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>> Hello everyone and thank you so much for joining us. Before we get started let's go over quick housekeeping notes. All lines are on mute and we will keep them on mute throughout the course of the call which means if you have questions at any time, let us know in the Q&A box. If you're having technical issues, drop us a note in the chatbox and our webinar facilitators will help you out. Let's test it out. If you can hear me and see the chatbox, can you please drop a yes in the chatbox making sure to send it to all panelists and attendees. Looks like you all can hear me, great. If you are having issues with audio, we recommend having the system call you. If you're having visual problems, just leave and come back and that should fix it. Lastly, we are recording the call and if you do not wish to be recorded, you could disconnect at any time. The recording and slides will be made available on the National Service website on the RSVP competition site.

>> This meeting is being recorded.

>> Welcome again everybody. It is my privilege to welcome you to the session which is the starting point of our grantmaking year and for those of you who don't know me or my voice, my name is Anne Oti and I'm officer training for -- it's a privilege to introduce you to the FY 2021 RSVP Competition Training: Session 1 Introduction to CNCS this just kicked off at the beginning of this month. It's a wonderful time because we get to introduce ourselves to so many potential new people in our country and give them the opportunity to join the community and also to welcome and reaffirm and think so many of the wonderful organizations that have made the National Service community what it is. Organizations that have been carrying the banner of CNCS, Corporation for National and Community Service, and SeniorCorps and RSVP for many years. If you don't know what the terms mean, don't worry and you are in the right place and we will talk about that today. But first, using the chatbox if you haven't already, let us know the organization and state where your joining from today and making sure to send it to all panelists and attendees. It was great to see some familiar names

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in the list for today. Thank you so much and continue to let us know where you are calling in from and remember we will use the Q&A pod together questions that you may have, which leads me to my next introduction. I would like to introduce you to my wonderful colleagues, Courtney Sutton and Debbie who are on the call and you will see them in the Q&A box and I see that Collin joined. There are going to be a handful of questions we will not be able to answer today and the first question those that we simply don't have the answer to them. Or that are too specific to your situation or context. We have a little over 200 attendees on the line today and we want to make sure we get everyone the information they need. If you have a question that falls into either of those categories, we don't get to it today, feel free to send an email to the email address on the screen. That is where you could get additional information and assistance.. We have an FAQ document up that I will share later today. That's another place to go for questions. Another category of questions I will not be able to answer our because it is a competitive opportunity. So that means we need to make sure that we are treating everyone fairly so the questions that we cannot answer or things like should I put this on my application or that. Feedback on specific things that made give your application an advantage over others that we cannot answer. So we are going to focus on providing same information to everybody and that is what we will do here today. A few more preliminaries to get out of the way -- this is the first in our second cycle of a series of five sessions. We will continue for the next two weeks and if you aren't able to attend any of the upcoming sessions, don't worry. We will record them and we will post those on the website. Now we want to know a little bit about you. I will ask that we pull up our poll. The first question we want to know who has received a federal grant before including one from CNCS. Please fill out the poll that you see on the screen. We will give you a couple more seconds to fill that out.

It looks like a good percentage of you have received federal grant before and some of you are new so welcome. How well do you know the grant program of

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CNCS that I work for and for which RSVP is a part. Let us know your answers to that.

Looks like a good percentage of you are new to this. Next question -- how would you describe primary field of your organization, SeniorCorps and CNCS and National Service community are diverse and our organizations have different focuses. Probably consider yourself to belong to more than one of these categories and that's okay. Just pick the one that best describes you. Couple more seconds.

It looks like a little bit of everything. For the final question for right now -- how did you hear about us? This is good for us to know to get a sense of how you came together to learn alongside of us.

Mike, looks like a couple attendees were not able to see the survey and could you help them troubleshoot?

All right, thank you all for participating in our polls. No matter who you are and where you come from, you are welcome here today. Let's take a look at our agenda. A lot of what we will do today is explaining terms you have already heard me mention, what is Corporation for National and Community Service, SeniorCorps and RSVP. Specific program for which grant opportunity is now open. Many of you want to know as we just saw how many our current grantees and who are new but hopefully you will learn a little bit coming through this process, too. First, let's start by establishing basic facts about the competition so everybody is working from the same information. We are currently accepting applications now for the RSVP program in specific geographic areas.

