2015 SENIOR COMPANION GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Corporation for National and Community Service

About the Funding Opportunity

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) Oklahoma State Office announces a grant funding opportunity for eligible organizations to apply to operate and manage a Senior Companion Program local project in the geographic area indicated below. More information about this opportunity can be found at: www.nationalservice.gov/SeniorCorps_Replacement_Grants.

About the Senior Companion Program (SCP)

Created in 1974, SCP provides a way for volunteers age 55 and over to stay active by serving frail seniors and other adults, helping them to maintain independence in the client's home. Among other activities, Senior Companions assist with daily living tasks, such as grocery shopping and bill paying; provide friendship and companionship; alert doctors and family members to potential problems, and provide respite to family caregivers. Senior Companions serve from 15 to 40 hours per week.

Senior Companions receive pre-service orientation, training from the organization where they will serve, supplemental accident and liability insurance, and meals while on duty. Volunteers who meet certain income guidelines also receive a small stipend. SCP projects may use SCP grant funds to conduct volunteer recruitment and recognition, reimburse volunteers for service related travel and other service expenses, provide stipends to volunteers, and for other grant expenses as described in 45 CFR Part 2551.

What Organizations are Eligible?

Eligible organizations include faith-based and secular non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, state education agencies, Indian tribes, and local government entities.

Grant Information

Total Funding Available	Total Volunteer Service Years	Service Area
Up to: $225,121	27	Statewide: Applicants are not required to cover the entire state. Applicants may select to serve the entire state or select specific counties/regions within the state that are not currently being served by a SCP project.

Award Period: It is anticipated that awards funded under this opportunity will be three years in duration, pending continued funding availability.

Start Date: September 30, 2015. The initial award budget will end on June 30, 2016. Subsequent budget periods will be 12 months in duration, July 1 through June 30.

Non-Federal Share Requirement: The minimum support requirement is 10 percent of the total grant budget (federal plus non-federal share).

Deadline: Your application is due no later than August 7, 2015 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Applications must be submitted in eGrants by the deadline in order to be considered.

For More Information:

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Training and Technical Assistance

CNCS State Staff will be hosting a training and technical assistance conference call for potential applicants. Please refer to the details below.

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Oklahoma: SCP T/TA Session	
Date:	Wednesday, July 22, 2015
Time:	2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Central Time
Dial-in Number:	(866) 852-1937
Participant Code:	18619950

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The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. Each year CNCS engages more than five million Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service to meet local needs through its Senior Corps projects and AmeriCorps programs. For more information, visit **www.nationalservice.gov**.