

February 27, 2015

The Honorable Asa Hutchinson
State Capitol, Room 250
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Governor Hutchinson,

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 Arkansas.

The attachment includes a brief summary of each grant awarded in Arkansas, 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: Will Roark, Program Administrator – Arkansas Service Commission

Arkansas – 1st Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: ARcare
117 S 2nd St
PO Box 497
Augusta, AR 72006-2309
(870) 347-2534 3304

Contact: Steven Collier
steven.collier@arcare.net

Project Name: ARcare

Service Area: Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Greene, Lawrence, Mississippi, Poinsett, Randolph, and St. Francis Counties

Estimated Volunteers: 519

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 62,683

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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Augusta, AR 72006-2309
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Contact: Steven Collier
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Project Name: ARcare RSVP

Service Area: White, Woodruff, and Jackson Counties

Estimated Volunteers: 142

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 31,112

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Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: Stuttgart Chamber of Commerce
507 South Main
Stuttgart, AR 72160-4360
(870) 673-1602

Contact: Susan Luebke
stuttgartchamber@centurytel.net

Project Name: Stuttgart North Arkansas County RSVP

Service Area: Arkansas County

Estimated Volunteers: 286

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 38,749

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.

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Contact: Susan Luebke
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Project Name: Stuttgart North Ar Co RSVP

Service Area: Pine Bluff, Jefferson County

Estimated Volunteers: 385

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 58,326

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.

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Arkansas – 2nd District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: Future Builders
P O Box 127
Wrightsville, AR 72183-0127
(501) 897-5566

Contact: Linder Conley
linderconley@aol.com

Project Name: Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Central Arkansas

Service Area: Pulaski, Lonoke and Saline Counties

Estimated Volunteers: 501

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 88,302

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:**

Veterans & Military Families

Grants will positively impact the quality of life of veterans and improve military family strength. Grant activities will increase:

- The number of veterans and military service members and their families served by CNCS-supported programs and
- The number of veterans and military family members engaged in service provision through CNCS-supported programs.

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Wrightsville, AR 72183-0127
(501) 897-5566

Contact: Linder Conley
linderconley@aol.com

Project Name: Future Builders, Inc./Garland County RSVP

Service Area: Garland County

Estimated Volunteers: 163

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 57,064

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:**

Environmental Stewardship

Grants will provide direct services that contribute to increased energy and water efficiency, renewable energy use, or improving at-risk ecosystems, and support increased citizen behavioral change leading to increased efficiency, renewable energy use, and ecosystem improvements particularly for economically disadvantaged households and economically disadvantaged communities. Grant activities will:

- Decrease energy and water consumption;
- Improve at-risk ecosystems;
- Increase behavioral change that lead directly to decreased energy and water consumption or improve at-risk ecosystems; and
- Increase energy and water consumption or improve at-risk ecosystems.

Arkansas – 3rd Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: Western Ark Counseling & Guidance Center
PO Box 11818
3111 South 70th Street
Fort Smith, AR 72917-1818
(479) 452-6650

Contact: Gary Luedloff
Gary.luedloff@wacgc.org

Project Name: WestArk RSVP

Service Area: Sebastian, Crawford, Benton, Carroll and Madison Counties

Estimated Volunteers: 680

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 147,896

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.

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Project Sponsor:	Western Ark Counseling & Guidance Center PO Box 11818 3111 South 70th Street Fort Smith, AR 72917-1818 (479) 452-6650
Contact:	Gary Luedloff Gary.luedloff@wacgc.org
Project Name:	WestArk RSVP Expansion Washington County
Service Area:	Washington County
Estimated Volunteers:	258
CNCS Award Amount:	Up to \$68,024
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.
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Contact:	Gary Luedloff Gary.luedloff@wacgc.org
Project Name:	WestArk RSVP Expansion Boone and Marion counties
Service Area:	Boone and Marion Counties
Estimated Volunteers:	92
CNCS Award Amount:	Up to \$32,462
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.
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Project Sponsor: City of Texarkana, Arkansas
PO Box 2711
216 Walnut Street
Texarkana, AR 75504-2711
(870) 779-4996

Contact: Harold Boldt
HEBOLDT@txkusa.org

Project Name: Greater Texarkana Arkansas RSVP

Service Area: Miller, Little River, Lafayette, Howard, Hempstead, Sevier and Nevada Counties

Estimated Volunteers: 176

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 49,134

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.

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Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: South Arkansas Regional Health Center Inc.
715 N College Ave
El Dorado, AR 71730-4403
(870) 862-7921

Contact: Regina Pierce
rpierce@sarhc.org

Project Name: Tri-County RSVP

Service Area: Union, Columbia, and Ouachita Counties

Estimated Volunteers: 200

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 120,914

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.

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