



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 Requirements
- Increased Funding for Grants Under \$40,000
- Evidence-based Program Application Process

Non-Competitive Renewal Process

Each grantee will receive a customized letter from Program Officer with the 2016 *Renewal* application instructions, including links to:

- Complete *Invitation to Apply* notice on the CNCS website
- Appendix B with new National Performance Measures
- Senior Corps Grant Application instructions (as usual)

Grantees must read and respond to requirements in the Invitation to Apply

Satisfactory Performance in Year 1

- In Year 1, if an application is not scored “Fair” or above, it will receive a special condition. The applicant will be required to work with the state office to address any issues that are identified.

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

What is Evidence-based Programming?

- **Evidence-based** = rigorous scientific study has demonstrated positive outcomes that can be attributed to an intervention and not to extraneous factors
- **Programming / programs** = *consistently* delivered activities with clearly defined linkages between core components and expected outcomes for an identified population

Evidence-based Program Proposal

- Can propose new service activities **or** expansions / expansion of current service activities
- All information regarding the evidence-based funding request should be located in the final, “Other” section of the application narrative
- Requests in each program to be reviewed by expert panels
- Email Evidencebased@cns.gov

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
- ✓ Performance measures
- ✓ Anticipated costs in requested categories...

Evidence-based Programs: Allowable Costs

- Engaging volunteers in an evidence-based service activities
 - recruitment
 - supervision
- Costs associated with the implementation and monitoring of specific evidence-based programming
 - training
 - data collection
 - consulting fees

Next Steps



- **Upcoming Calls:**
 - **Evidence-based Programs Overview** – Monday, March 7, 2016 – 4:00p.m. ET
 - **Evidence-based Models for Volunteer Reading Programs**
Wednesday, March 9, 2016 – 4:00 p.m. ET
 - **RSVP Performance Measures Overview** - Wednesday, March 16, 2016 - 1:00 p.m. ET
- See the Managing Senior Corps Grants webpage
 - <http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/senior-corps/managing-senior-corps-grants>