

February 25, 2015

Dear Members of the New York Congressional Delegation,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) has awarded a 2015 Senior Corps RSVP grant to one or more organizations in New York.

The attachment includes a brief summary of each grant awarded in New York, including local contact information for the grantee.

This funding builds on Senior Corps RSVP's longstanding history of civic engagement. Established in 1971, Senior Corps RSVP is one of the largest senior volunteer organizations in the nation. Senior Corps RSVP taps the skills, talents, and experience of thousands of Americans age 55 and older. In 2009, Congress passed the Serve America Act, the most sweeping expansion of national service in a generation. This landmark law established an annual competition of the Senior Corps RSVP program that began in 2013. This competition requires grantees to meet performance measures and funds projects that meet a diverse range of specific local and community needs. Senior Corps RSVP volunteers serve through Area Agencies on Aging, Community Action Agencies, Volunteer Centers, United Ways, social services agencies, faith-based organizations, and many others. Together these Senior Corps RSVP volunteers have improved lives in the following ways:

- Served 329,400 veterans in activities such as transportation and employment service referrals
- Mentored nearly 78,000 children
- Provided independent living services to 797,000 adults, primarily frail seniors
- Provided respite services to 20,300 family or informal caregivers
- Engaged 20,100 veterans who served as Senior Corps RSVP volunteers.
- Leveraged an additional 18,500 volunteers to support Senior Corps RSVP activities such as delivering meals to those in need and tutoring at-risk children.

In a time of significant economic challenges, national service is a critical and cost-effective method to engage America's citizens in solving problems in their communities. Our agency seeks to expand service opportunities for older Americans and make service a transformative experience for all who serve and for the communities that they support.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss national service with you at your convenience. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Kimberly L. Allman, Director of Government Relations, at kallman@cns.gov or (202) 606-6707.

Warmest regards,



Wendy Spencer
Chief Executive Officer

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: Volunteer Center
220 White Plains Road
Tarrytown, NY 10591-5837
(914) 227-9304

Contact: Alisa Kesten
alisa@volunteer-center.org

Project Name: RSVP of Westchester

Service Area: Westchester County

Estimated Volunteers: 796

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 106,734

Grant Type: New RSVP grants - funds will support RSVP projects in established geographic service areas that were competed per the Serve America Act beginning in 2013. These competitive grants ensure investment in quality programming within communities across the country.

**Program Primary
Focus Area:**

Education

Grants will provide support and/or facilitate access to services and resources that contribute to improved educational outcomes for economically disadvantaged people, especially children, and for children with special and/or exceptional needs. Grant activities will improve:

- School readiness for economically disadvantaged young children
- Educational and behavioral outcomes of elementary, middle, and high school students with special and exceptional needs
- The preparation for and prospects of success in post-secondary education institutions for economically disadvantaged students or students with special or exceptional needs.

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Project Sponsor: Orange County Office For the Aging
18 Seward Avenue
Middletown, NY 10940-1918
(845) 615-3728

Contact: Allison Johannessen
ajohannessen@orangecountygov.com

Project Name: Orange County RSVP

Service Area: Orange County

Estimated Volunteers: 501

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 57,229

Grant Type: New RSVP grants - funds will support RSVP projects in established geographic service areas that were competed per the Serve America Act beginning in 2013. These competitive grants ensure investment in quality programming within communities across the country.

**Program Primary
Focus Area:**

Healthy Futures:

Grants will assist with meeting health needs within communities including access to care, aging in place, and childhood obesity.

Grant activities will:

- Increase seniors' ability to remain in their own homes with the same or improved quality of life for as long as possible;
- Increase physical activity and improve nutrition in youth with the purpose of reducing childhood obesity and increasing access to nutritious food, and
- Improve access to primary and preventive health care for communities served by CNCS-supported programs (access to health care).

New York – 18th Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

- Project Sponsor:** Putnam County Office For Aging
110 Old Route Six
Carmel, NY 10512-2119
(845) 808-1700 47105
- Contact:** Patricia Sheehy
patricia.sheehy@putnamcountyny.gov
- Project Name:** RSVP of Putnam County
- Service Area:** Putnam County
- Estimated Volunteers:** 360
- CNCS Award Amount:** Up to \$ 41,015
- Grant Type:** New RSVP grants - funds will support RSVP projects in established geographic service areas that were competed per the Serve America Act beginning in 2013. These competitive grants ensure investment in quality programming within communities across the country.
- Program Primary Focus Area:**
- Healthy Futures:**
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New York – 19th Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: Ulster County Community College
P. O. Box 557
Stone Ridge, NY 12484-0557
(845) 687-5049

Contact: Donald Katt
kattd@sunyulster.edu

Project Name: RSVP of Ulster County

Service Area: Ulster County

Estimated Volunteers: 400

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 48,127

Grant Type: New RSVP grants - funds will support RSVP projects in established geographic service areas that were competed per the Serve America Act beginning in 2013. These competitive grants ensure investment in quality programming within communities across the country.

