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Introduction to the 2021 FGP- SCP Expansion Competition

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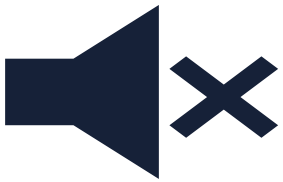

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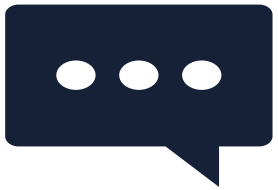

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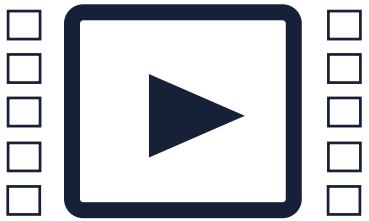

Recording & Slides available on Competition Page

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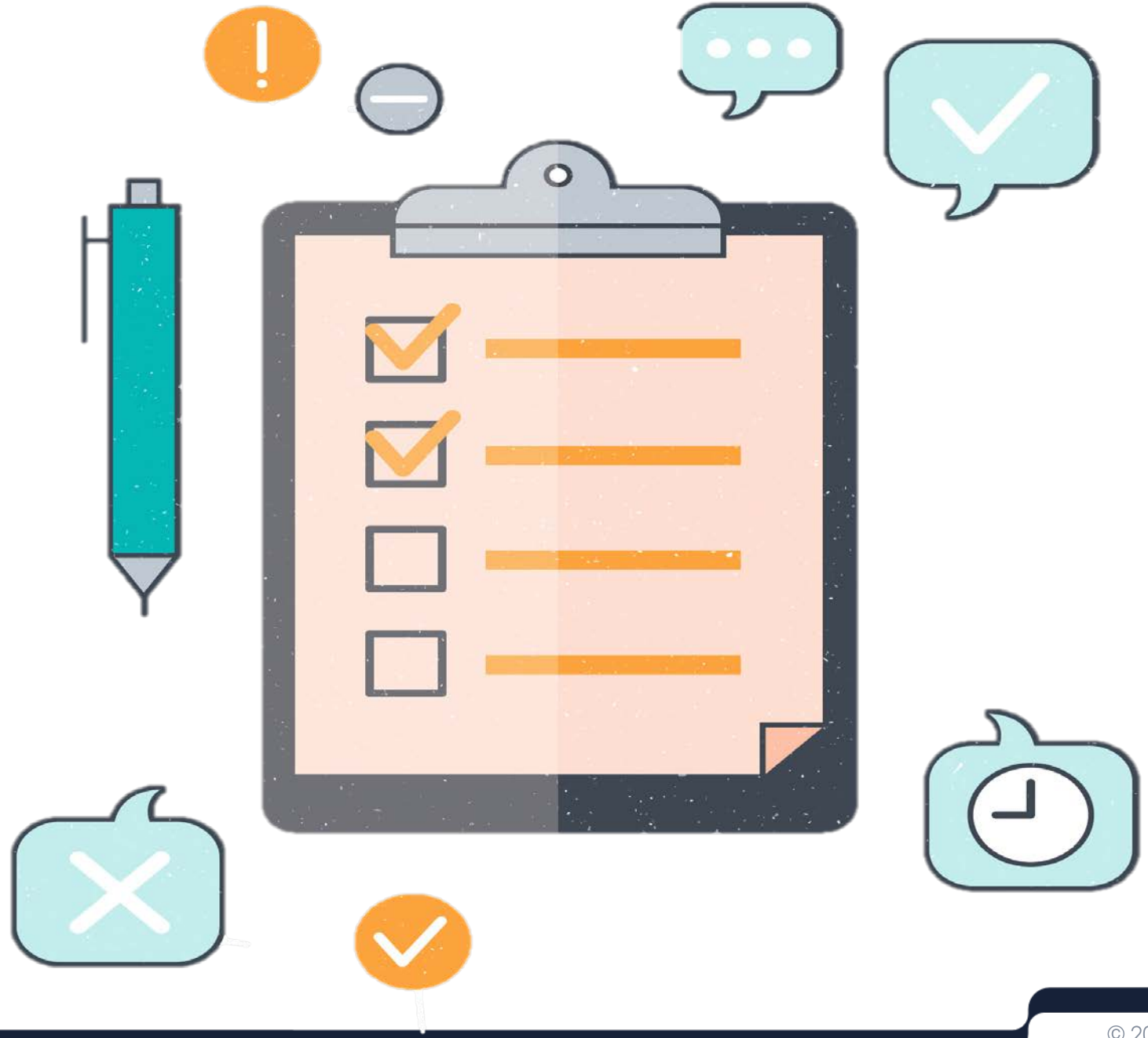

