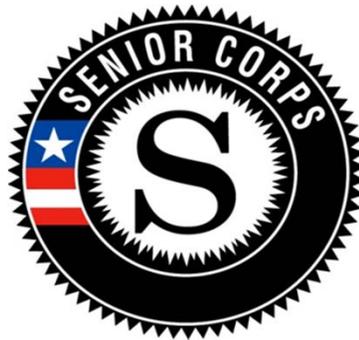




2015 Foster Grandparent Program and Senior Companion Program

Indian Tribes Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) & Application Review Process



Agenda

- Overview of Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Programs
- Notice of Funding highlights
- Notice of Funding website resources:
www.nationalservice.gov/TribalGrants
- Questions

FGP and SCP Overview

Foster Grandparent Program	Senior Companion Program
Begun in 1965	Begun in 1974
28,000 current volunteers	14,000 current volunteers
Volunteers provide direct service to children and youth in their communities	Volunteers provide direct service to adults, including frail seniors and persons with disabilities
Goal: Help improve educational outcomes for children and youth	Goal: Help older adults and individuals with disabilities live independently
Service locations: Primarily schools, Head Start centers, or after-school programs	Service locations: Primarily the private homes of clients being served

- Are run by **Program Sponsors** who are awarded CNCS grants
- Place volunteers in service locations through agreements with **Volunteer Stations**
 - Require a **Project Director**

FGP and SCP Overview: Volunteer Requirements



- Be age 55 or older
- Serve between 15 and 40 hours per week
- Be physically able to serve, per annual doctor's exam
- Pass a three-part criminal history check (state, FBI, National Sex Offender Public Website)
 - <https://www.nationalserviceresources.gov/national-service-criminal-history-check-resources>
- Program regulations contain additional information:
 - SCP regulations can be found here: [45 CFR Part 2551](#)
 - FGP regulations can be found here: [45 CFR Part 2552](#)

FGP and SCP Overview: Volunteer Benefits



- Insurance (Accident, Personal Liability, and Certain Excess Automobile Liability)
- Recognition
- Meals
- Transportation reimbursement
- Stipend of \$2.65/hour – for those who meet income qualifications (200% of poverty level or less)
 - Tax-free
 - Does not reduce a volunteer’s eligibility for public services or benefits
 - Stipends are included in the grant application budget

Foster Grandparent Program Example

Sponsor Profile: Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council

- *Number of Volunteers: 59*
- *Number of Children Served: 300+*
- *Grant Amount: \$333,304*

Volunteers serve youth in nine tribes throughout Wisconsin and Michigan. Of the youth mentored, 69% demonstrated improved academic outcomes. One Head Start site has engaged Foster Grandparent volunteers to reinforce important cultural teachings. To mark students' progress, children are presented with a feather with the name of the teaching the child has demonstrated. For example, a child who has demonstrated an act of bravery receives a feather with the word Aakode'win (Bravery). A child demonstrating effort in speaking Ojibwe receives a feather for Nibwaakaawin (Wisdom).

Senior Companion Program Example

Sponsor Profile: Pueblo of Zuni

- *Number of Senior Companions: 21*
- *Number of Elders Served: 33*
- *Grant Amount: \$84,010*

Given limited job opportunities in this rural and isolated community, many adults must find employment off the Pueblo. As a result, elders face a growing need for support services as family involvement becomes less prevalent. Without support, elders may have to move into institutional settings, which would force them to leave the Pueblo.

The Senior Companion program helps elders stay where they want to be: at home in their community. Senior Companions accompany elders to social events, take walks together, and sit together when elders need quiet company. By providing this companionship, elders feel less lonely and are able to remain living in their own homes.

Notice of Funding Highlights

- This presentation covers highlights from the Notice of Funding.
- Please read the entire Notice of Funding and other materials available on the competition website:
www.nationalservice.gov/tribalgrants

Deadlines

- Notice of Intent to Apply due: Friday, April 17, 2015
 - Not required, but highly encouraged
 - Include:
 - Name of the applicant organization
 - Address
 - Contact person
 - Email address
 - Phone Number
 - How you heard about the Indian Tribes Competition
 - FGPSCP@cns.gov
- Applications due: Thursday, May 14, 2015, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Eligible Applicants

- Federally Recognized Indian Tribes only
 - An Indian Tribe is defined as a federally recognized Indian Tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Native village, Regional Corporation, or Village Corporation, as defined under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.
 - A nonprofit organization may apply on behalf of a federally recognized tribe and must submit a sanctioning resolution adopted by the tribal governing body. The resolution must name the nonprofit and authorize it to act on behalf of the tribe.

