

## FY 2012 RSVP Relinquishment Funds Competition

### New Grants and Augmentations

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Applicability

APPLICABILITY	QUESTION
Augmentation	<p>1. For an augmentation proposal, should we assume the reviewers will not see our current grant narratives already entered into e-grants?</p> <p>Yes.</p>
Augmentation and New	<p>2. If an existing RSVP grantee writes a proposal to increase its volunteer base - but due to the normal loss of volunteers in a given year the volunteer base remained similar in number would there be any consequences to the program in terms of the RSVP re-competition in 2013.</p> <p>No.</p>
Augmentation and New	<p>3. We have two different main service activities, both of which will increase the ability of disabled or senior adults to continue to live independently. Can the two Work Plans that contain Performance Measures both have the same desired End Outcome?</p> <p>Yes.</p>
New	<p>4. Given that we will have to build up to the total number of new volunteers we are proposing, how many volunteers should be shown in the first year of the grant?</p> <p>Show the total number you expect to build up to. Explain your plans for recruiting these volunteers in your narrative.</p>
New	<p>5. The <i>Notice</i> recommends specific page limits to various parts of the application. Do the character limits included in the application instructions apply as well, ie 1500 for Executive Summary, 4,000 for the narrative sections B-E?</p> <p>No. The character limits that are included in the Senior Corps Grant Application instructions have been eliminated in eGrants.</p>
Augmentation and New	<p>6. If extenuating circumstances make use of eGrants impossible, rather than sending a hard copy of the application, can an applicant send the application on a disk or thumb drive?</p> <p>No. If extenuating circumstances make the use of eGrants impossible, you may send a hard copy of the application to the address in Section VII. of the Notice, via overnight</p>

	<p>carrier. Please use a non-U.S. Postal Service carrier because of security-related delays in receiving mail from the U.S. Postal Service. All deadlines and requirements in this Notice apply to hard copy applications. Hard copy applications must include a cover letter detailing the circumstances that make it impossible to submit via e-Grants. CNCS does not accept applications submitted via fax, e-mail, thumb drive or disk.</p>
New	<p><b>7. What is the minimum amount of time a RSVP can volunteer?</b></p> <p>No minimum has been established. The RSVP program regulations state that “a RSVP volunteer shall serve weekly on a regular basis, or intensively on short-term assignments consistent with the assignment description.” [45 CFR 2553.51]</p>
Augmentation and New	<p><b>8. What is the time frame for a work plan?</b></p> <p>Work plans should reflect the time required to achieve the specified targets and may cover the entire 3-year grant performance period. Applicants for grant augmentations should develop work plans that cover the duration until the end of their grant period.</p>
Augmentation and New	<p><b>9. Must all RSVP volunteers being proposed for a new project or an augmentation proposal be placed in impact/outcome based work plans?</b></p> <p>Applicants for a new grant must place 50% of their volunteers in impact based work plans. Applicants for grant augmentations must place all of their volunteers in impact based work plans.</p>
Augmentation	<p><b>10. For a grant augmentation proposal, should the RSVP volunteer services we propose to add be included in one of our current work plans or in a new work plan?</b></p> <p>For the additional volunteers you propose to add, you should create one or more new work plans. Later, if you receive an award, you will add the new work plan to your current grant.</p>
Augmentation	<p><b>11. For our augmentation proposal, do we need to discuss how we will assess performance against all the work plans or just the one with the outcome level performance measure?</b></p> <p>You should address how you will assess performance against all the work plans you propose.</p>
Augmentation and New	<p><b>12. Is there any recommended number of work plans we should include in our application?</b></p> <p>No.</p>
Augmentation and New	<p><b>13. How do we account in work plans for volunteers who are doing multiple assignments that relate to more than one work plan?</b></p> <p>An individual volunteer may be counted in more than one work plan.</p>
Augmentation and New	<p><b>14. Can we place volunteers in programmatic activities in our own agency?</b></p> <p>Yes if they meet the programmatic priority areas in the <i>Notice</i>.</p> <p>To quote the RSVP program regulations in 45 CFR 2553.61: “The grantee may function as a volunteer station, provided that no more than 5% of the total number of volunteers budgeted for the project are assigned to it in administrative or support positions. This limitation does not apply to the assignment of volunteers to other programs</p>

