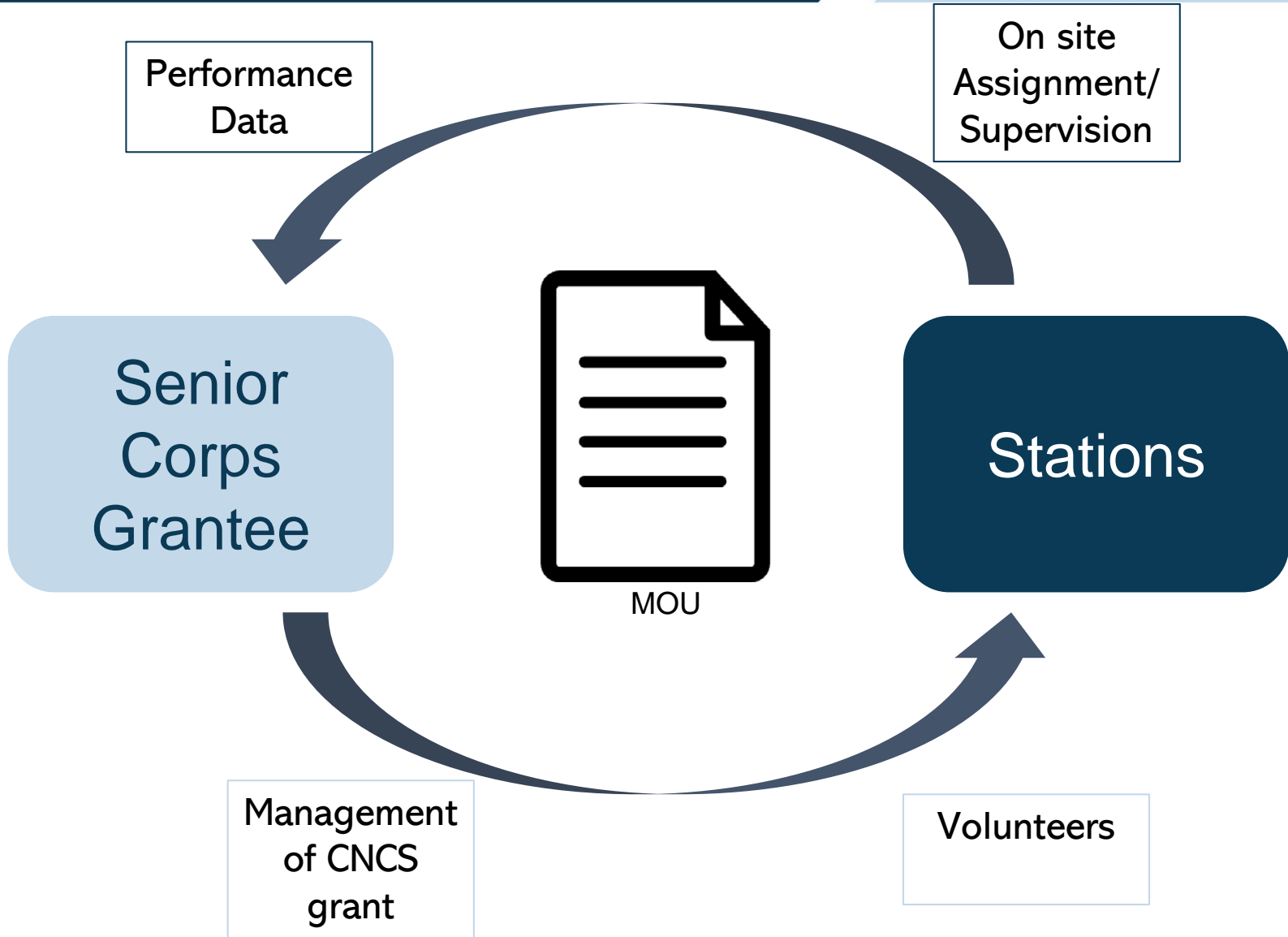
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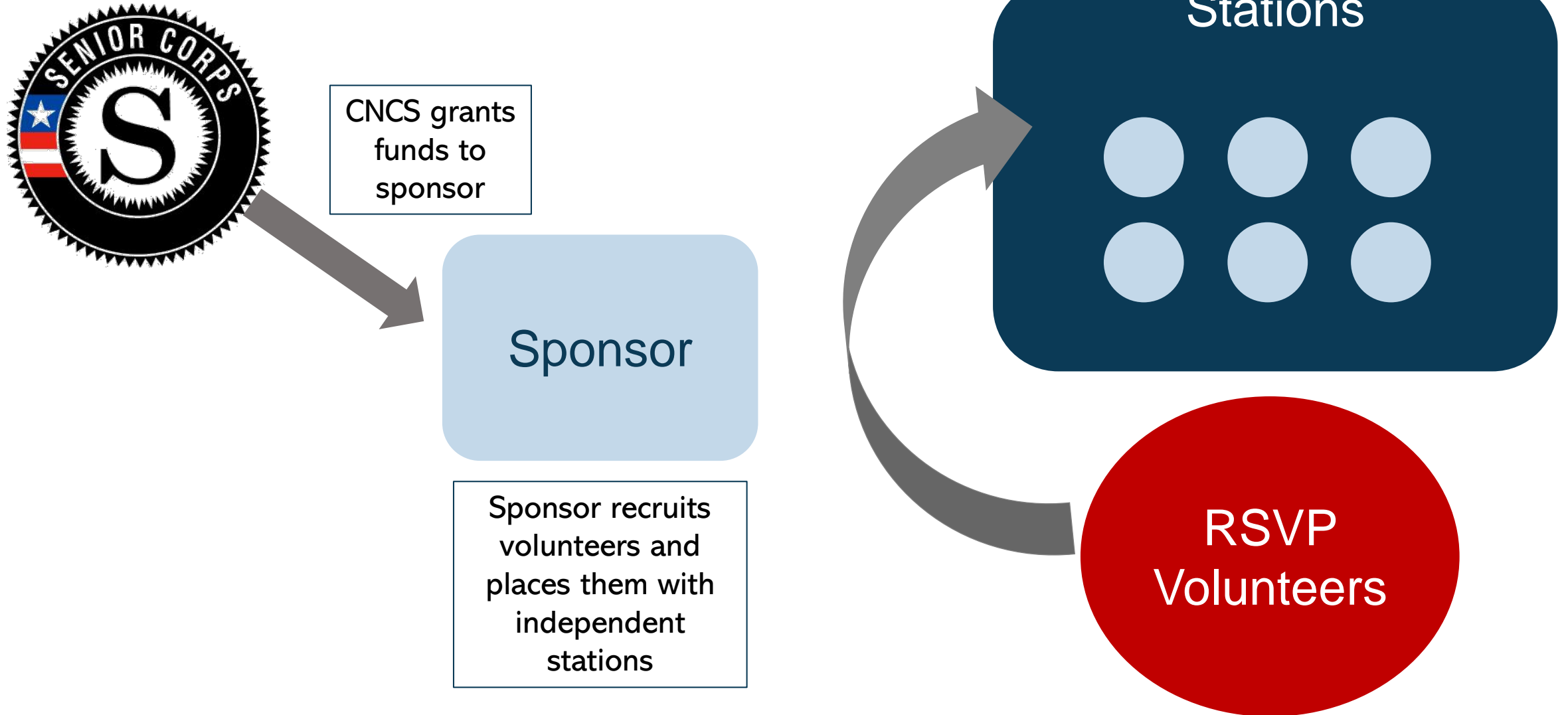
- Nonprofit organizations, proprietary health care facilities, public agencies
- Some sponsors may develop a wide range of stations, dispersed throughout a geographic service area. Others may choose to focus on a couple of specific stations or service activities
- RSVP sponsors can also be RSVP volunteer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