Not eligible if:

- Organization has been convicted of a federal crime
- Engages in lobbying activities under Section 501(c)4
- Previously receiving federal funding is not a requirement

Geographic Area Served

- Applicants define the geographic service area
- Applicants can propose to serve:
 - Tribal lands not currently served by a tribal SCP/FGP grantee
 - Any county not currently served by any SCP/FGP grantee
- See Appendix A for list of current grantees and their service areas

Volunteer Service Years (VSYs)

- 1 VSY = 1,044 hours of service
 - 10 volunteers serving 40 hours/week each for 52 weeks
= 19.92 VSYs ($10 \times 40 \times 52 \div 1,044$)
 - 10 volunteers serving 15 hours/week each for 40 weeks
= 5.75 VSYs ($10 \times 15 \times 40 \div 1,044$)
- Recommended Minimum VSY levels:
 - FGP: 60 VSYs (You may propose a lower number)
 - SCP: 40 VSYs (You may propose a lower number)

Budget Requirements

- Grant amounts are based on VSY numbers
 - FGP: \$4,550 per VSY
 - SCP: \$4,650 per VSY
- A higher rate per VSY is possible if evidence-based programming is used.
- 80% of the CNCS grant amount must be used for cost reimbursements for volunteers (stipends, insurance, transportation, meals, physical examinations, recognition, etc.).
- 10% match: Applicant must contribute at least 10% of the total project budget. Can include cash or in-kind support. This match continues at 10% for years 2 and 3.

Budget Example

- An FGP applicant proposes 60 VSYs.
 - 60 VSYs × \$4,550 = \$273,000 CNCS grant request
 - 10% required match = \$30,334
 - Total project cost = \$303,334
 - Amount required for volunteer cost reimbursements = \$218,400 (80% of CNCS grant amount)
 - Amount available for administrative costs = \$84,934 (20% of CNCS grant plus required 10% match amount)

Award Period

- Three-year project period
- Funding for the second and third year of the project period is dependent upon:
 1. Satisfactory performance
 2. Demonstrated capacity to manage the grant
 3. Compliance with grant requirements
 4. Availability of Congressional appropriations

Work Plans: Foster Grandparent Program

- Foster Grandparent Program
 - Primarily serve in Education focus area
 - Main outputs: Number of children participating or number of children in youth/mentor matches
 - Main outcomes: Gains in social/emotional development, gains in literacy skills, gains in math skills, improved academic engagement, improved school attendance
- See Appendix B: National Performance Measures Instructions

Work Plans: Senior Companion Program

- Senior Companion Program
 - Primarily serve in Healthy Futures focus area
 - Main outputs: Number of homebound or older adults and individuals with disabilities receiving food, transportation, or other independent living services; number of caregivers receiving respite services
 - Main outcomes: Number of homebound or older adults and individuals with disabilities who report having increased social ties/perceived social support; or number of caregivers reporting the same.
- See Appendix B: National Performance Measures Instructions

Application Process

- All applications submitted through eGrants:
<https://egrants.cns.gov/>
- Paper applications are possible if extenuating circumstances make eGrants use impossible
- National Service Hotline (800) 942-2677 or via
https://questions.nationalservice.gov/app/ask_eg for technical questions regarding eGrants
- Submit all required attachments by the application deadline
- FGP or SCP must be included in the project title

Application

- Attachments: Part IV: Required Documents in the Grant Application Instructions
 - FGPSCP@cns.gov
 - Subject Line: Include application ID
- Page Limits: 25 pages as they print from eGrants
 - Includes executive summary, project narratives, cover page
 - DOES NOT INCLUDE budget or work plans
- Include DUNS number and EIN
- Register in the System for Award Management (SAM)
- Late Applications (for technical issues only):
LateApplications@cns.gov

Basic Selection Criteria: Categories and Respective Weights

Category	Percentage	Sub-Category	Percentage
Program Design	50%	Strengthening Communities	35%
		Recruitment and Development	15%
Organizational Capacity	35%	Program Management	15%
		Organizational Capability	20%
Cost-Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy	15%		

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Does Not Meet

Review and Selection Process Stages

- Compliance Review (all applications)
- Staff Review
- Post-Review Quality Control
- Risk Assessment Evaluation
- Clarification
- Program Staff Review
- Selection for Funding
 - Applicant Feedback
- Award announcements anticipated in August 2015

Questions?



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