	administered by the grantee or special volunteer activities of the project. The RSVP project itself may function as a volunteer station or may initiate special volunteer activities provided the Corporation agrees that these activities are in accord with program objectives and will not hinder overall project operations.”
New	<p><b>15. Do we need to have a fully formed advisory group before we get an award?</b></p> <p>No.</p>
New	<p><b>16. Since we aren’t established in the new geographic area we will be working in, how do we prepare a station roster?</b></p> <p>Provide a tentative list based on those you plan to sign up.</p>
New	<p><b>17. What is the basis for reimbursing a grantee’s costs?</b></p> <p>Grantees draw funds based on actual cash needs from the Department of Health and Human Services Payment Management System (HHS/PMS). If you receive an award and are not currently drawing funds in this manner, Corporation staff will work with you to get your account set up. Costs must be consistent with the approved grant budget and allowable under the applicable OMB Cost Principles found at <a href="http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants_circulars/">http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants_circulars/</a></p>
Augmentation	<p><b>18. Is there a cap on the amount of funding we can request to augment our current grant?</b></p> <p>No.</p>
New	<p><b>19. Is there a cap on the amount of funding we can request for a new grant?</b></p> <p>No.</p>
Augmentation and New	<p><b>20. What is the relationship between the selection criteria and the Senior Corps Grant Application instructions concerning the content of the various sections of the application?</b></p> <p>The proposal selection criteria are general criteria applied to assessing the application as a whole. They do not necessarily correspond directly to particular sections of the application.</p>
New	<p><b>21. Can we propose a new project in an un-served area where there was no relinquishment?</b></p> <p>No. However, proposals may include projects that cover areas previously served by a relinquished grant and adjacent un-served areas.</p>
Augmentation	<p><b>22. May a group or association of RSVP projects submit a joint proposal to augment each of their grants?</b></p> <p>Yes. It is possible to submit an augmentation application involving multiple RSVP projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All participating projects would have to be eligible.</li> <li>• One lead organization would submit the application in eGrants, again identifying all the members of the collaboration and how the volunteers would be distributed among them all.</li> </ul> <p>If the application is selected, the state office would notify each member project that they can submit an amendment request for their respective share of the award.</p>

Augmentation	<p><b>23. Our grant year is April – March and we are planning to apply for a grant augmentation. If successful, we won't receive the funds until September 2012. Would we be required to recruit and place the number of additional volunteers we propose by the end of that 6 month period?</b></p> <p>Not necessarily. For example, if you propose to augment your current volunteer corps with another 50 volunteers, you would indicate in your application by when you anticipate bringing the additional 50 on board.</p>
New	<p><b>24. If our state RSVP association applies for a new grant, does this preclude the RSVP projects in that same state from applying individually?</b></p> <p>No.</p>
Augmentation	<p><b>25. May a current RSVP grantee submit an augmentation proposal to expand RSVP volunteer services in a programmatic area that the RSVP volunteers are already addressing, if those services are to be delivered within the project's existing geographic service area?</b></p> <p>Yes if the programming meets the Veterans and Military service focus as prescribed by the <i>Notice</i>. For the purposes of this <i>Notice</i>, expansion of services within a currently served geographic area is considered new programmatic activity.</p>
Augmentation and New	<p><b>26. Who gets priority – grant augmentations or new projects?</b></p> <p>To the extent possible, our goal is to return RSVP resources to geographic areas previously served by RSVP.</p>
New	<p><b>27. For a current grantee, if you are establishing a new freestanding project, how does it relate to your project on an on-going basis and do the funds come through your current project?</b></p> <p>The funds would not come through your current grant.</p>
New	<p><b>28. If a current grantee wants to establish a new RSVP project in a previously served geographic area, must the new project be managed as a separate, independent grant with its own project director and project staff?</b></p> <p>Yes. Each project must be managed as a separate grant, each of which carries the same fiscal and program responsibilities as any other CNCS funded RSVP grant, including the assignment of a full-time project director, unless you can justify assigning a project director for less than full time in your management narrative when you submit your full application. You would propose managing the project with a separate full time project director or a plan for managing the new project with less than a full-time project director. We typically require a full-time director, but there could be a case where a project director splits their time between two projects.</p>
Augmentation and New	<p><b>29. If we propose two different types of services, such as mentoring and support of independent living, should these be in one work plan or separate work plans?</b></p> <p>Since the needs and impact results would be different for each, separate work plans for each type of service is recommended.</p>
Augmentation and New	<p><b>30. How should we regard the statements in the <i>Notice</i> that augmentations have a minimum of 20 RSVP volunteers and new projects are estimated to have 300 RSVP volunteers?</b></p>