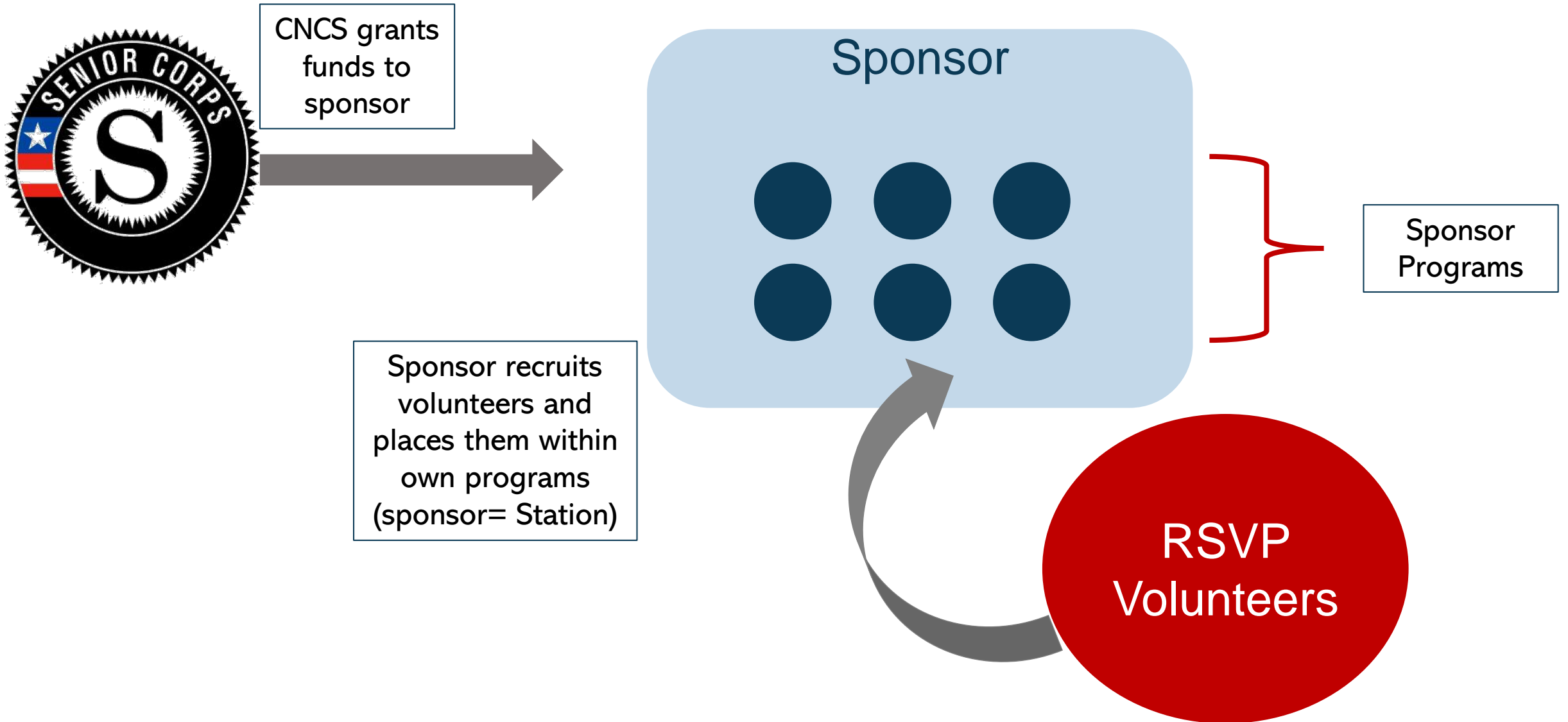
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