Applications are due by 5 PM, Eastern time, on September 1. To view available areas, you will look at a document called Appendix A. This is one of the most important documents related to this competition and list out specific geographic service areas that are open. The way this program works is that specific service area is open for competition and that is tied to a specific amount of funding and specific number of unduplicated volunteers that goes with it. Volunteer unduplicated means it's a unique individual. That individual could serve with one

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program in multiple ways but you only count that person once. If you look at Appendix A and that's appendix to a document called notice a fun and opportunity or NOFO. If you look at Appendix A of the document, it lists out all the currently available geographic service areas. It looks a bit like this. This is the first listing on the Appendix A but you will see an opportunity number, total funding amount, number of unduplicated volunteers and you will see areas affected. That is completed as a package. You will apply for the package of things. You will apply for a specific geographic service area for no more than specific amount of funding and to recruit and maintain that specific number of unduplicated volunteers. Package deal tying those three things together. We often get asked I don't see my specific geographic service area that I'm interested in. There are over 900 opportunities and -- in almost all 50 states on the list. If you don't see what you're interested in, that is because we go through a three year competition cycle and this is year number three. If you're still interested in SeniorCorps, we do have competitions coming up in our other programs and I will touch on that in a bit.

Let's talk about resources that you will use. Many of your first questions are likely along the line of what you will see on the screen right now. How long is the award, what kinds of projects CNCS hoping to fund much matching funds required, what is the review process? Use the vast majority of answer to this questions are included in the document called NOFO. This is your gateway to the competition. It is essentially your map to the competition that meets all the information you will need will either be available in this document or is linked in the document, the NOFO. This is where you will start to read it, you have to know it upside down and backwards. It's a very critical document. You may have noticed the second webinar in this series which is on Wednesday is a guided tour of the document so please come back as we go through it and remember it's a critical document and you could find it on the competition website.

In addition to the NOFO, there are other resources that will be important to you. The grant application instructions, step-by-step guide to navigating electronic

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grant management system, Appendix A which I've referred to and that is the list of available opportunities. We have Appendix B which explains national performance measures in-depth and that's another topic we will spend the whole webinar on later on going in-depth on that specific document in your national performance measure requirements. We have the work plan development worksheets which will be helpful to you when trying to think about how to claim your activities and your plans to us. And then we have a list of FAQs that we update throughout the process based on what gets sent to the 2021 RSVP mailbox. All of these resources are available on the 2021 RSVP competition homepage which Mike has posted in the chat.

If you don't get the information you need today and it's not in one of the resources, you can use that additional email..

That covers our competition overview. Now for the fun stuff, introduction to CNCS and SeniorCorps. If you're familiar with this, I hope you will think of it as a refresher and what your place in your [indiscernible] -- I am happy to share our work with you of our agency.

Corporation for National and Community Service is federal agency responsible for civic engagement. Service voluntary and grantmaking opportunities in the United States and we help millions of Americans improve their lives and the lives of their fellow citizens through service. We do that by working hand-in-hand with local partners to tap ingenuity and can-do spirit of the American people to it attack our country's most challenges. Despite the name, CNCS is a federal agency. We are small independent agency and civic engagement and volunteerism is at the heart of all we do. We lead service volunteering and grantmaking efforts in the US. Our mission and you could read along with me from the screen is to improve lives, strengthen communities and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering. 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 SeniorCorps, individuals of

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any age serve their country and their community by putting their valuable skills to use.

CNCS overseas this through two major programs and handful of smaller programs. You may be familiar with AmeriCorps. Engages people in service often for set period of time where they often pick up and leave and go somewhere else to serve the set period of time. People of all ages can serve in different AmeriCorps programs but they tend to skew the younger in our program. SeniorCorps is geared towards volunteers 55 and older. CNCS also has a number of smaller programs, Martin Luther King Jr. Day of service and September 11 day of service in remembrance you may have come across and they are united under the banner of CNCS. If you want to learn more about CNCS, visit our website, nationalservice.gov to check out stats on National Service in your state, regional office and social media.

Today is about SeniorCorps. Nation's largest network of older American volunteers with more than 200,000 volunteers in every state in the country plus DC, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands serving a 23,000 locations. When you add that up, it's a diverse vibrant and powerful community.

Here are some of our favorite stats like I mentioned more than 200,000 volunteers all across the country serving 50 million hours each year. They do things like helping older Americans live independently, mentoring students with exceptional needs, combating elder abuse and opioid addiction and responding to COVID-19 pandemic relief efforts. It has effects on volunteers themselves, top right corner 84% of our volunteers report stable or improving health as a result of their SeniorCorps service.

