

February 27, 2015

The Honorable Rick Scott
PL 05 The Capitol
400 South Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Governor Scott,

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 Florida.

The attachment includes a brief summary of each grant awarded in Florida, 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: Chester Spellman, Chief Executive Officer – Volunteer Florida

Florida – 1st Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: Santa Rosa Community Services Inc.
6294 Buckskin Drive
Milton, FL 32570-3304
(850) 981-8078

Contact: John Recke
lefthonestjohn@yahoo.com

Project Name: Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Santa Rosa County

Service Area: Santa Rosa County

Estimated Volunteers: 220

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 60,875

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: **Disaster Services**
Grants will help individuals and communities prepare, respond, recover, and mitigate disasters and increase community resiliency. Grant activities will:

- Increase the preparedness of individuals,
- Increase individuals' readiness to respond,
- Help individuals recover from disasters, and
- Help individuals mitigate disasters.

Florida – 2nd Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

- Project Sponsor:** Elder Care Services Inc.
2518 West Tennessee Street
Tallahassee, FL 32304-2506
(850) 245-5930
- Contact:** Mark Baldino
baldinom@ecsbigbend.org
- Project Name:** North Florida RSVP
- Service Area:** Walton, Holmes, Washington, Jackson, Calhoun, Gulf, Liberty, Gadsden, Franklin, Leon, Wakulla, Jefferson, Madison, and Taylor Counties
- Estimated Volunteers:** 300
- CNCS Award Amount:** Up to \$ 112,219
- 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).

Florida – 5th Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: Florida Senior Programs, Inc.
3545 Lake Breeze Dr
Orlando, FL 32808-3028
(407) 298-4180

Contact: Richard Foreman
rforeman@vcifl.org

Project Name: Volunteers for Community Impact - RSVP Orange

Service Area: Orange County

Estimated Volunteers: 300

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 110,665

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.

Florida – 5th Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: Florida Senior Programs, Inc.
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Orlando, FL 32808-3028
(407) 298-4180

Contact: Richard Foreman
rforeman@vcifl.org

Project Name: Volunteers for Community Impact - RSVP Volusia

Service Area: Volusia County

Estimated Volunteers: 300

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 105,000

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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Florida – 6th Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: St. Johns County School District
40 Orange St
St Augustine, FL 32084-3633
(904) 547-7504

Contact: Christina Langston
Christina.Langston@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Project Name: St. Johns County RSVP

Service Area: St. Johns County

Estimated Volunteers: 113

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 60,769

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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Florida – 7th Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: Seminole County Public Schools
400 E Lake Mary Blvd
Sanford, FL 32773-7127
(407) 320-0382

Contact: Jamee Minnetto
jamee_minnetto@scps.k12.fl.us

Project Name: RSVP of Seminole

Service Area: Seminole County

Estimated Volunteers: 300

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$105,000

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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Florida – 14th Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: Pinellas Opportunity Council Inc.
PO Box 11088
Saint Petersburg, FL 33733-1088
(727) 823-4101 16

Contact: Carolyn King
cking@poc-inc.org

Project Name: RSVP of Pinellas County

Service Area: Pinellas County

Estimated Volunteers: 792

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 117,889

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: Carolyn King
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Project Name: RSVP of Pasco County

Service Area: Pasco County

Estimated Volunteers: 291

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 102,022

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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Education

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Florida – 18th Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: United Way of Martin County, Inc.
PO BOX 362
Stuart, FL 34995-0362
Phone

Contact: James Vojcsik
jvojcsik@unitedwaymartincounty.org

Project Name: Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Martin County

Service Area: Martin County

Estimated Volunteers: 600

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 91,344

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:

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Florida – 19th Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: Collier County Government
3339 Tamiami Trl E
Bldg H, Room 211
Naples, FL 34112-5361
(239) 252-6287

Contact: Kimberley Grant
kimberleygrant@colliergov.net

Project Name: RSVP of Collier County

Service Area: Collier County

Estimated Volunteers: 152

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 54,522

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:

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Florida – 20th Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: Impact Broward Inc.
4701 NW 33rd Ave
Oakland Park, FL 33309-6807
(954) 484-7117 115

Contact: Howard Horowitz
hhorowitz@impactbroward.org

Project Name: Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

Service Area: Broward County

Estimated Volunteers: 250

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 120,130

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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