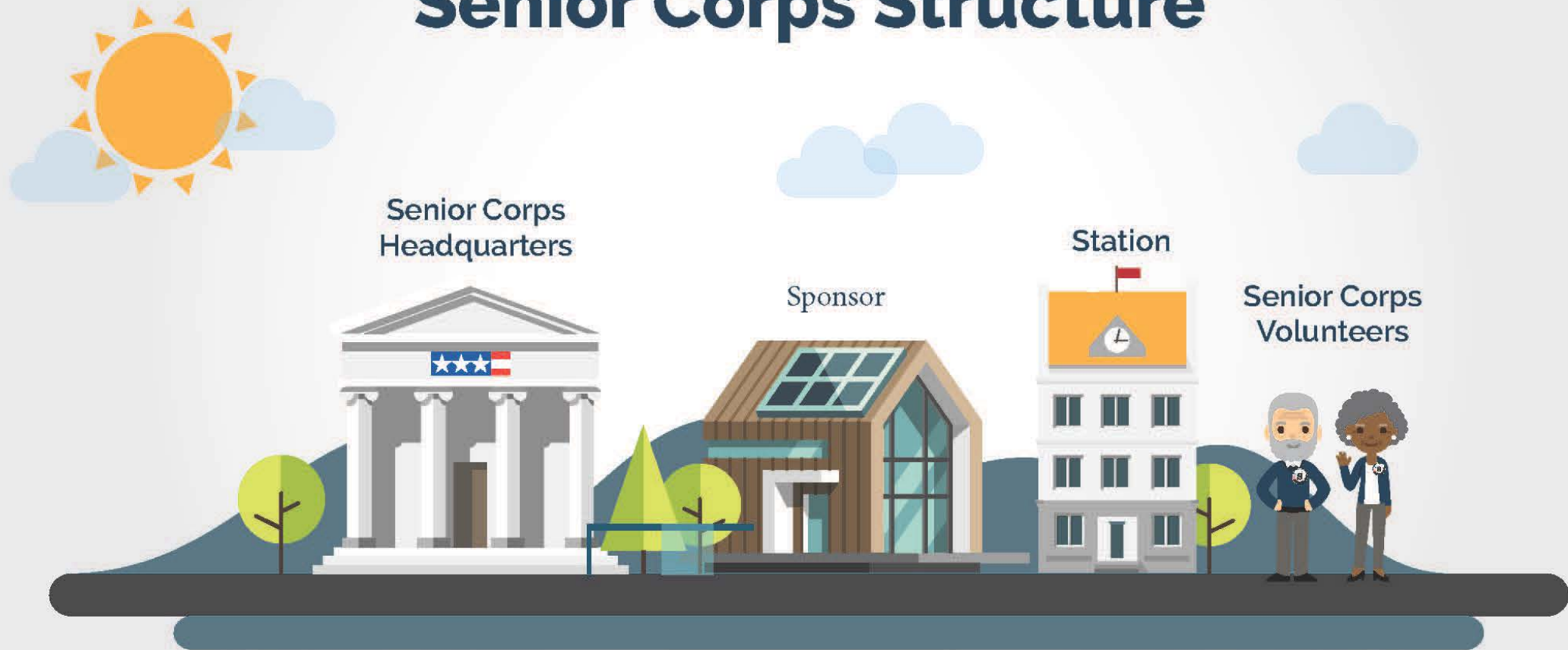
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Senior Corps Structure