	<p>Proposals for augmentation grants must have a minimum of 20 volunteers; there is no maximum. Proposals for new projects may have an estimated 350 RSVP volunteers; you should propose the number of volunteers appropriate for your community and the objectives of your application.</p>
New	<p><b>31. Does the list of geographic areas posted at the <i>Notice</i> APPENDIX A show the areas available to be served by new projects?</b></p> <p>Yes. The list shows the geographic areas previously served by a project that was voluntarily relinquished.</p>
Augmentation and New	<p><b>32. Can the competition funds be used to purchase a wheelchair equipped mini bus to transport shut ins, wounded warriors, etc., to and from community programs?</b></p> <p>No. This program does not fund equipment, such as a bus for this purpose.</p>
New	<p><b>33. Must an existing grantee applying only for the purpose of serving a new project area, address at least one of the six Focus Areas listed in the <i>Notice</i>.</b></p> <p>Yes. As stated in the <i>Notice</i>, funding priorities for New Grants require that all Senior Corps volunteers be placed in assignments that address one or more of the six Focus Areas from the CNCS's Strategic Plan.</p>
New	<p><b>34. Section VI. Award Administration Information of the <i>Notice</i> states that awards for successful application will be issued by late September 2012. What period of time will grant funds be available to spend?</b></p> <p>We anticipate completing announcement of the results of this competition by September 2012, and awarding grants with a start date of no later than September 30, 2012. Grants will be made for a three-year performance period, with funding provided one year at a time, contingent on satisfactory performance, demonstrated capacity to manage the grant, compliance with grant requirements, and the availability of Congressional appropriations.. Before the end of the first and second budget years, recipients will receive guidance on submitting a continuation application for the subsequent year of operation.</p>
New	<p><b>35. Does a "new" project have three years to recruit the target number of unduplicated volunteers?</b></p> <p>Yes. An RSVP project does not have to recruit the target number of new volunteers in the first year of the grant period. We only estimate that new RSVP projects will enroll an average of 300 RSVP volunteers in their first year based on historical experience. The estimated average federal cost per RSVP volunteer is \$350; the actual cost may differ depending upon the particulars of the program.</p> <p>It is the Corporation's expectation that grantees will make every effort to carefully assess their ability to recruit new volunteers and place new volunteers in service projects as soon as possible.</p>
Augmentation	<p><b>36. For an augmentation proposal, are any of the following acceptable? a) a new work plan in an existing service area, b) expansion into new unserved areas using current work plans c) expansion into an unserved area with a new work plan?</b></p> <p>Yes. An existing RSVP grantee may apply for an augmentation of its current grant for expansion of an existing project within its currently approved geographic service area or into a new unserved geographic area which meets the programming criteria for Grant Augmentations focusing on Veterans and family members of military service members</p>

	specified in the <i>Notice</i> . If an award is made, the grantee will receive instructions on how to integrate the augmentation work plan(s) into the current grant.
<b>Augmentation</b>	<p><b>37. Can an RSVP grantee applying to receive a grant augmentation partner with another agency that also receives federal funding from another federal agency?</b></p> <p>Yes. An RSVP project may partner with another agency in many ways including asking the partner to serve as a volunteer station. The RSVP grantee must serve as the applicant for an augmentation under this <i>Notice</i>. Note that unless the statute authorizing another federal government program provides for the use of that program’s funds to be used to meet the grantee match or cost share requirement, it is not possible to use federal funds for the match or cost share requirement.</p>
<b>Augmentation</b>	<p><b>38. Is there a matching funds requirement for current RSVP programs?</b></p> <p>Yes. See the <i>Notice</i>, Section III.4. Non-federal Share Requirements for All Applicants</p>
<b>New</b>	<p><b>39. Is there a formula for determining the non-federal share we should budget?</b></p> <p>Yes. The RSVP non-federal share requirement — 10% in Year 1, 20% in Year 2, and 30% in Year 3 and subsequent years — is calculated as a percentage of the <b>total</b> project budget. For example, if your total budget is \$100,000, the required non-federal share for Year One would be \$10,000 and the federal share would be \$90,000.</p>
<b>Augmentation and New</b>	<p><b>40. Will applicants garner any special consideration for providing matching funds beyond the required minimum percentage?</b></p> <p>No.</p>
<b>Augmentation and New</b>	<p><b>41. Will cash or in-kind contributions be accepted as part of match?</b></p> <p>Yes. The RSVP Program Regulations in 45 CFR 2553.72(2), state that: “a grantee is responsible for identifying non-Corporation funds which may include in-kind contributions.”</p>
<b>Augmentation and New</b>	<p><b>42. Are there any restrictions regarding the amount that may be requested?</b></p> <p>No.</p>
<b>Augmentation</b>	<p><b>43. Is a grantee of a non-Corporation funded RSVP project whose only Corporation funding resulted from a PNS grant augmentation under a previous competition, considered a current RSVP grantee?</b></p> <p>Yes.</p>
<b>Augmentation and New</b>	<p><b>44. Can federal agency funding be used to meet the non-federal share requirement?</b></p> <p>No. Unless the statute authorizing another federal government program provides for the use of that program’s funds to be used to meet the grantee match or cost share requirement, it is not possible to use federal funds for the match or cost share requirement. Neither the Corporation’s statutes nor the Older Americans Act, contain such a provision.</p>
<b>Augmentation and New</b>	<p><b>45. Is the grantee of a current non-Corporation funded RSVP project considered a "grantee" for this competition?</b></p> <p>Yes.</p>