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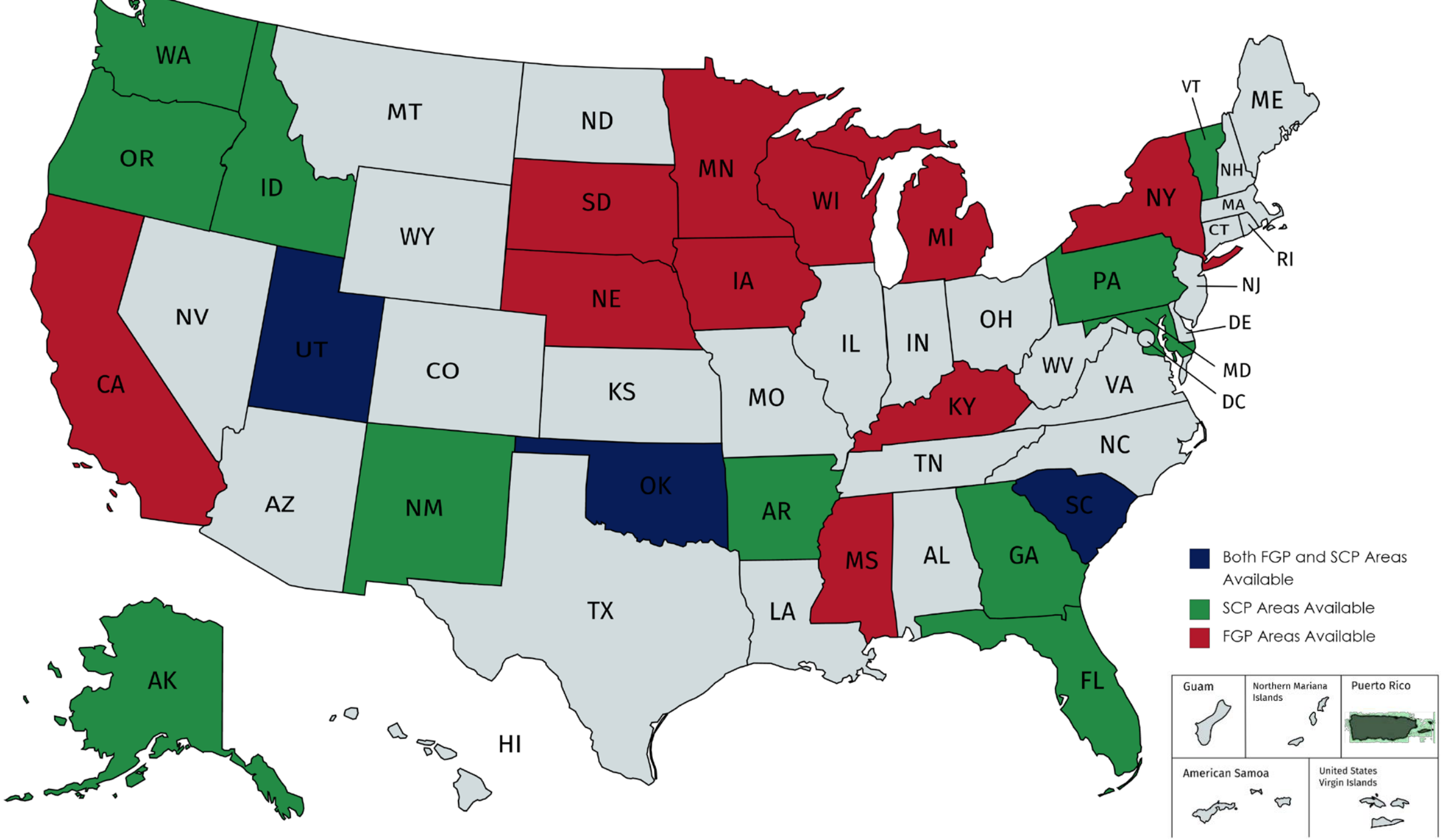
FY 2021 FGP-SCP Expansion Competition

- AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Programs accepting applications **now**.

- Applications due by **5:00pm ET** on **February 3, 2021**

- To view available geographic service areas: Appendix A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Both FGP and SCP Areas Available
SCP Areas Available
FGP Areas Available
Guam
Northern Mariana Islands
Puerto Rico
American Samoa
United States Virgin Islands

2021 AmeriCorps Seniors FGP Expansion Competition Appendix A - List of Geographic Service Areas	
State	**Areas Affected**
California	Alpine County
California	Contra Costa County
California	El Dorado County
California	Glenn County
California	Inyo County
California	Marin County
California	Mariposa County
California	Merced County
California	Modoc County
California	Mono County
California	Napa County
California	Plumas County
California	Riverside County
California	Sierra County
California	Solano County
California	Sutter County
California	Yolo County
California	Yuba County
Iowa	Adair County
Iowa	Adams County
Iowa	Allamakee County
Iowa	Appanoose County

The Notice of Funding Opportunity

HOW LONG IS THE AWARD?

WHAT IS THE REVIEW PROCESS?

ARE ANY MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED?

WHAT INFORMATION SHOULD I INCLUDE IN MY APPLICATION

WHAT KINDS OF PROJECTS IS AMERICORPS SENIORS HOPING TO FUND?

I. Application Deadline

Application Deadline: Applications are due by **5:00PM Eastern Time on Wednesday, February 3, 2021**. Successful applicants will be notified prior to the start date.

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II. AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) Expansion Sponsor Competition

FGP Expansion Sponsor Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

FGP/SCP Grant Application Instructions

FGP Appendix A: List of Available Funding Opportunities by State

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Appendix C: Terms and Definitions

FGP Federal Regulations

FGP Work Plan Development worksheets

III. AmeriCorps Seniors Senior Companion Program (SCP) Expansion Sponsor Competition

SCP Expansion Sponsor Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

FGP/SCP Grant Application Instructions

Resources

Document	What is it For?
FY 2021 FGP/SCP Competition NOFO	Establishes competition, application requirements, evaluation criteria, funding priorities and more. **Start here!**
FGP/SCP Grant Application Instructions	Step-by-step instructions for navigating eGrants, CNCS' electronic grants management system
Appendix A: List of Available Funding Opportunities by State	Lists available service areas and associated funding amounts and minimum requirements of volunteers
Appendix B: FGP/SCP National Performance Measure Instructions	Summarizes performance measurement requirements, lists available measures
Work Plan Development Worksheets	Allows you to plan Work Plans outside of eGrants
Frequently Asked Questions	Updated periodically, provides more information on specific questions