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New York – 20th Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: Research Foundation on behalf of SUNY College at Oswego
35 State St
Albany, NY 12207-2826
(315) 312-2561

Contact: Julie Marte
julie.marte@oswego.edu

Project Name: Oswego County RSVP

Service Area: Oswego County

Estimated Volunteers: 367

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 59,692

Grant Type: New RSVP grants - funds will support RSVP projects in established geographic service areas that were competed per the Serve America Act beginning in 2013. These competitive grants ensure investment in quality programming within communities across the country.

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New York – 21st Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

- Project Sponsor:** Tri-County United Way
696 Upper Glen Street
Queensbury, NY 12804-2071
(518) 793-3136
- Contact:** Joanna Sheridan
jsheridan@tcuwny.org
- Project Name:** RSVP of Warren And Washington Counties
- Service Area:** Warren, Washington and Hamilton Counties
- Estimated Volunteers:** 220
- CNCS Award Amount:** Up to \$ 39,934
- Grant Type:** New RSVP grants - funds will support RSVP projects in established geographic service areas that were competed per the Serve America Act beginning in 2013. These competitive grants ensure investment in quality programming within communities across the country.
- Program Primary Focus Area:**
- Healthy Futures:**
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Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: Catholic Charities Herkimer County
61 West St
Ilion, NY 13357-1723
(315) 894-9917 222

Contact: Deanna Charles
dcharles@ccherkimer.org

Project Name: Herkimer County RSVP

Service Area: Herkimer County

Estimated Volunteers: 240

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 49,044

Grant Type: New RSVP grants - funds will support RSVP projects in established geographic service areas that were competed per the Serve America Act beginning in 2013. These competitive grants ensure investment in quality programming within communities across the country.

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Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: Opportunities For Chenango Inc.
PO Box 470
44 W. Main Street
Norwich, NY 13815-1613
(607) 334-7114

Contact: Wayne Viera
wviera@ofcinc.org

Project Name: Chenango County RSVP

Service Area: Chenango County

Estimated Volunteers: 301

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 30,696

Grant Type: New RSVP grants - funds will support RSVP projects in established geographic service areas that were competed per the Serve America Act beginning in 2013. These competitive grants ensure investment in quality programming within communities across the country.

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Project Sponsor: Lutheran Social Services (NY)
715 Falconer St
Jamestown, NY 14701-1997
(716) 665-8128

Contact: Thomas Holt
tholt@lutheran-jamestown.org

Project Name: Chautauqua County RSVP

Service Area: Chautauqua County

Estimated Volunteers: 540

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 53,216

Grant Type: New RSVP grants - funds will support RSVP projects in established geographic service areas that were competed per the Serve America Act beginning in 2013. These competitive grants ensure investment in quality programming within communities across the country.

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New York – 24th Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

- Project Sponsor:** Wayne County Action Program Inc.
159 Montezuma St
Lyons, NY 14489-1228
315-665-0131
- Contact:** Carm Krueger
carm.krueger@waynecap.org
- Project Name:** Wayne County Action Program RSVP
- Service Area:** Wayne, Ontario, and Seneca Counties
- Estimated Volunteers:** 142
- CNCS Award Amount:** Up to \$ 40,087
- Grant Type:** New RSVP grants - funds will support RSVP projects in established geographic service areas that were competed per the Serve America Act beginning in 2013. These competitive grants ensure investment in quality programming within communities across the country.
- Program Primary Focus Area:**
- Healthy Futures:**
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Project Sponsor: Lifespan of Greater Rochester
1900 S. Clinton Ave
Rochester, NY 14618-5621
(585) 244-8400

Contact: Ann Marie Cook
amcook@lifespan-roch.org

Project Name: RSVP of Monroe County2

Service Area: Monroe County

Estimated Volunteers: 582

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 81,937

Grant Type: New RSVP grants - funds will support RSVP projects in established geographic service areas that were competed per the Serve America Act beginning in 2013. These competitive grants ensure investment in quality programming within communities across the country.

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Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: Erie County Department of Senior Services
Rath Building
95 Franklin St
Buffalo, NY 14202-3925
(716) 858-6922

Contact: Randall Hoak
randall.hoak@erie.gov

Project Name: Erie County RSVP

Service Area: Erie County

Estimated Volunteers: 900

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 73,891

Grant Type: New RSVP grants - funds will support RSVP projects in established geographic service areas that were competed per the Serve America Act beginning in 2013. These competitive grants ensure investment in quality programming within communities across the country.

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