



FGP, RSVP, and SCP in 2016

Grants Overview



Objectives for 2016



- 2016 presents an optimal time to improve, modernize, and streamline grant making processes and tools.
- There is a base of real work knowledge in Performance Measures to apply to revised measures.
- There is a better understanding of the important role of evidence-based programming.
- Starting these new approaches in 2016 will help to build and expand better resources and understanding and address the ongoing need to create interrelated modules and documents that can work in concert to achieve grant making.

Notices of Funding Opportunity / Availability (Notices) & Invitation to Apply

- All SC grantees, including non-competitive FGP, RSVP, and SCP grantees, will apply for their grants against the requirements listed in the applicable Notice.
- Unlike in previous years, FGP, RSVP, and SCP grantees will have their own non-competitive Notices – referred to as an Invitation to Apply - to reference when completing their 2016 grant applications.

How Will This Work?



- Each grantee will receive a customized letter from the Program Officer to tell them to apply, and to give new instructions on how to do so.
 - For example, the letter will contain the link to the Notice / Invitation to Apply on the CNCS website that grantees must read and respond to in the grant application.
 - Links to the grant application and to the new National Performance Measures will also be included.
- This process, for non-competitive grants (FGP, RSVP, and SCP) approximates the competitive the NOFA process from the perspective of the grantee. The objective is to begin acclimating grantees in using a NOFA to submit an application.

How Will This Work? (cont.)

- Letters will be sent to grantees from State Program Officers informing them that it is time to apply for a grant.
- The schedule is based on the cycles for each grant (2nd, 3rd, 4th quarter).
- The schedule for each grantee will remain according to past schedules.

How Will This Work? (cont.)

- SC will hold a series of TA calls for grantees.
- Documents and webinar schedule can be accessed at the “Managing Senior Corps Grants” webpage
- <http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/senior-corps/managing-senior-corps-grants>

New Performance Measures

The major change is that ALL Senior Corps grantees applying for a RENEWAL will be required to adopt the new performance measures in 2016.

- Percentage rules eliminated; replaced by cost per VSY/unduplicated volunteer in outcome-based assignments
- New measures available in each program
- Additional service activities accommodate evidence-based programs

RSVP Performance Measures

- **Year 1: \$1,250 per unduplicated volunteer in outcome in annual base federal funding**, at least one unduplicated volunteer must be placed in work plans that
 - Result in National Performance Measure outcomes in any Focus Areas and/or Capacity Building Measures **OR**
 - Engage volunteers in an evidence-based program in a National Performance Measure output in health education programming
- **Year 2 or 3: \$1,000 per unduplicated volunteer in outcome in annual base federal funding**, at least one unduplicated volunteer must be placed in work plans that
 - Result in National Performance Measure outcomes in any Focus Areas and/or Capacity Building Measures **OR**
 - Engage volunteers in an evidence-based program in a National Performance Measure output in health education programming

FGP / SCP Performance Measures

- For every \$6,000 in annual base federal funding, at least one Volunteer Service Year worth of service must be placed in work plans that result in National Performance Measure outcomes in the Education or Healthy Futures focus area.
- For Legacy programs, National Performance Measure output in Inclusion of people with disabilities work plans (H15)

Evidence-based Programming

- The Administration is committed to (1) asking and answering questions that help them find, implement, spread, and sustain effective programs and practices, (2) identifying and fixing or eliminating ineffective programs and practices, (3) testing promising programs and practices to see if they are effective and can be replicated, and (4) finding lower cost ways to achieve positive impacts.
- The term “evidence-based program”, in general, means that a program is designed based on a specific set of assumptions or theory of change and undergoes scientific evaluation. The evaluation tests those assumptions, and the results establish a causal relationship between the service delivered and the expected outcome.
- CNCS is making a commitment to supporting organizations that use evidence-based programs or establish that their program design has an evidence basis.

Evidence-based Programming (cont.)

- Senior Corps is considering funding programs that incorporate evidence-based programs into their programs at higher funding levels than they would qualify for otherwise.
- This higher level of funding may be provided in order to help organizations cover some of the costs associated with purchasing and running a packaged program.
- Programs may choose to replicate a proven model listed on a federal evidence repository or they may choose to create, test, and prove their own model using evaluations and data that form an evidence basis for their program. Evaluations must meet a level of rigor that is on par with the requirements for programs identified on federal repositories as outlined in Appendix C that is found in all Notices and Invitations to Apply.

Next Steps



- We will hold 7 more TA calls to review each Invitation to Apply and discuss implications of new guidance; review new Performance Measure requirements; and review Evidence-based programming requirements.
- See the [Managing Senior Corps Grants](#) webpage

Next Steps (cont.)



- Find full call details at Managing Senior Corps Grants:
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