



Social Innovation Fund Grant Competition FY 2015

AARP Foundation

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The AARP Foundation has been competitively selected by the Corporation for National and Community Service's Social Innovation Fund for a grant of **\$3 million** for the first three years of a five-year grant.

Program Description:

Through its SIF initiative, the AARP Foundation will scale Experience Corps, a program that matches volunteers aged 50+ with children in K-3rd grade classrooms who are struggling to read. This project will provide small group tutoring and literacy assistance interventions to ensure that K-3rd grade children reading below grade level are able to read by the end of the third grade. It addresses the critical need for replicable, scalable and cost-effective models to reduce the number of children not reaching the critical benchmark of reading by the end of the third grade. The AARP Foundation will be evaluating whether this more cost-effective and scalable small group intervention is as effective as the higher cost, one-on-one tutoring approach.