

February 27, 2015

The Honorable Chris Christie  
The State House  
P.O. Box 001  
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Governor Christie,

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 New Jersey.

The attachment includes a brief summary of each grant awarded in New Jersey, 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](mailto:kallman@cns.gov) or (202) 606-6707.

Warmest regards,



Wendy Spencer  
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Rowena Madden, Executive Director – New Jersey Commission on National and Community Service

**Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants**

**Project Sponsor:** Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders  
790 E Commerce St  
Bridgeton, NJ 08302-2279  
(856) 453-2222

**Contact:** Barbara Nedohon  
barbarane@co.cumberland.nj.us

**Project Name:** Cumberland County RSVP

**Service Area:** Cumberland County

**Estimated Volunteers:** 274

**CNCS Award Amount:** Up to \$ 44,037

**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).

**Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants**

**Project Sponsor:** Jewish Family Service of Atlantic County  
607 N Jerome Ave  
Margate City, NJ 08402-1527  
(609) 822-1108 103

**Contact:** Andrea Steinberg  
hgorman@jfsatlantic.org

**Project Name:** Jewish Family Service of Atlantic County

**Service Area:** Atlantic and Salem Counties

**Estimated Volunteers:** 185

**CNCS Award Amount:** Up to \$ 64,639

**Grant Type:** New grant to relinquished service areas – funds will support new grants to organizations in geographic areas where RSVP projects were discontinued by a previous sponsor. These grants allow continued investment in 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:

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## New Jersey – 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District

### Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

**Project Sponsor:** Burlington County College  
601 Pemberton Browns Mills Rd  
Pemberton, NJ 08068-1599  
(609) 894-9311 1746

**Contact:** Nicole Scott  
nscott@bcc.edu

**Project Name:** RSVP of Burlington County

**Service Area:** Burlington County

**Estimated Volunteers:** 216

**CNCS Award Amount:** Up to \$ 63,763

**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:**

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## New Jersey – 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

### Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

**Project Sponsor:** Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County  
3635 Quakerbridge Rd  
Ste 16  
Hamilton, NJ 08619-1247  
(609) 393-9922

**Contact:** Jane Latini  
jane@icgmc.org

**Project Name:** Mercer County Retired Senior & Volunteer Program at ICGMC

**Service Area:** Mercer County

**Estimated Volunteers:** 170

**CNCS Award Amount:** Up to \$ 59,529

**Grant Type:** New grant to relinquished service areas – funds will support new grants to organizations in geographic areas where RSVP projects were discontinued by a previous sponsor. These grants allow continued investment in programming within communities across the country.

**Program Primary Focus Area:**

**Healthy Futures:**  
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## New Jersey – 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

### Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

<b>Project Sponsor:</b>	Jewish Family Service, Inc. 1485 Teaneck Road Teaneck, NJ 07666-3626 (201) 837-9090
<b>Contact:</b>	Susan Greenbaum susan.greenbaum@jfsbergen.org
<b>Project Name:</b>	RSVP at JFS
<b>Service Area:</b>	Bergen County
<b>Estimated Volunteers:</b>	188
<b>CNCS Award Amount:</b>	Up to \$ 65,893
<b>Grant Type:</b>	New grant to relinquished service areas – funds will support new grants to organizations in geographic areas where RSVP projects were discontinued by a previous sponsor. These grants allow continued investment in programming within communities across the country.
<b>Program Primary Focus Area:</b>	<b>Healthy Futures:</b> Grants will assist with meeting health needs within communities including access to care, aging in place, and childhood obesity. Grant activities will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase seniors’ ability to remain in their own homes with the same or improved quality of life for as long as possible;</li><li>• Increase physical activity and improve nutrition in youth with the purpose of reducing childhood obesity and increasing access to nutritious food, and</li><li>• Improve access to primary and preventive health care for communities served by CNCS-supported programs (access to health care).</li></ul>

**Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants**

**Project Sponsor:** Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders  
Box 3000  
Somerville, NJ 08876-2921  
(908)704-6358

**Contact:** William Crosby  
crosby@co.somerset.nj.us

**Project Name:** Somerset County NJ RSVP

**Service Area:** Somerset County

**Estimated Volunteers:** 259

**CNCS Award Amount:** Up to \$ 48,066

**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:**

**Education**

Grants will provide support and/or facilitate access to services and resources that contribute to improved educational outcomes for economically disadvantaged people, especially children, and for children with special and/or exceptional needs. Grant activities will improve:

- School readiness for economically disadvantaged young children
- Educational and behavioral outcomes of elementary, middle, and high school students with special and exceptional needs
- The preparation for and prospects of success in post-secondary education institutions for economically disadvantaged students or students with special or exceptional needs.

## New Jersey – 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

### Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

<b>Project Sponsor:</b>	Jewish Family Service Agency of Central New Jersey 655 Westfield Ave Elizabeth, NJ 07208-1325 Phone
<b>Contact:</b>	Seth Brown sbrown@jfscentralnj.org
<b>Project Name:</b>	RSVP of Union County, NJ
<b>Service Area:</b>	Union County
<b>Estimated Volunteers:</b>	221
<b>CNCS Award Amount:</b>	Up to \$ 77,379
<b>Grant Type:</b>	New grant to relinquished service areas – funds will support new grants to organizations in geographic areas where RSVP projects were discontinued by a previous sponsor. These grants allow continued investment in programming within communities across the country.
<b>Program Primary Focus Area:</b>	<b>Healthy Futures:</b> Grants will assist with meeting health needs within communities including access to care, aging in place, and childhood obesity. Grant activities will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase seniors’ ability to remain in their own homes with the same or improved quality of life for as long as possible;</li><li>• Increase physical activity and improve nutrition in youth with the purpose of reducing childhood obesity and increasing access to nutritious food, and</li><li>• Improve access to primary and preventive health care for communities served by CNCS-supported programs (access to health care).</li></ul>

## New Jersey – 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

### Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

**Project Sponsor:** Jewish Family & Vocational Service of Middlesex County  
32 Ford Ave  
Fl 2  
Milltown, NJ 08850-1532  
(732) 777-1940

**Contact:** Lisa Mason  
LisaM@jfsmiddlesex.org

**Project Name:** RSVP Middlesex

**Service Area:** Middlesex County

**Estimated Volunteers:** 248

**CNCS Award Amount:** Up to \$54,451

**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:**

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