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AmeriCorps, the Agency

Formally the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

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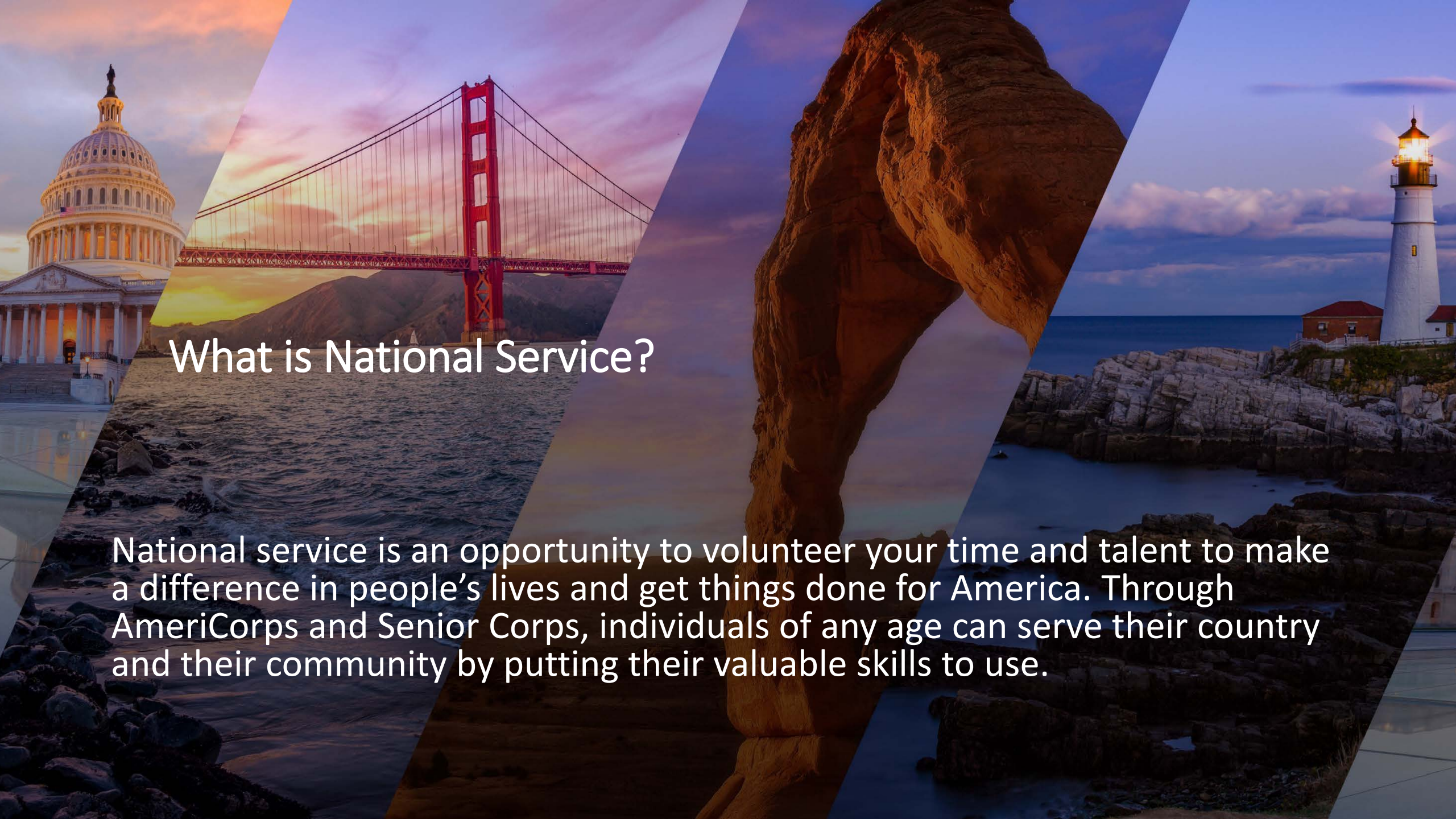
MISSION

The mission of AmeriCorps is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering.



What is National Service?

National service is an opportunity to volunteer your time and talent to make a difference in people’s lives and get things done for America. Through AmeriCorps and Senior Corps, individuals of any age can serve their country and their community by putting their valuable skills to use.