We've got two other programs that are not RSVP that we would be remiss if we didn't provide information about them. First is Foster grandparent program. This program engages older Americans as role models and mentors to help children with special and exceptional needs. Volunteers in the program may receive small stipend to defray the cost of service. We have senior communion program which provides assistance and friendship to adults who have difficulty with daily living

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tasks such as shopping or paying bills, helping them remain independent in their homes and eligible volunteers in this program, again, may receive a small stipend for their service.

These programs are a bit different than RSVP in a couple ways. They have specific focuses and they have authority for volunteers who are eligible to receive a small stipend.

All of our programs engage individuals 55 and older in service and that is the core of SeniorCorps. And the RSVP program. RSVP program was established in 1971 and engages individuals 55 and older in a wide variety of volunteer activities. If you could think of a volunteer doing it, there's probably RSVP volunteer that are doing it right now. It's built to meet community needs and built to be flexible and meet needs of your community. So RSVP volunteers to your children, renovate homes, assist victims of natural disasters and I could go on and on.

Before we get into how the program works, I will pause to see if you have questions about what we talked about so far with the exception of competition mechanics.

Debbie or Courtney, have any questions come in about CNCS or SeniorCorps outside of RSVP before we get into RSVP specifically?

>> There was a question -- organization needs to be called VISTA --
[indiscernible].

>> Volunteers In Service To America or VISTA joined CNCS when the agency was created as a part of the AmeriCorps programs so VISTA is one of the AmeriCorps programs.

>> I think that's it for the rest of the questions.

>> Thank you, Debbie. Moving ahead we have already mentioned court to SeniorCorps is engaging individuals 55 and older in service in a lot of ways. It's a program about connection. Connecting those volunteers to community needs and leveraging them to meet the needs. If your organization were to be awarded a grant through this RSVP competition, your organization would be responsible

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for implementing the RSVP project and awarded area. You would likely use the grant funds to support salary of RSVP director to run RSVP at your organization which would now be a sponsor or grantee. In your application, you will have explained needs in the community and how you recruit in place RSVP volunteers in the community to make an impact on meeting the community needs.

Organizations where you place RSVP volunteers to serve would become known as volunteer stations and this could include sponsoring organization itself.

If you want to learn more about what being a SeniorCorps volunteer means or how the SeniorCorps program works in practice, we have a resource on nationalservice.gov called SeniorCorps stories. I will share two of my favorite stories from the website. One of them we have RSVP project sponsor -- community action agency in eastern Connecticut. Open the first veterans coffeehouse in Killingly, Connecticut in 2015. Coffeehouse offers venue for veterans to socialize while providing information on benefits available to vets and their families. Speakers present variety of organization serving veterans, soldiers, sailors and Marines, veteran service office of Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs, Connecticut commission on human rights and United Way of Southeastern Connecticut. Through the connections made at coffeehouse, veterans have gained access to additional services and benefits for which they are eligible including housing, energy, medical and food assistance. Original coffeehouse is now self-sustaining and operates independently of the RSVP program with the support of 14 RSVP volunteers and the organization has launched 4 additional coffeehouses in Connecticut. From April 2016 to January 2018, total of 535 veterans have attended the coffeehouses throughout Eastern Connecticut. Another RSVP volunteer, when asked about his time volunteering in community, he summed it up best, there is 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 and started volunteering because he was looking for flexible options away from home. He loves to meet people and help fill in need. He's a retired professor from Kansas State University. During the past five years, he has

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been organizing and managing the parking lot line of cars for harvesters mobile food pantry each month. Jim has also spent the past few years working with program in Junction City and national organizations related to his work in agriculture and engineering. These are a handful of examples. There are many more on the site so I recommend checking it out. We will add links to the chat but to learn more, you have the stories which are shared and we have impact videos. These are great because you see programs volunteers telling her story in their own words. I mentioned National Service earlier but for the question about how to get involved in National Service if your geographic service area is not on Appendix A, that's a great link to follow. Finally, we post the results of all of our competitions online at the transparency posting website. You will see in the chat you could go there and view successful and unsuccessful applications from the past on that site and that's another great resource to get to know RSVP.

Now that we've got a picture in mind, we could get more technical so we will spend time working with specific terms. There are two key terms you need to know to really understand how RSVP works. The first is sponsor which we use anonymously with grantee. Organization that receives RSVP funding and is legally responsible for the grant funds. If you submit application to this competition, you will need someone to sign, say yes that I accept responsibility for everything I am seeing in the organization that has that authority and that's a sponsor and they are legally responsible. Then there's another set of organizations called the station, community partner where RSVP volunteers will serve.

