

February 27, 2015

The Honorable Bill Haslam
Tennessee State Capitol
Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Governor Haslam,

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 Tennessee.

The attachment includes a brief summary of each grant awarded in Tennessee, 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: Jim Snell, Executive Director – Volunteer Tennessee

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: Knoxville Knox County Community Action Committee
PO Box 51650
2247 Western Ave
Knoxville, TN 37921-5756
(865) 546-3500

Contact: Barbara Kelly
barbara.kelly@knoxcac.org

Project Name: Knoxville Knox County RSVP

Service Area: Knox County

Estimated Volunteers: 300

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 49,208

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).

Tennessee – 4th Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor:	South Central Human Resource Agency 1437 Winchester Highway PO Box 638 Fayetteville, TN 37334-0638 (931) 433-7182 126
Contact:	Bobbie Cox b.cox@schra.us
Project Name:	South Central Human Resource Agency
Service Area:	Bedford, Coffee, Lincoln, Moore and Franklin Counties
Estimated Volunteers:	105
CNCS Award Amount:	Up to \$ 36,702
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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: Senior Citizens, Inc.
174 Rains Avenue
Nashville, TN 37203-5319
(615) 743-3403

Contact: Lori Corley
lcorley@fiftyforward.org

Project Name: RSVP of Nashville

Service Area: Davidson County, Williamson County

Estimated Volunteers: 530

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$101,617

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.

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: Mid-Cumberland Community Action Agency
PO Box 310
233 Legends Drive
Lebanon, TN 37088-0310
(615) 742-1113 7

Contact: Kevin Davenport
kdavenport@midcumberland.org

Project Name: Rutherford/Sumner/Wilson RSVP

Service Area: Rutherford, Sumner and Wilson Counties

Estimated Volunteers: 235

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 49,646

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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Tennessee – 7th Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: Adamsville Lions Club, Inc.
408 Park Ave
Adamsville, TN 38310-2460
731-632-0304

Contact: Randall Deaton
randalld Eaton@yahoo.com

Project Name: McNairy-Hardin-Hardeman-Chester RSVP

Service Area: McNairy, Hardin, Hardeman, Chester Counties

Estimated Volunteers: 417

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 64,105

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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Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: Southwest Human Resource Agency
PO Box 264
1527 White Avenue
Henderson, TN 38340-0264
(731) 989-5111 1152

Contact: Barbara Buss
bbussecm@yahoo.com

Project Name: RSVP

Service Area: Decatur, Henderson, and Madison Counties

Estimated Volunteers: 201

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 56,443

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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