Benefits to the Sponsor



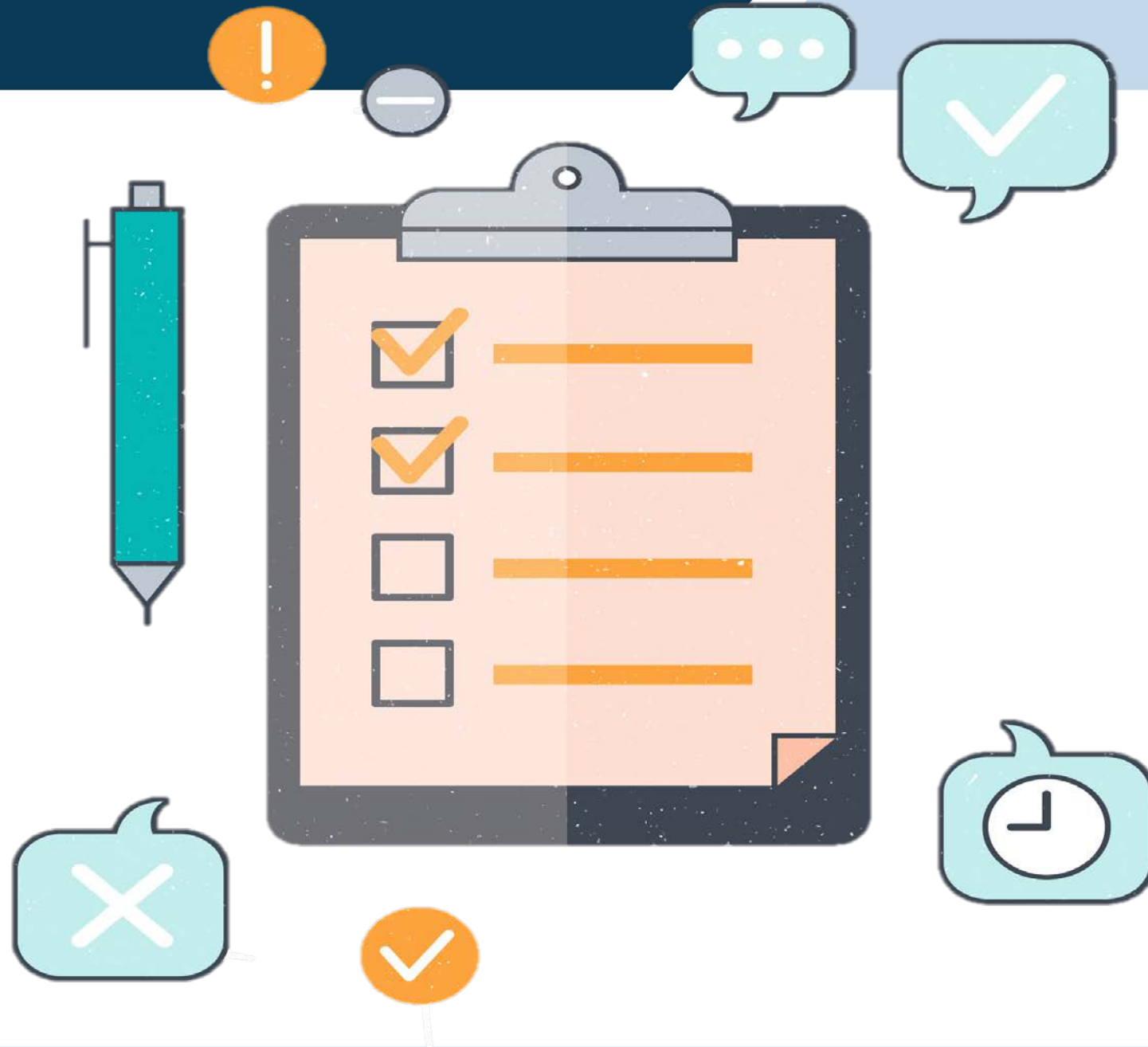
- Leverage volunteers to achieve your mission
- Build the capacity of your organization
- Become part of a large national network
- Strengthen other public and nonprofit agencies in your community
- Demonstrate Competitive programming

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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- All RSVP grants must use CNCS' National Performance Measures to project and measure impact
- Volunteers allocated to two kinds of "work plans"
 - National Performance Measures 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
Verona	VU- 01	\$75,000	April 1, 2020	100	Montague and Capulets

1. Divide \$75,000 by \$1,000= **75**
2. Program at least **75** volunteers in NPM work plans
3. Program other volunteers (at least 25) in "Other Community Priorities," with no less than 100 **total** volunteers
4. NPM volunteers + OCP volunteers \geq **100**

