

February 27, 2015

The Honorable Greg Abbott
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Governor Abbott,

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 Texas.

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

cc: Elizabeth Darling, President/CEO – OneStar Foundation

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: University of Texas Medical Branch - Senior Services Office
301 University Blvd
Galveston, TX 77555-0156
(409) 266-9660

Contact: Ritchie Adoue
raadoue@utmb.edu

Project Name: RSVP of Galveston County

Service Area: Galveston County

Estimated Volunteers: 150

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 36,736

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:

- 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).

Texas – 16th Congressional District

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Project Sponsor: City of El Paso
801 Texas Ave
El Paso, TX 79901-1503
(915) 541-4913

Contact: Anthony Shaar
shaarac@elpasotexas.gov

Project Name: El Paso City RSVP

Service Area: County of El Paso

Estimated Volunteers: 1,120

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 89,000

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Project Sponsor: Texas Tech University Health Sciences Ctr.
3601 4th Street, MS 6271
Lubbock, TX 79430-0002
(806) 743-7480

Contact: Joan Blackmon
joan.blackmon@ttuhsc.edu

Project Name: Lubbock RSVP/TTUHSC/Garrison Institute on Aging

Service Area: Lubbock County

Estimated Volunteers: 484

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 58,787

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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Project Sponsor: Chisholm Trail RSVP
1316 E. McKinney St.
Denton, TX 76209-4522
(940) 383-1508

Contact: Pamela Milam
PamelaMilam@texashealth.org

Project Name: Chisholm Trail RSVP

Service Area: Denton County

Estimated Volunteers: 585

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 48,563

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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