

Frequently Asked Questions  
FY2017 Day of Service Funding Opportunities  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service (MLK)  
September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance (September 11)  
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The Corporation for National and Community Service provides the Notice of Funding Opportunity (Notice) and the Day of Service Grant Application Instructions as the primary sources of information about the requirements of this grant competition. The FAQ resource is intended to provide further clarification, where necessary, and does not replace or override the information contained in the published requirements.

### **1 General Application Submission and Notice Questions**

1.1 Can I receive one-on-one technical assistance to answer my questions about this competition?

No, there is not a one-on-one technical assistance process as part of this grant competition. Questions submitted to [DayofService@cns.gov](mailto:DayofService@cns.gov) will be answered via email and posted in this FAQ resource on the competition website as appropriate to ensure all applicants receive the same information.

1.2 My organization is interested in applying for both MLK and September 11 funding. How do we submit applications for both Days of Service?

To apply for both Days of Service funding opportunities, you will need to submit two separate applications in eGrants. Specific guidance on this is addressed on page 5 of the Application Instructions. The budget and performance measures should be completed for each application. However, only the narrative section of the September 11 application should be completed. In the narrative for the MLK application, enter 'See September 11 application ID # [add corresponding application ID #]'.

1.3 Where can I find information about the results of previous September 11 and MLK Grant competitions?

Results can be found at: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/open-government-initiative/transparency/results-grants-competition>

1.4 What are the different ways that an organization can implement a Day of Service award?

There are four possible ways to implement a Day of Service award (Notice, page 3)  
Type of Award:

a. Pass-through entity: A pass-through entity selects subrecipients on a competitive basis through a sub-grant. Pass-through applicants should clearly describe their plan for subawarding in their application narrative. Subawards are to be made in annual amounts of \$1,000 or more, per year. A pass-through entity does not plan activities for the Day of Service. Instead, only the subrecipients plan Day of Service activities.

b. Subgranting organization: A subgranting organization selects subrecipients on a competitive basis through a sub-grant. Subgranting organizations should clearly describe their plan for subawarding in their application narrative. Subawards are to be made in annual amounts of \$1,000 or more, per year. A subgranting organization plans activities for the Day of Service and their subgrantees also plan activities for the Day of Service.

c. Partnership coordinators: A partnership coordinator works with partner organizations but may select them on a noncompetitive basis. The partnership plan should be clearly described in the narrative.

d. Sole entity: A sole entity does not provide any subaward funding. Instead, the applicant organization plans and implements all Day of Service activities.

## **2 Budget**

2.1 What amount should be included in the application budget submitted?

Enter your annual request for the first funding year.

## **3 Program Implementation**

3.1 If an application is selected for award, what is the first Day of Service for MLK and September 11?

The first September 11 Day of Service for this competition is September 11, 2017. The first MLK Day of Service for this competition is January 15, 2018. If selected, the expectation is that the organization would plan Day of Service events for the next three September 11 or MLK Days of Service as applicable and contingent on funding of continuation applications and federal appropriations.