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Disaster Services



Economic Opportunity



Education



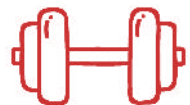
Environmental Stewardship



Healthy Futures



Veterans and Military Families



Capacity Building

Performance Measurement



Focus Area: Economic Opportunity

Strategic Plan Objective	Selection Rules		Service Activity
	Outputs	Outcomes	
Financial Literacy	O1A: Number of individuals served	O9: Number of individuals with improved financial knowledge O19A Dollar value of tax returns generated	Financial Literacy Education Financial Fraud Prevention Tax Preparation
Housing	O1A: Number of individuals served	O11: Number of individuals transitioned into safe, healthy, affordable housing	Housing Unit Development Housing Unit Repair Housing Placement/Assistance
	O4: Number of housing units developed or repaired	O20: Number of safe, healthy, affordable housing units made available	Housing Unit Development Housing Unit Repair
Employment	O1A: Number of individuals served	O10: Number of individuals who secure employment O21: Number of individuals with improved job readiness	Job Training Job Placement GED Education Other Adult Education

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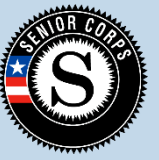


Applicants that select output **O1A** may select outcome O9, O19A, O11, O10, or O21.

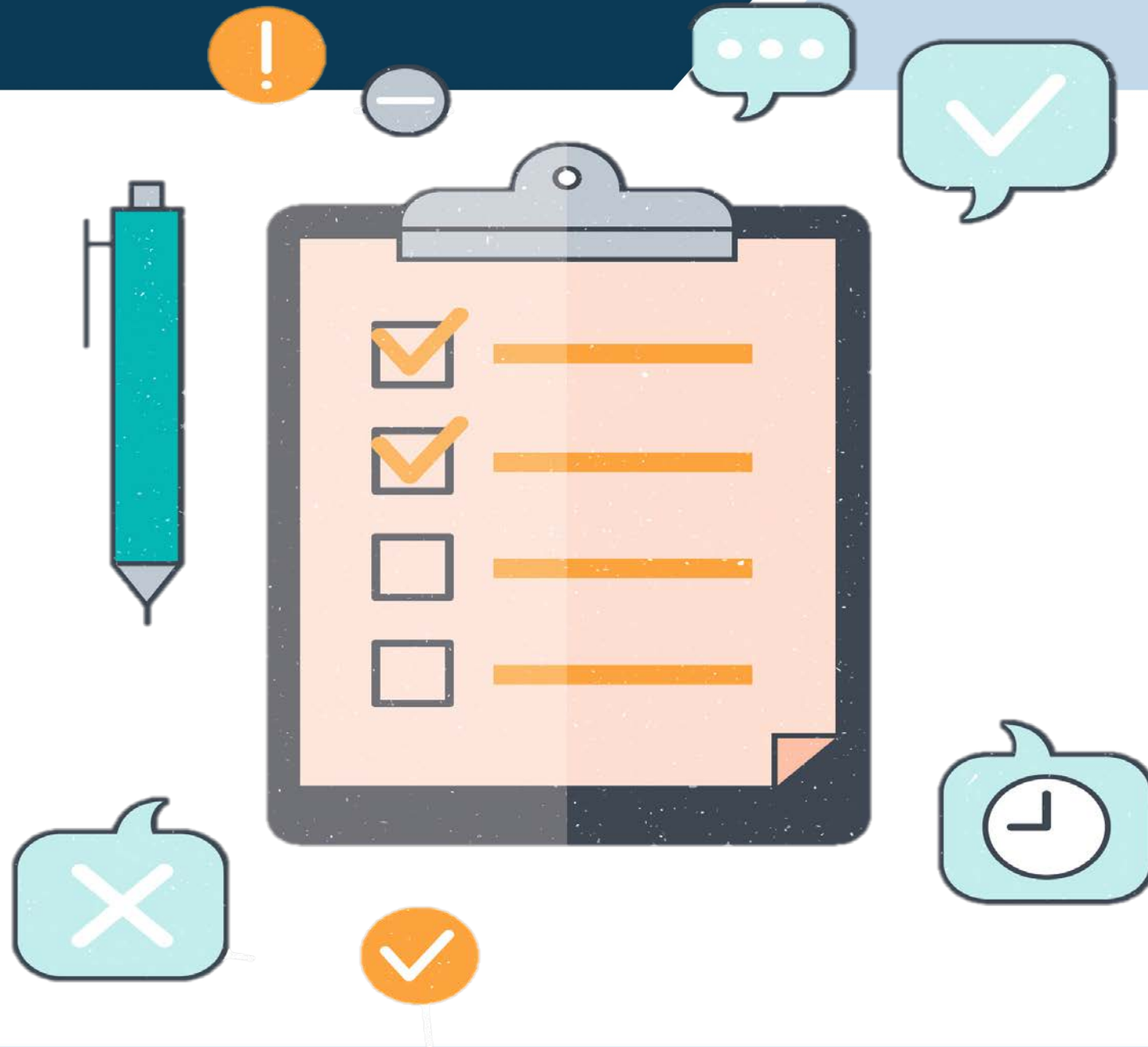
O1A (output)	Number of individuals served
Definition of Key Terms	Individuals: recipients of CNCS-supported services related to increasing economic opportunity Served: substantive engagement of individuals with a specific goal in mind related to economic opportunity. Cannot consist solely of mass dissemination of information such as email blasts, social media posts, or distributing pamphlets.
How to Measure/Collect Data	Tracking mechanism that ensures an unduplicated count of individuals who have received services