The stations are where volunteers serve. They could be nonprofits, proprietary healthcare facilities or public agencies. Some organizations may choose to operate like a volunteer matchmaker recruiting diverse group of volunteers and placing them at a wide variety of stations. Others may choose to focus on couple of stations. Organization that provides educational programs may choose to focus its efforts and its volunteers on education within specific schools that serve as stations. Your sponsor can serve as RSVP volunteer station so you could

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have volunteers serving your own program. If you are the organization applying for funds. The relationship between sponsors and stations is formalized in a memoranda of understanding, RSVP sponsors work with volunteer stations under a signed MOU and your RSVP project would assign RSVP volunteers to that particular volunteer station. What that means is if you have the grantee or the sponsor that is receiving the funds and if the station is out there in the community, grantee provides management of the grant and volunteers in the station provide on-site supervision and management and also performance data back to the grantee so they could enter it back to us at CNCS. That is formalized in the memorandum of understanding or MOU. To help us think through how this looks in practice, we will share couple models of what RSVP could look like. This is example of what RSVP program focuses on multiple issues with multiple partners. You could see SeniorCorps makes the grant to a sponsor which recruits volunteers and places them at external stations. They could be conducting a wide variety of activities. One of the small places could be a food bank and another could be a school.

Here is another example, SeniorCorps could make eGrant to a sponsor that runs its own programs. They may be focused working only an area of education and the sponsor could then recruit RSVP volunteers to work on its own programs. At CNCS in SeniorCorps we provide funds to the sponsoring organization, the grantee, then becomes legally responsible for managing the grant. They recruit volunteers in their communities and they placed them at community stations. Now that you know more about RSVP, you probably realize the benefits that RSVP could bring to your organization. If you were awarded a grant through this competition, RSVP volunteers can be used to build capacity of your organization through their service. Your organization would become part of the larger SeniorCorps and National Service network. RSVP project with strength and other organizations in your community enter out your service area. Your award would demonstrate that your application was strong enough to be awarded through a competitive grant process.

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The benefits to the volunteer aren't hard to find. They get to make tangible impact on their communities making new friends and connections, enjoy flexible schedule and flexible opportunities. There's also a growing body of research indicates that being involved in something like RSVP can increase seniors health and happiness as they age. As a -- you could reimburse them for cost of their service.

We've got a couple poll question so let's look at the first question. Which of these reasons for applying for RSVP grant is more important to you? You could select all that apply. I will give you a chance to fill that out. Looks like we still have some answers coming in.

All right. Looks like we have a bit of everything which makes sense because it is about what is right for your community. For our next question -- if I receive RSVP grant, I am likely to what? Fill in the blank.

Couple more seconds to answer this one.

Awesome! Looks like majority of you like to have volunteers serve in programs managed by your organization. When we look at notice of an opportunity in the future webinar, you will see we have specific criteria in there that we used to evaluate applications and this is what we're looking for but not looking for any particular organizational structure or anything like that. We are looking for specific criteria that you will find in the NOFO.

Let's move on to the next subject.

All RSVP grants must measure their performance and report back to us. We have a system that we used to do that. It's maybe most complicated part of applying for an RSVP grant and that's why we will talk about it briefly. I will note we have a whole webinar about it planned later in the cycle.

Volunteers can be allocated to two kinds of work plans. National performance measure work plans which we call in specific outputs and outcomes, specific measurable things, or what we call other community priority work plans. That's more of a catch all for other activities that don't fit into the specific measures.

There is a requirement that applicants must place at least one unduplicated

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volunteer in work plans for every \$1000 in federal funding that you receive. What does that mean? How does this connect to other amounts of unduplicated volunteers that you have seen in Appendix A? Let's spend time on this. We have an example -- in Appendix A, you will see information that looks like this, a state, unduplicated, opportunity number, total annual funding available, start date number of unduplicated volunteers and geographic service area.

You have to apply to the specific amount of funding specific number of unduplicated volunteers for that particular geographic service area. In this example, you would apply for \$75,000 if you reply to this service area and if you were doing that, you need to have at least 100 unduplicated volunteers. When you look at the requirements, we have the requirement you must program at least one unduplicated volunteer in national performance measure work plan. For every \$1000 in federal funding that you receive. We have to do a bit of math to reconcile. First, you would divide this total funding amount by \$1000.

