

February 25, 2015

Dear Members of the Pennsylvania 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 Pennsylvania.

The attachment includes a brief summary of each grant awarded in Pennsylvania, 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

Pennsylvania – 4th Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor:	RSVP of the Capital Region, Inc. 50 Utley Dr Ste 500 Camp Hill, PA 17011-8031 (717) 541-9521
Contact:	Carol Oman rsvp@rsvpcapreg.org
Project Name:	RSVP of the Capitol Region, Inc.-East
Service Area:	Lancaster, Lebanon, and York Counties
Estimated Volunteers:	681
CNCS Award Amount:	Up to \$ 238,350
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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).

Pennsylvania – 5th Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor:	Centre County Commissioners Willowbank Office Building 420 Holmes St Bellefonte, PA 16823-1401 (814) 355-6816
Contact:	Andrea Puzycki ampuzycki@centrecountypa.gov
Project Name:	RSVP of Centre County
Service Area:	Centre County
Estimated Volunteers:	800
CNCS Award Amount:	Up to \$55,561
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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Pennsylvania – 7th Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: RSVP of Montgomery County PA, Inc.
925 Harvest Drive
Suite 100
Blue Bell, PA 19422-1956
(610) 834-1040 14

Contact: Michele Spencer Moll
micheles@rsvpmc.org

Project Name: RSVP serving Delaware County PA

Service Area: Delaware County

Estimated Volunteers: 486

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 133,903

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.

Pennsylvania – 9th Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

- Project Sponsor:** Fayette County Community Action Agency, Inc.
108 N Beeson Ave
Uniontown, PA 15401-7401
(724) 430-6426
- Contact:** Barbara Tibbe
btibbe@fccaa.org
- Project Name:** FCCAA RSVP
- Service Area:** Fayette County
- Estimated Volunteers:** 350
- CNCS Award Amount:** Up to \$ 110,300
- 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:
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 - Increase physical activity and improve nutrition in youth with the purpose of reducing childhood obesity and increasing access to nutritious food, and
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Pennsylvania – 12th Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: Senior Activities Center of Cambria County, Inc.
550 Main St
Ste 205A
Johnstown, PA 15901-2011
(814) 539-4511

Contact: Diane L. Cence
dcence@atlanticbb.net

Project Name: Bedford-Cambria County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

Service Area: Bedford and Cambria Counties

Estimated Volunteers: 520

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 101,857

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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Pennsylvania – 13th Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: Klein and Stiffel JCCs
10100 Jamison Ave
Philadelphia, PA 19116-3832
(215) 695-7300 143

Contact: Ginene Hammer
rhammer@kleinjcc.org

Project Name: RSVP

Service Area: Philadelphia County

Estimated Volunteers: 560

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$126,269

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:

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Pennsylvania – 14th Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: Pittsburgh Cares
239 4th Ave
Ste 1007
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-1712
(412) 471-2114

Contact: Riley Baker
rbaker@pittsburghcares.org

Project Name: RSVP Allegheny County PA

Service Area: Allegheny County, Pittsburgh

Estimated Volunteers: 500

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 148,805

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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Focus Area:**

Education

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Pennsylvania – 15th Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: ShareCare Faith in Action
321 Wyandotte St
Bethlehem, PA 18015-1527
(610) 867-2177

Contact: Lynn Heiney
ShareCare8@aol.com

Project Name: RSVP of Lehigh, Northampton and Carbon Counties

Service Area: Lehigh, Northampton and Carbon Counties

Estimated Volunteers: 420

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 147,000

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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Pennsylvania – 17th Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: Volunteer Action Center Scranton
Scranton Life Bldg
538 Spruce St Ste 420
Scranton, PA 18503-1816
(570) 347-5616

Contact: Nancy Post
rsvp@vacnepa.org

Project Name: RSVP of Lackawanna County

Service Area: Lackawanna County

Estimated Volunteers: 400

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$68,485

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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Pennsylvania – 18th Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

- Project Sponsor:** Westmoreland County Community College
145 Pavilion Lane
Youngwood, PA 15697-1814
(724) 925-4200
- Contact:** Debi Williams
williamsdeb@wccc.edu
- Project Name:** RSVP of Westmoreland County
- Service Area:** Westmoreland County
- Estimated Volunteers:** 839
- CNCS Award Amount:** Up to \$ 63,497
- 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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