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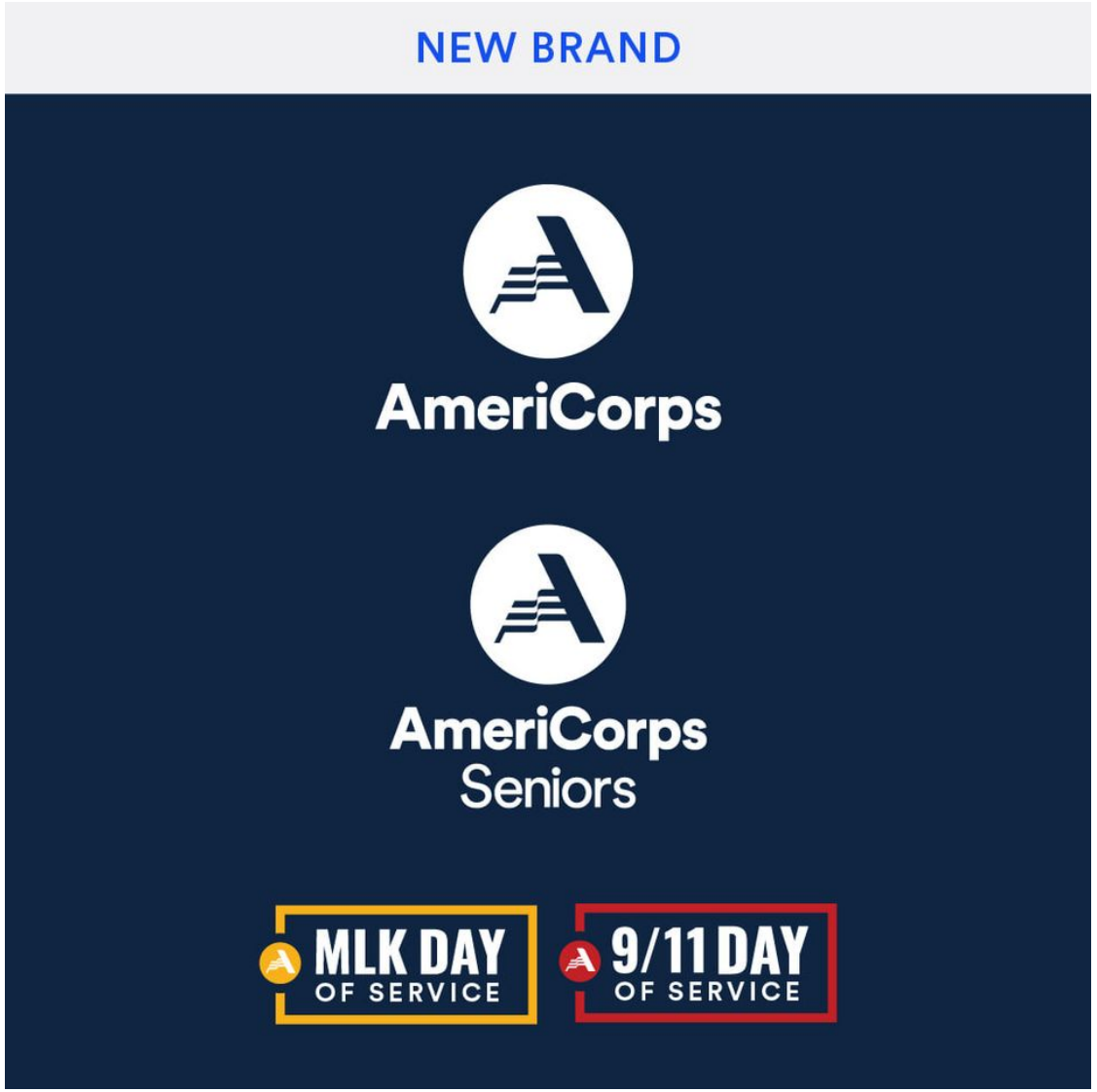

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AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP
AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparents
AmeriCorps Seniors Senior Companions