<p><b>Augmentation and New</b></p>	<p><b>46. For this competition only, does the federal cost per RSVP volunteer of \$350 cover all costs associated with an RSVP volunteer, both administrative costs as well as the cost of such volunteer benefits as required insurance, mileage reimbursement, and meals where applicable?</b></p> <p>Yes.</p>
<p><b>New</b></p>	<p><b>47. Is it possible to propose a statewide project, when there are counties that are already served?</b></p> <p>You could propose a statewide project to serve counties that are not already served.</p>
<p><b>New</b></p>	<p><b>48. May a national organization apply for multiple grants to be used in different locations / states or would the national organization be limited to one grant for the entire organization?</b></p> <p>RSVP is a program focused on local needs, with local community participation. While a national application is not prohibited, normally local affiliates of national organizations submit separate applications.</p>
<p><b>New</b></p>	<p><b>49. Can an organization apply to serve an unserved county in a bordering state?</b></p> <p>Yes. The statute and regulations do not prohibit RSVP grantees from operating projects in a separate state. The applicant would be well served to briefly describe the rationale for and the benefits of the geographic arrangement proposed in the Grant Application.</p>
<p><b>New</b></p>	<p><b>50. Does the list of geographic areas posted in the APPENDIX A of the Notice show the geographic service areas available to be served by a new project?</b></p> <p>Yes. The list shows the geographic areas previously served by a project where a project was voluntarily relinquished. All geographic areas not served by an existing project are considered unserved areas.</p>
<p><b>New</b></p>	<p><b>51. My state is not on the list of geographic areas posted in the APPENDIX A of the Notice – does this mean I cannot apply for a grant?</b></p> <p>You may apply for a grant.</p> <p>The list shows the geographic areas previously served by a project where a project was voluntarily relinquished. Organizations may apply for a new grant in the geographic areas on the list in Appendix A.</p> <p>Current RSVP grantees in any state may apply to augment their existing grant with veteran’s focused programming.</p>
<p><b>Augmentation</b></p>	<p><b>52. Can existing RSVP projects apply for augmentation funding to geographically expand into areas that had a RSVP project that was relinquished or into a new area that has never had a RSVP project?</b></p> <p>Yes. Applications for grant augmentations may be for expansion of existing projects either within currently approved geographic service areas or into new geographic service areas.</p>
<p><b>Augmentation</b></p>	<p><b>53. Can existing RSVP projects apply for an augmentation to include another CNS focus area, besides services to the Veteran and military families?</b></p> <p>No. Grant augmentations must incorporate new veteran’s programming,</p>

