



# 2016 RSVP Invitation to Apply



# RSVP Invitation to Apply Highlights

- Non-competitive Renewal Process
- Applies to Renewal RSVP applicants only
  - 2013 RSVP Competition grantees
- New 2016 Performance Measures
  - Replaced by cost per unduplicated volunteer in outcome-based assignments and/or evidence-based health education programs
  - New output and outcome measures and additional service activities for some existing measures
- Increased Funding for Grant Under \$40,000
- Evidence-based Program Application Process
  - Option for Additional Funding
- Measuring Success for RSVP Renewals

# Non-Competitive Renewal Process

- 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 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.

# 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**, 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

# Performance Measures Requirements

- **How many unduplicated volunteers do I need in order to meet the requirements?**
- Calculation: Total Federal Funding Level divided by \$1,000 = the number unduplicated volunteers
- Remember: Work plans are created based on what you expect to accomplish at the end of the performance period, i.e. in Year 3. Therefore, you should create work plans based on requirements for Year 3.

# Performance Measures Example

- For Example:
- Annual Federal Funding Level = \$100,000
- Current number of unduplicated volunteers = 300
- $\$100,000 / \$1,000 = 100$  **unduplicated volunteers** in outcomes and/or evidence-based health education programs

# Performance Measures Example

- Example Continued:
- Grantees may
  - Reduce the number of unduplicated volunteers to 100 and place all in outcomes/evidence-based health education programs
  - Retain 300 or fewer unduplicated volunteers (up to 101); place at least 100 in outcomes/evidence-based health education programs and place the remaining volunteers in a combination of outputs and community priorities

# Performance Measure Requirements

- Example 2:
  - Current Federal Funding Level = \$23,000
  - Current total unduplicated volunteers = 50
  - Option to increase Annual Federal Funding = \$40,000
  - $\$40,000/\$1,000 = 40$  **unduplicated volunteers** in outcomes and/or evidence-based health education programs

# Performance Measures Example

- Example 2 Continued:
- Grantee has same options as in Example 1
  - Reduce the number of unduplicated volunteers place all in outcomes/evidence-based health education programs, 40 for this example
  - Retain some number of unduplicated volunteers up to the current level of 50 volunteers; place the minimum number required in outcomes/evidence-based health education programs (40) and place the remaining volunteers in a combination of outputs and community priorities

# Satisfactory Performance in Year 1

- **Invitation to Apply - Section E(1)**

- **E. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION**

- **1. Criteria**

- Applications should include a well-designed plan with clear and compelling justifications for receiving the requested funds. Reviewers will assess the applications against the following selection criteria and rate them accordingly considering the weights assigned to each criterion.

- In Year 1, if an application is not scored “Fair” or above, it will receive a special condition. The application must be resubmitted and rescored in Year 2. If the application does not meet the “Fair” threshold in Year 2, the grant may be denied refunding.

# Evidence-based Programs

- “a program designed based on a specific set of assumptions or theory of change that is evaluated for validity ... results of evaluation support a causal relationship between the service delivered and the expected outcome.”
- Federal repositories:
  - What Works Clearinghouse
  - OJJDP Model Programs Guide
  - National Registry of Evidence Based Programs

# Evidence-based Programs: allowable costs

- Engage volunteers in an evidence-based service activities
  - recruitment
  - supervision
- Support costs associated with the implementation and monitoring of evidence-based programming
  - training
  - data collection
  - consulting fees
  - travel

# Evidence-based Program: proposal

- All information regarding the evidence-based funding request should be located in the final, “Other” section of the application narrative\*
- All evidence-based augmentation requests for FY 2016 be assessed in April 2016
- Any evidence-based programs questions, please email Dan at [evidencebased@cns.gov](mailto:evidencebased@cns.gov)

\*see Senior Corps grant application instructions and the Invitation to Apply, Part II. Section F: Other NOFA Requirements.

# High-quality EBP proposal content

- ✓ Identified evidence-based program features
- ✓ Supporting research
- ✓ Explanation of modifications to evidence-based model
- ✓ Methods for monitoring “fidelity” and/or partnerships with researchers
- ✓ Identify number of *additional* volunteers\*
- ✓ Annual costs vs One-time/ start-up costs

\* OK to mix with volunteers and work plans supported under the baseline funding

# Next Steps

- The next TA call for RSVP grantees will be about the RSVP Performance Measures
  - **Thursday, December 3, 2015 - 3:00 p.m. ET - RSVP Performance Measures Overview**  
Dial-in Number: 800-857-4865  
Participant Passcode: 1709993  
[Skype for Business](#)  
Replay available until February 29, 2016 - 800-873-2158
- See the Managing Senior Corps Grants webpage
  - <http://www.nationalservice.gov/seniorcorps>