O9 (outcome)	Number of individuals with improved financial knowledge
Definition of Key Terms	Individuals: those reported in measure O1A or V1, V7A, V8 Improved financial knowledge: increased knowledge/understanding of financial literacy topics such as credit management, financial institutions including banks and credit unions, and utilization of savings plans
How to Measure/Collect Data	Survey, interview, or other instrument capable of measuring changes in financial knowledge at the individual beneficiary level. When possible, pre-post assessments should be utilized.

A Complete Workplan



- Community Need
- Output
 - Target
 - Instrument Description
- Service Activity
- Outcome
 - Target
 - Instrument Description
- # of Unduplicated Volunteers
- # of Total Volunteers
- # of Volunteer Stations



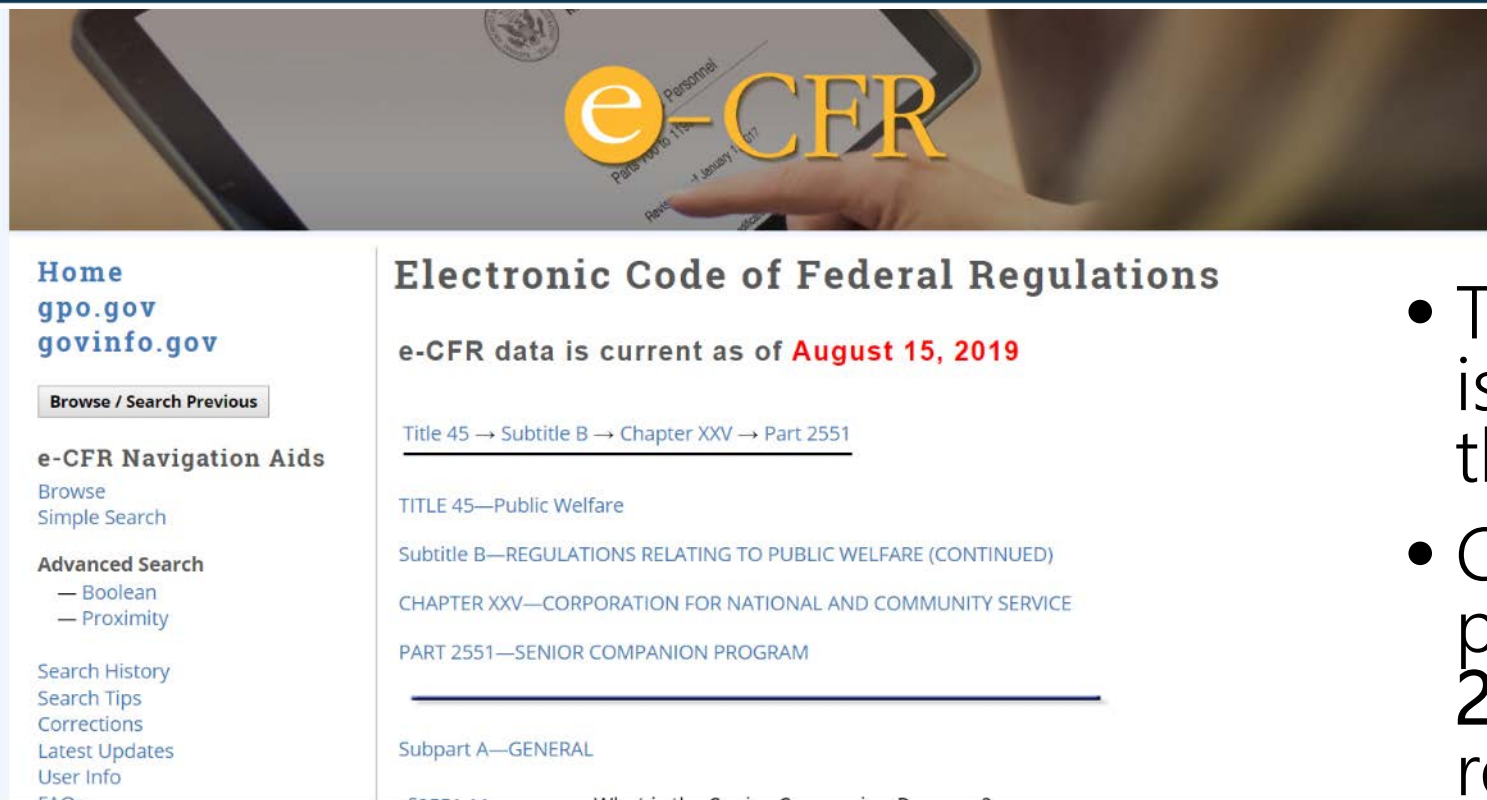
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Rules and Regulations



- The **Code of Federal Regulations** is the source of the requirements that govern Senior Corps grants.
- Code of Federal Regulation 45 part 2553 (abbreviated "**45 CFR 2553**") is the source of requirements for RSVP.
- Viewable at eCFR.gov
- Funding and Grant Management Regulations: **2 CFP 200 (Uniform Guidance)**



- Service Activity Restrictions:
 - Replacing Paid Staff
 - Political Activity
 - Religious Activity
 - Labor and Anti-Labor Activity
- National Service Criminal History Checks
 - Specific set of checks for grant-paid staff required by law
 - Be sure to budget for them
 - "Grantees should utilize two vendors CNCS has engaged to conduct the required NSCHCs"

Funding and Budgets



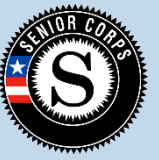
- Support a Program Director, other staff
- Recognition Activities
- Recruitment Activities
- Communications with volunteers and stations (newsletters, other mailings, or local travel)
- Staff Training
- Guidance for other costs?

Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200)





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



- Grant award covers three years. 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 **three years after that**

Award Period



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



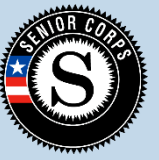
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Recompete

2021
Initial Award

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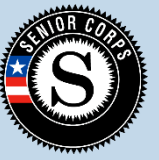
Renewal
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Questions?