

2015 FGP and SCP Indian Tribes Competition

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - Updated April 6, 2015

This document supplements the 2015 Senior Corps FGP and SCP Indian Tribes Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity and Application Instructions. These FAQs will be updated periodically. New or updated questions will be clearly indicated within each section.

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1. AWARD INFORMATION

1.1 What are the responsibilities of a sponsor with respect to project management responsibilities? For example, can the grantee contract out any of the responsibilities?

No. Please see the FGP and SCP regulation requirements below:

FGP Regulations – 45 CFR 2552.22

A sponsor is responsible for fulfilling all project management requirements necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Foster Grandparent Program as specified in the Act. A sponsor shall not delegate or contract these responsibilities to another entity. A sponsor shall comply with all program regulations and policies, and grant provisions prescribed by the Corporation.

SCP Regulations – 45 CFR 2551.22

A sponsor is responsible for fulfilling all project management requirements necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Senior Companion Program as specified in the Act. A sponsor shall not delegate or contract these responsibilities to another entity. The sponsor shall comply with all program regulations and policies, and grant provisions prescribed by the Corporation.

2. ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS

2.1 Do you have a Senior Companion Program open for the US Territories to apply or would we be an eligible entity under the SC Indian Tribes Competition?

At this time, we do not have any available SCP opportunities other than the Senior Corps Tribal Competition. The legal entities that are eligible for this competition are Indian Tribes. Please refer to the Notice for the definition of Indian Tribe.

3. SELECTION CRITERIA AND REVIEW

3.1 How should applicants address the selection criteria described in the Notice for cost effectiveness/budget adequacy?

Selection criteria Q19 – Q29 should be addressed through the limited text that can be entered in the eGrants budget section and should align with the other narrative responses.

3.2 How is the DUNS number used during the review?

The DUNS number is one of the items considered during the financial review. A DUNS number established an organization's credit score and should be established as soon as possible prior to submitting an application.

4. EGRANTS

4.1 When starting my application in eGrants, do I select 'New'?

All applicants should select 'New'.

4.2 How do I enter my authorized representative name in my application?

The authorized representative for your organization must login to eGrants with their own user account, click on the assurances and conditions, and submit the grant application. This will allow their name to show up as the authorized representative for the grant application.

4.3 What should be entered in the "Other" narrative section?

The "Other" narrative section does not apply at this time during the competition. Enter 'N/A'.

5. BUDGET

5.1 Can a tribal applicant use BIA or other federal funds as match?

For the use of federal funds, it would depend on what those agencies' own regulations and legislation say. We do not have a distinct prohibition. We would need the authority on their side that funds can be used in this way.

5.2 What is the average amount awarded per year for this grant?

There is no average amount awarded for this competition. Grant applicants should request grant amounts based on a rate of \$4,650 in CNCS funding annually per VSY for the Senior Companion Program (SCP) and \$4,550 in CNCS funding annually per VSY for the Foster Grandparent Program (FGP).

5.3 Is there a waiver if an applicant cannot reach the minimum number of VSYs for the grant application?

Applicants should submit an application requesting the VSY number that they feel is appropriate for their community. It can be less than the minimum number listed in the application.

6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

6.1 If our audit is not done for this year, can we submit last year's audit?

Yes. The instructions say to submit your most recent audit. If this year's audit is not finished, then the previous year's audit is the most recent audit.

6.2 When sending the attachments to FGPSCP@cns.gov, should I send each one separately or combine all the documents into one document?

When sending the required documents for your application, please ensure that each document is submitted as a separate attachment. If necessary, you can submit more than one email but all required documents for your application should be submitted as separate documents attached to the email(s). Please do not scan all documents into one PDF and send as one attachment. Name each attachment to correspond with the "Description of Attachment" found in the Grant Application Instructions.

6.3. Where can I find a form for the Negotiated Indirect Cost Agreement?

Forms are not provided for the Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement as part of this competition. If your organization has a Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement already in place, then you should have a Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement from your cognizant federal agency. In that case, you would send a copy of that document as part of your application.

6.4. What is a statement of audit status and who is responsible for submitting an audit to the Audit Clearinghouse?

The statement of audit status is simply a short written statement from your organization that includes all of the information requested in item 12 of the document table of the Grant Application Instructions. If your organization is subject to an A-133 audit, your organization is responsible for submitting it to the Audit Clearinghouse.

6.5. Should information entered in the Aggregate Dollar Amount of Funding Form be for all funding for the entire organization, or only for the Senior Corps project?

The information should be for all funding for the organization.

7. VOLUNTEERS AND CLIENTS

7.1 Can an applicant propose to serve fewer than the required VSYs listed in the Notice?

Yes.

7.2 Who can be volunteers and clients?

Tribal and non-tribal members may be volunteers and clients.

7.3 Do volunteers have to be enrolled members of the tribe?

No.

7.4. Does a volunteer have to live within the proposed service area?

No.

7.5 Can an elder not living on tribal lands serve as a volunteer on tribal lands? If yes, does the elder have to be an enrolled tribal member?

Yes, an elder can serve as a volunteer. The elder does not need to be enrolled tribal member.

7.6 Do all clients served have to live within the proposed service area?

Yes, all clients served must live in the proposed service area, unless the client is a student in the Foster Grandparent program attending school on tribal lands.

7.7. Can a student not living on tribal lands but attending school on tribal lands be served?

Yes.

7.8 Can elders be served through the Senior Companion program if they don't live within the service area but do receive services through a station located in the service area?

Yes, an elder living within or receiving services in the service area designated in the grant can be served.

8. APPENDIX A

8.1 Can a tribal applicant propose to serve an area outside the tribally controlled lands?

Yes, if there is no current sponsor serving that county. Other situations would need to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Please clearly define your proposed service area in your application.

8.2 Can the applicant propose to serve a station that is a tribal office located in an urban area served by another grantee?

This will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

8.3 Can a tribe apply to serve an entire county if that county is not currently served, or do they have to propose to serve only tribally controlled lands?

The applicant would need to serve at a minimum their tribally controlled lands.

9. OTHER

9.1 Do cultural ceremonies and programs fall under prohibited activities such as religious activities?

This will be determined on a case-by-case basis.