$75,000 \div 1000$ would give us 75 so that means if you are applying to this particular service area, you need to program at least 75 unduplicated volunteers in the national performance measure work plans. You need to program your other volunteers in this case at least 25 with no less than 100 total volunteers. This could be 75 or 77 or any number all the way up to 100.

So 75 must be placed in the work plans that result in national performance measure outcomes and remaining 25 could be placed in other community priority work plan or you could add the work plans that result in national work plan outcomes. The threshold \$1000 per unduplicated volunteer is the minimum amount you need to program in a specific way. That is described in depth in these documents, Appendix B, and the work plan development worksheets.

At CNCS, our performance measures fall into six focus areas, disaster services, economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, healthy futures, veterans and military families and that we have a goal of capacity building. Here are screenshots from the performance measure instructions. You will see each output has a corresponding outcome or outcomes. To choose from from certain

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objectives. Here's another screenshot from the performance measure instructions and has definitions and ways to measure and collect data.

These are the components of performance measure work plans. We are barely scratching the surface of that today and we will talk about them in-depth for an hour later on next week. That's when we will dive into this question about performance measures. Just know for now that national performance measures and how you measure performance are important and focus on requirements that you see in these key documents.

We have another poll question -- the Townsville Council on Aging plans to apply for an area affected that includes north, south, east, and west counties. Appendix A listed with \$85,000 of funding available and minimum number of unduplicated volunteers of 115, how many unduplicated volunteers must it include in national performance measure work plans?

On Appendix A, they had total funding amount of \$85,000 and minimum number of unduplicated volunteers of 115. How many unduplicated volunteers must include in national performance measure work plans? My apologies that the numbers are not on the slide. All right, looks like majority of you got it. So 85, they must program at least 85 unduplicated volunteers in national performance work plans and that's because on Appendix A, total funding amount is \$85,000, $85,000 \div 1000$ dollars gives us 85.

Next question -- assuming that they only include minimum number of volunteers required in national performance work plans, how many unduplicated volunteers with a need to include another community priorities? If they program the minimum which we all answered as 85 for the last question, there's a total number of unduplicated volunteers on Appendix A of 115, how many could they include in other community priorities? Looks like we are getting it. So 30. Last question true or false, they must include all of the national performance measure volunteers in a single work plan.

This one is kind of a trick question.

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The answer I was looking for is false. They don't have to include all of those individuals into one workplan. We have all of our focus areas. We have lots of objectives and you can do multiple work plans but they need to include at least minimum number of unduplicated volunteers into a work plan that results in national performance measure outcomes.

Moving along -- couple of things to highlight before we take questions one more important piece of how RSVP works. Because we are federal program paid for with taxpayer dollars, we have to follow certain rules when we run these programs. They are collected in one is called the Code of Federal Regulations will stop 45 part 2553 and that's the source of requirements for RSVP. If you consider to apply for RSVP grant, I recommend reading the CFR for RSVP. If you want to look at it, you could go to the website and the reference. There's another part of CFR called uniform guidance and that governs how you could use financial side of your grant so if you have another federal grant, it's likely that some of the same rules used to govern that will be used for RSVP as well. I want to spotlight to regulations. First there's some activities that you cannot engage in so RSVP volunteers cannot replace paid staff, cannot have volunteer activities that are political in nature including influencing elections or voter registration activities, RSVP volunteers cannot give religious instruction or conduct worship services, also sponsor cannot use grant funds directly or indirectly to finance labor or anti-labor organizations or related activity. We also have specific requirement on the kinds of criminal history checks that your staff go through highlighting the importance of reading through the Notice of Funding Opportunity, NOFO.

On the screen, these are common types of costs that we see in the grant applications. These are just common things and not meant to be exclusive list. We have a match, match is a requirement for the grants and the way it works, in your first year you will getting an award, you are required to match 10% of total project budget and then for each of the first three years that increases by 10% until you get to 30%. If you are an incumbent, that means you are already RSVP

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grantee applying for the same service area that you currently serve, then you will start 30% level because you're already there. New applicants will look at the sliding scale but incumbents, you will be entering at the 30% of the total budget. One thing I will add is if you are current RSVP grantee and you're applying for a new geographic service area, in some states we have some expansion opportunities for that new geographic service area, you are at 10%.

The project period for grants for this competition is three years. CNCS generally funds one year of the three year award. And then they are eligible for continuation funding for years number two and number three as long as the grantee demonstrates satisfactory performance that indicates that the grant is on track to achieve proposed performance measures at the end of a three year period. They demonstrate capacity to manage grant, they are in compliance with requirements includes terms and conditions of the grant, requirement for biannual reporting of performance measures and securing the required nonfederal share of the budget. And of course availability of congressional appropriations. After three years, the grant may be renewed and noncompetitive process satisfactory performance and if renewed, competition begins again three years after that. Six years from initial award.