	including Department of Labor (DOL) veteran’s activities and/or other veteran’s and military families programming.
<b>Augmentation</b>	<p><b>54. Are project budgets for grant augmentations limited to the augmentation amount, stated in the <i>Notice</i>, of \$7,000?</b></p> <p>No. The <i>Notice</i> sets \$7,000 as a minimum. For augmentations, CNCS expects awards for a minimum total award of \$7,000 each with a minimum number of 20 volunteers (\$350 per volunteer). There is no maximum number of RSVP volunteers.</p>
<b>New</b>	<p><b>55. We previously relinquished an RSVP grant, may we apply for a new grant?</b></p> <p>Yes.</p>
<b>Augmentation</b>	<p><b>56. If I am in the third year of my grant when I apply for a grant augmentation and I am awarded a grant augmentation, do I need to spend all of the augmentation funds by the end of the third year of my grant?</b></p> <p>Yes. All augmentation funds must be expended by the end of your current grant period.</p>
<b>New and Augmentation</b>	<p><b>57. Can I format my application with bullets and special characters?</b></p> <p>No. Please keep detailed formatting to a minimum. The CNCS eGrants system does not accommodate bullets, special characters, etc.</p>
<b>New and Augmentation</b>	<p><b>58. Where can I send questions about applying for these grants?</b></p> <p>For further information, questions or for a printed copy of this Notice, call (202) 606-3225 or e-mail 2012SeniorCorps@cns.gov.</p>
<b>New and Augmentation</b>	<p><b>59. Can a current RSVP grantee apply for both a new project and a grant augmentation?</b></p> <p>Yes.</p>
<b>New</b>	<p><b>60. If I apply for a new project in a previously served geographic service area, do I have to maintain the same programming and service activities of the relinquished project?</b></p> <p>No. You may propose new activities and programming.</p>
<b>New</b>	<p><b>61. If I apply for a new project in a previously served geographic service area, do I have to maintain the same number of volunteers as the relinquished project?</b></p> <p>No. However, for new RSVP projects, CNCS expects to award new project grants at \$350 per volunteer.</p>
<b>New</b>	<p><b>62. If I apply for a new project in a previously served geographic service area, do I have to apply for the same federal funding of the previous grant?</b></p> <p>No. You should budget for the cost of supporting the programming proposed, number of volunteers etc. We estimate \$350 federal funds per volunteer is the</p>

	average amount needed to successfully launch and operate a new project.
New	<p><b>63. Are there minimum and maximum funding amounts or number of volunteers for new grants?</b></p> <p>No.</p>
New and Augmentation	<p><b>64. Must I propose to cover the entire service area of the relinquished grant or could I propose to include only certain areas?</b></p> <p>You may propose to serve all or part of the area previously served.</p>
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New and Augmentation	<p><b>65. If I am a current RSVP grantee using non-federal funds to provide programming and service to a previously served geographic service area, may I apply for a new project to serve this area?</b></p> <p>No. For the purposes of this competition, the service area is <b>not available for the “new grant” element of the competition</b>, as it is already covered by a federally funded RSVP grant.</p> <p>However, the RSVP sponsor that expanded to pick up a relinquished service area is <b>eligible to apply for an augmentation</b> for federal funds to incorporate veterans programming, including in the expanded service area.</p>
New and Augmentation	<p><b>66. How does CNCS define an “unserved” geographic area?</b></p> <p>CNCS defines an “unserved” geographic area as a geographic area where there are no volunteers actively serving beneficiaries under the auspices of RSVP.</p>
New and Augmentation	<p><b>67. Is the goal of the Relinquishment Funds Competition to fund RSVP programming and funding to every geographic area that experienced a relinquishment?</b></p> <p>No. There is no guarantee that RSVP grants will be awarded in every geographic area that experienced a relinquishment in this competition.</p>
New and Augmentation	<p><b>68. Can a current grantee receive funds to expand into a geographic service area no longer being served due to a relinquishment?</b></p> <p>Yes. Current grantees may apply for a new project in a previously served area or an augmentation of their grant to expand into an area previously served. However, current RSVP grantees applying for a grant augmentation to expand in to previously served geographic service areas listed in Appendix A <b>must submit their proposal under the New Grant NOFO in eGrants.</b></p>
Augmentation	<p><b>69. If awarded a grant augmentation, how long will a current grantee have to recruit their proposed number of volunteers?</b></p> <p>A grantee awarded a grant augmentation will have until the end of their current three year grant period to recruit the proposed number of volunteers.</p>

