



**Senior Corps
Foster Grandparent Program and Senior Companion Program
Tribal Portfolio Overview 2015**

In 2015 the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) held its first Tribal-specific competition to increase the impact of national service in Indian Country by offering funding opportunities for new grants to Indian Tribes in geographic areas not currently served by Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) or Senior Companion Program (SCP) grantees. FGP grants support volunteers age 55 years and older in activities that serve community needs and bridge generations to contribute to improved educational outcomes for economically disadvantaged children and for children with special and/or exceptional needs. SCP grants support volunteers age 55 years and older in activities that assist with meeting health needs within communities particularly those involving aging in place. Senior Companion volunteers may also address Elder Justice Act priorities by placing volunteers in assignments that help to mitigate the potential that clients and caregivers served by the Senior Companions will be victims of financial fraud, abuse, and/or neglect.

Building on CNCS's longstanding commitment to Native American communities, Senior Corps has increased its commitment to federally recognized Indian tribes and tribal organizations that address critical needs in Native American communities. The FY2015 Senior Corps FGP and SCP Tribal portfolio includes 6 Foster Grandparent Program grants and 4 Senior Companion Program grants, a total of 10 grants for \$2.28 Million annually serving in Native communities around the country. Programs funded in FY2015 include:

Grantee	Foster Grandparent Program	Focus Area	State
Navajo Nation	<i>Up to 130 Foster Grandparent volunteers teach at least 500 children Diné culture, tradition, and arts & crafts, as well as the Navajo language. Volunteers include retired community leaders, veterans, teachers, business leaders, and police officers.</i>	Education	AZ
Round Valley Indian Tribes	<i>The Foster Grandparent Program plans to address 1) the need for tribal youth to reconnect with tribal elders, 2) the need for tribal youth to understand and address their peoples' historical experience, and 3) the need to re-engage youth with the educational process to improve academic success.</i>	Education	CA
Pueblo of Zuni	<i>Approximately 20 Foster Grandparent volunteers serve 60 children who range from pre-K to middle school. Children are encouraged to show the teachings that they learn from their elders annually during Indian Day. Children demonstrate how to follow directions, participate in song and dance, and understand their identity as Zuni Indians.</i>	Education	NM

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Chickasaw Nation	<i>Up to 75 elders will provide one-on-one attention to children through imaginary play, Chickasaw language and culture discussion, literacy development, math and science tutoring through the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center and Head Start.</i>	Education	OK
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma	<i>The Seminole Nation Foster Grandparent Program will provide at least 20 Foster Grandparent volunteers to mentor children in the Tribal Court system to address the both the needs of the children in the court system and to provide support to at-risk Seminole children.</i>	Education	OK
Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council (GLITC)	<i>Approximately 60 volunteers serve over 300 youth in 9 tribes throughout Wisconsin and Michigan. Foster Grandparent volunteers incorporate tribal traditions to increase school readiness in pre-K children. For example, Foster Grandparent volunteers reinforce seven important cultural teachings and mark progress by presenting children with a feather marked with the name of the teaching the child has demonstrated.</i>	Education	WI

Grantee	Senior Companion Program	Focus Area	State
Kenaitze Indian Tribe	<i>The Kenaitze Indian Tribe's Senior Companion program seeks to increase community-wide connectivity and re-engage Elders within the larger framework of Dena'ina cultural traditions. The Tribe's existing Tribal Circle program will provide the initial meeting place for 40 potential Senior Companion volunteers and clients. In addition to common SCP activities, the volunteers will also assist their clients to age in place while still partaking in traditional activities such as subsistence dip net fishing, berry picking, and community gatherings.</i>	Healthy Futures – Independent Living	AK
North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of CA	<i>At least 10 volunteers will serve seniors in Madera, Mariposa and Fresno counties. Senior Companion volunteers will provide vital, culturally appropriate services to allow seniors to age in place. Activities will include taking seniors shopping, taking them to the doctor, accompanying them to tribal events, scheduling appointments and other daily living activities that allow seniors to remain in their homes.</i>	Healthy Futures – Independent Living	CA

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Pueblo of Zuni	<i>As job opportunities in this highly rural and isolated community are few, many adults must find employment off of the Pueblo. As a result, elders face a growing need for support services as close family involvement becomes less prevalent. The Senior Companion program supports over 30 elders stay where they want to be: at home in their community. At least 20 Senior Companions accompany elders to social events, take walks together, and sit together when elders need quiet company.</i>	Healthy Futures – Independent Living	NM
Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council (GLITC)	<i>Approximately 55 volunteers serve at least 85 elders in 9 tribes throughout Wisconsin and Michigan. Senior Companions offer assistance including companionship, transportation, light meal preparation, and coordination of other services. This caring friendship eases the loneliness and depression that stem from solitude and minimal family participation. The volunteers' weekly visits also help identify health changes before they become more serious.</i>	Healthy Futures – Independent Living	WI