This is a graphical representation so if you were to successfully be awarded the grant you're applying to, your first budget period starts in 2021. In 2027 you could compete again and in between you have continuations pending congressional appropriation. And a renewal to start a new three-year project period.

That concludes our prepared content for the afternoon. While we get ready to transition into questions, I wanted to share our series calendar and hope you will join us as we delve specifically into the NOFO, performance measures and more our session started 3:30 PM, Eastern time. I think I saw the question in the chatbox. With that, I will open it up for questions. Debbie and Courtney?

>> Thank you. Some questions in different categories so I know we are about eight minutes out so an event you don't hear your question answered, feel free to email 2021 RSVP email. Just in case we cannot get to them and we will respond

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in the email. Couple questions related to Covid -- for applicants considering we don't know where Covid will be, with a plan for Covid in the application? How do they approach that? As well as gestation for volunteers have to be stationary or could be remote? I believe that's related to the Covid question.

>> We cannot tell you where to program your volunteers but service activities may be virtual. Look at Appendix B and look at output comparisons for service activities that you could do virtually. I will also add if you go to the website -- let me pull up this link but SeniorCorps recently released a memo that contained other service activities and ideas that fell into performance measures that you could do during this time.

Let me post a link to that in a second. While I am pulling up the link, Debbie, do you want to bring up other questions?

>> Sure. Couple questions if we are looking to apply for multiple geographic areas, anyway we could send it in application as one large application? I think you highlighted that application is required for each area as it's listed on the application. That is how you would apply for multiple different areas.

MOU, required at the time -- so sorry that somebody is hammering right now working from home -- required application and related to stations. For new applicants, if you don't have your stations already secured, you will be asked to submit your station roster at a later date. If you don't have it secured yet, as you plan out your application, you will be asked to submit later.

>> I will add quickly -- when we go through the NOFO tomorrow in the session, we will talk about required documents. New to the geographic service area applicants, a station roster is not required with your submission.

>> Thank you. Are you able to speak to the volunteers and how can volunteers serve one day and be counted or do they have to serve multiple days throughout the year to be counted?

>> For RSVP, we do not have a requirement for how much a volunteer should serve. That is something you need to figure out based on your community needs.

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I would recommend coming to I think session number three where we talk about RSVP and practice and we will talk about that at that time.

>> In reference to cost reimbursement, can you elaborate on how that would work and whether or not there's a stipend for the volunteers or reimbursement?

>> There is no stipend for the RSVP program, so that's different from the two programs I mentioned at the top of the hour, FGP and SEP but you may offer some cost reimbursements.

>> And then are volunteers required to have background check and if so, how would that be covered?

>> RSVP volunteers do not have to do the National Service criminal history check.

>> There was a question if your headquarters is based hypothetically in Florida but you have a partnering agency in Guatemala, with 80 able to apply?

>> The service areas that we have available on Appendix A, anyone can apply to serve those areas, however, if awarded, you have to serve the area as listed in Appendix A.

>> Let me go through the Q&A. Our that MOUs required at the time of submission?

>> No like I mentioned earlier, if you are new to the geographic service area or CNCS, you do not need to submit your station roster's.

>> Okay. Question, several cities listed as geographical area, do you have to provide services in all the cities?

>> Yes, you have to provide service to the whole geographic service area that is listed.

>> I'm going through a couple things.

>> I am scrolling through the Q&A pod and a lot of these questions are in the FAQs document and will be covered throughout this week and next week's session. One thing I wanted to highlight because I've seen it a couple of times, people have been asking about what the total amount of funding on Appendix A is for one year or three years, the total amount of funding is for one year. And

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then you are eligible to apply for a continuation for year number two and number three pending appropriation and satisfactory performance. I also saw couple questions about new geographic service areas on Appendix A, at this time, we will not be updating geographic service areas on Appendix A so take a look at Appendix A. It has changed throughout July but this is our final version. Is there one question that we see for the good of the group before we close, Debbie or Courtney?

I think we touched on this and thank you for joining us today and learning with us and we hope to see you throughout the rest of this week and next week.

Remember you could email 2021_rsvp@cns.gov if you have any questions you could bring them to the rest of our sessions. Thank you also much.

[End of session]

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