New and Augmentation	<p><b>70. Is there a commitment time period requirement for volunteer service?</b></p> <p>No. There is no limit to the length of time a volunteer may serve.</p>
New	<p><b>71. Do applicants for a new project need to respond to all six Focus Areas?</b></p> <p>No. There is no requirement to respond to all six Focus Areas.</p>
New and Augmentation	<p><b>72. If I currently have an RSVP grant and am awarded a second, new grant in this RSVP Relinquishment Fund competition; could I lose my current RSVP grant when I compete in the 2013 RSVP Re-competition?</b></p> <p>Yes, that could happen.</p>
New and Augmentation	<p><b>73. Is the \$350 cost per volunteer a per year cost or a cost over the grant period?</b></p> <p>Under this competition, the \$350 cost per volunteer is per year.</p>
New	<p><b>74. Are all of the Six Focus areas equally weighted?</b></p> <p>Yes, for new projects in this competition, all six focus areas are equally weighted.</p>
New and Augmentation	<p><b>75. Is there a particular focus on engaging veterans as well as military families?</b></p> <p>Yes, for grant augmentations in this competition there is a specific focus on serving veterans and military families. However, new projects may be proposed under any of the six Focus Areas.</p>
New and Augmentation	<p><b>76. How can we find out who was the prior sponsor of a grant?</b></p> <p>You can find information on prior sponsors of relinquished RSVP grants on the FOIA Electronic Reading Room of the CNCS website located at:  <a href="http://www.nationalservice.gov/home/foia/readingroom.asp">http://www.nationalservice.gov/home/foia/readingroom.asp</a></p>
Augmentation	<p><b>77. If I am awarded a grant augmentation and the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of my current grant ends March 31, 2013, would my project need to meet the grant augmentation volunteer recruitment numbers and work plans by the end of my current grant, March 31, 2013?</b></p> <p>Yes.</p>
Augmentation	<p><b>78. If a current RSVP program applies for a new project in the previously served geographic service areas listed in Appendix A, which NOFO in eGrants should they use?</b></p> <p>To apply for a new project in the previously served geographic service areas listed in Appendix A, please select the New Project NOFO in eGrants.</p>
New and Augmentation	<p><b>79. Has the <i>Notice</i> been updated since it was originally posted on March 19, 2012?</b></p> <p>Yes. The <i>Notice</i> itself was edited and reposted on March 23, 2012 and March 30,</p>

	<p>2012. Additionally, the list of previously served geographic service areas in Appendix A will be updated every week until April 8, 2012.</p>
<b>New and Augmentation</b>	<p><b>80. Is there a checklist on items to be covered in the application Narratives available for applicants?</b></p> <p>No. Applicants for a grant augmentation should use the application guidance in the <i>Notice</i> itself; it references the content and items applicants will need to do.</p> <p>Applicants for new projects should use follow the guidance in the Senior Corps grant application.</p>
<b>Augmentation</b>	<p><b>81. Are there examples of programming for veterans and military families and programming in coordination with the Department of Labor Veterans programs?</b></p> <p>Yes. We will post illustrative examples of programming for veterans and military families and programming in coordination with the Department of Labor Veterans programs.</p>
<b>Augmentation</b>	<p><b>82. For our grant augmentation, can we use existing volunteers who either take on a new assignment at an existing site or move to a new site with service related to the augmentation?</b></p> <p>No. The purpose of the grant augmentation is to enroll new volunteers beyond those already enrolled and above and beyond those already serving in your project.</p>
<b>Augmentation</b>	<p><b>83. If I apply for a grant augmentation, how should I budget the match percentage for the grant?</b></p> <p>The augmentation budget will be added to your current grant budget. To calculate the total match percentage, you should add your proposed grant augmentation budget to your current grant budget and calculate the match.</p> <p>Remember, the RSVP non-federal share requirement — 20% in Year 2, and 30% in Year 3 and subsequent years — is calculated as a percentage of the <b>total</b> project budget. <b>Total = CNCS share and the grantee share.</b></p> <p>For example, if your total budget is \$100,000, the required non-federal share for Year Two would be \$20,000 and the federal share would be \$80,000.</p>
<b>Augmentation</b>	<p><b>84. If a current RSVP grantee is not in a state on the list in Appendix A, can they still apply for a grant augmentation?</b></p> <p>Yes. All current RSVP grantees may apply for a grant augmentation so long as they send an email to their State Office by March 30, 2012 requesting Certification of Eligibility.</p>
<b>New and Augmentation</b>	<p><b>85. My project is approved for an 80% RSVP Director position by our State Office. However, the <i>Notice</i> states that there should be a full-time Project Director. Could you please clarify?</b></p>

	<p>The program requirements in the <i>Notice</i> reflect the RSVP program regulations which call for a full-time Project Director. The regulations also include some flexibility to have it approve a Project Director at a lesser time should that be deemed an appropriate management level.</p> <p>Applicants should provide a detailed justification in their application regarding what level of staffing is needed to accomplish proper management and oversight of the project.</p>
<b>New and Augmentation</b>	<p><b>86. Are there page limits on the Narratives in the application?</b></p> <p>Yes, there are recommended page limits. Applicants for new projects grant augmentations should reference page 11 of the <i>Notice</i>.</p>
<b>Augmentation</b>	<p><b>87. If a current RSVP grantee is awarded a grant augmentation, will it be a one-time funding or will the funding be added to the current grant budget on a recurring basis?</b></p> <p>The grant augmentation funding and corresponding programming and volunteer numbers, become a permanent part of the current grant.</p>
<b>Augmentation</b>	<p><b>88. For a grant augmentation proposal, is it correct that 100% of the proposed volunteers need to be in Performance Measures?</b></p> <p>Yes.</p>
<b>Augmentation</b>	<p><b>89. For a grant augmentation proposal, do the Performance Measures need to focus exclusively on veterans and military families?</b></p> <p>Yes.</p>
<b>New and Augmentation</b>	<p><b>90. When pasting materials into eGrants, should they text be double-spaced?</b></p> <p>We recommend not exceeding 15 double-spaced pages in your Narratives, including the Executive Summary and Cover Page, as the pages print out from eGrants. This recommended limit does not include the Cost Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy section. You may print out your application from the Review and Submit page, prior to final submission to review the number of pages.</p> <p>Applicants may use a standard, double spaced word document as a reference to how many pages the application will be in eGrants, however, it is important to note that this will not be an exact conversion and applicants should print out the pages from eGrants to verify the page count.</p>
<b>Augmentation</b>	<p><b>91. If a current RSVP grantee is in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year of their grant and the grant cycle ends March 31, 2013 and they are awarded a grant augmentation, will they receive 6 months of funding or a full twelve months of funding?</b></p> <p>Regardless, of which year a current RSVP grantee is in their three year grant period, they will receive a full twelve months of augmentation funding. However, the grantee must expend all of the funding by the end of their grant period.</p>

<b>Augmentation</b>	<b>92. Can current RSVP grantees apply for a grant augmentation in another Focus Area other than services to veterans and military families?</b>  No.
<b>New and Augmentation</b>	<b>93. Can nonprofits directly apply for this grant?</b>  Yes.
<b>Augmentation</b>	<b>94. If I am a full-time Project Director who splits my time between 2 programs, would I be able to apply for a grant augmentation?</b>  Yes.
<b>New</b>	<b>95. Does a new grant application need to cover all the areas covered in the previously served geographic service area or can an applicant propose to cover part or half of the area?</b>  An applicant for a new project may apply to serve a part, half, or all of the previously served geographic area.
<b>New</b>	<b>96. Do existing RSVP grantees applying for a New Project need to notify their State Office and receive Confirmation of Eligibility?</b>  No.
<b>New and Augmentation</b>	<b>97. Can Foster Grandparent Programs apply for this grant money or is it only for RSVP?</b>  No. There are only RSVP funds available under this <i>Notice</i> .
<b>Augmentation</b>	<b>98. If we already have a FT RSVP Director in our existing grant, would we meet the requirement of a FT Director for the augmentation.</b>  Yes.
<b>New and Augmentation</b>	<b>99. Does CNCS Senior Corps have a breakdown of the allocation of \$350 per volunteer as a best practice for well-run programs?</b>  No. The breakdown of the allocation of the \$350 per volunteer should be determined by the individual project's programming and budget.
<b>New and Augmentation</b>	<b>100. If a current RSVP grantee wishes to both expand their programming into an area that was relinquished and augment their current programming to include veteran's services must they submit two separate applications?</b>  Yes. In order to insure that all applications for a specific service area are reviewed and rated together, grantees must apply under the New Project NOFO in eGrants for that portion.
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	<b>101. How do I find the correct NOFO in eGrants for a grant augmentation application?</b>  Current RSVP grantees applying for a grant augmentation should first select the "New" application button on the left side of the eGrants screen directly after login. Then select "RSVP Augment 2012". Please note that if you plan to apply for a grant augmentation in to a relinquished service area you must select the "RSVP New 2012"NOFA.