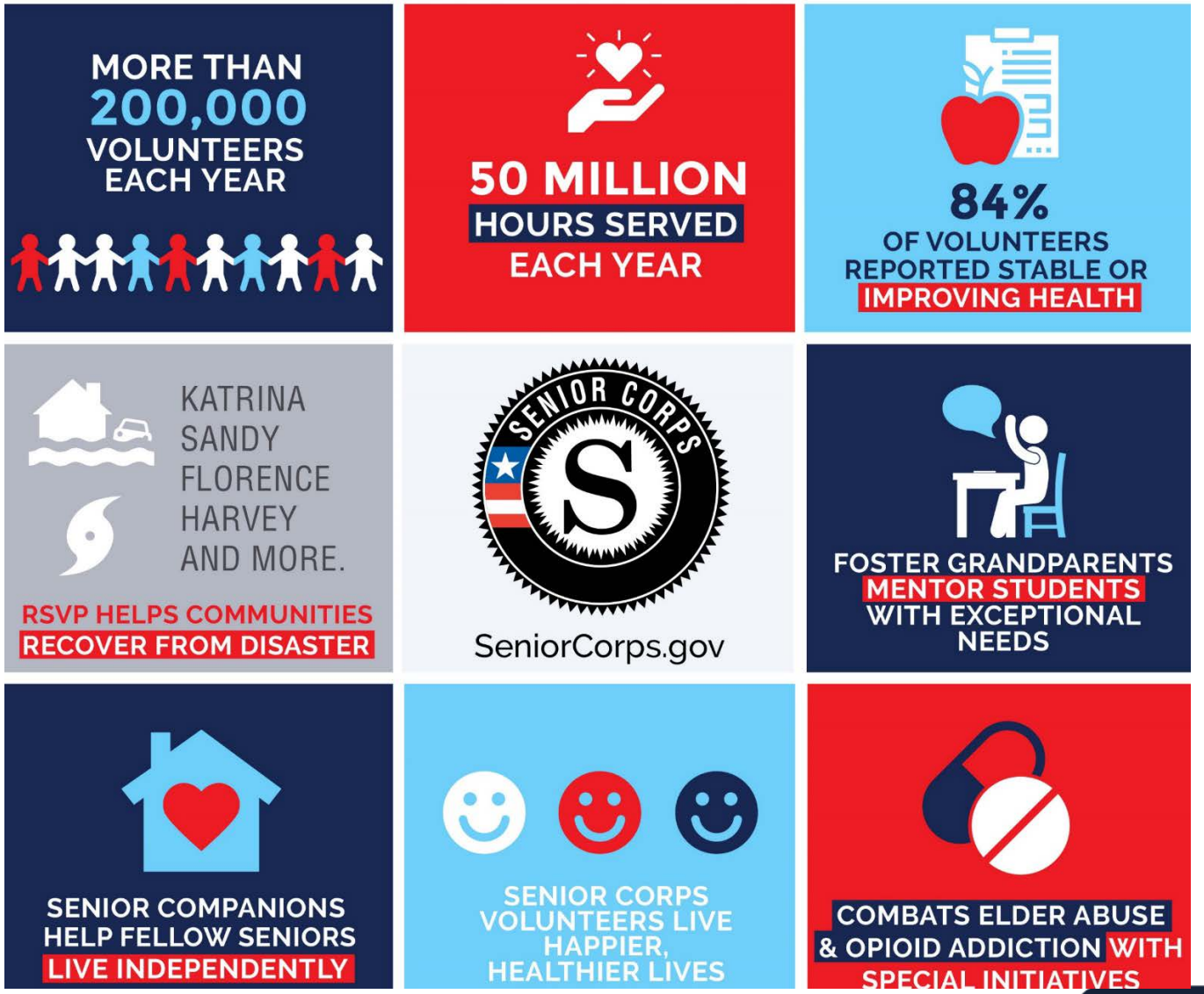
About AmeriCorps

- Americorps.gov
- National Service in Your State: https://www.nationalservice.gov/impact-our-nation/state-profiles
- Your AmeriCorps Regional Office: https://www.nationalservice.gov/stateoffices
- Social Media: https://www.nationalservice.gov/newsroom/social-media-hub

Introducing AmeriCorps Seniors

8 REASONS TO ♥ SENIOR CORPS

A program of the **Corporation for National & Community Service**



AmeriCorps Seniors Impact Video: New York

AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP

- Established in 1971
- Engages people 55 and older in diverse volunteer activities
- Volunteers:
  - Tutor children
    renovate homes
  - Assist victims of natural disasters
  - Provide independent living services
  - Recruit and manage other volunteers
  - And much, much more

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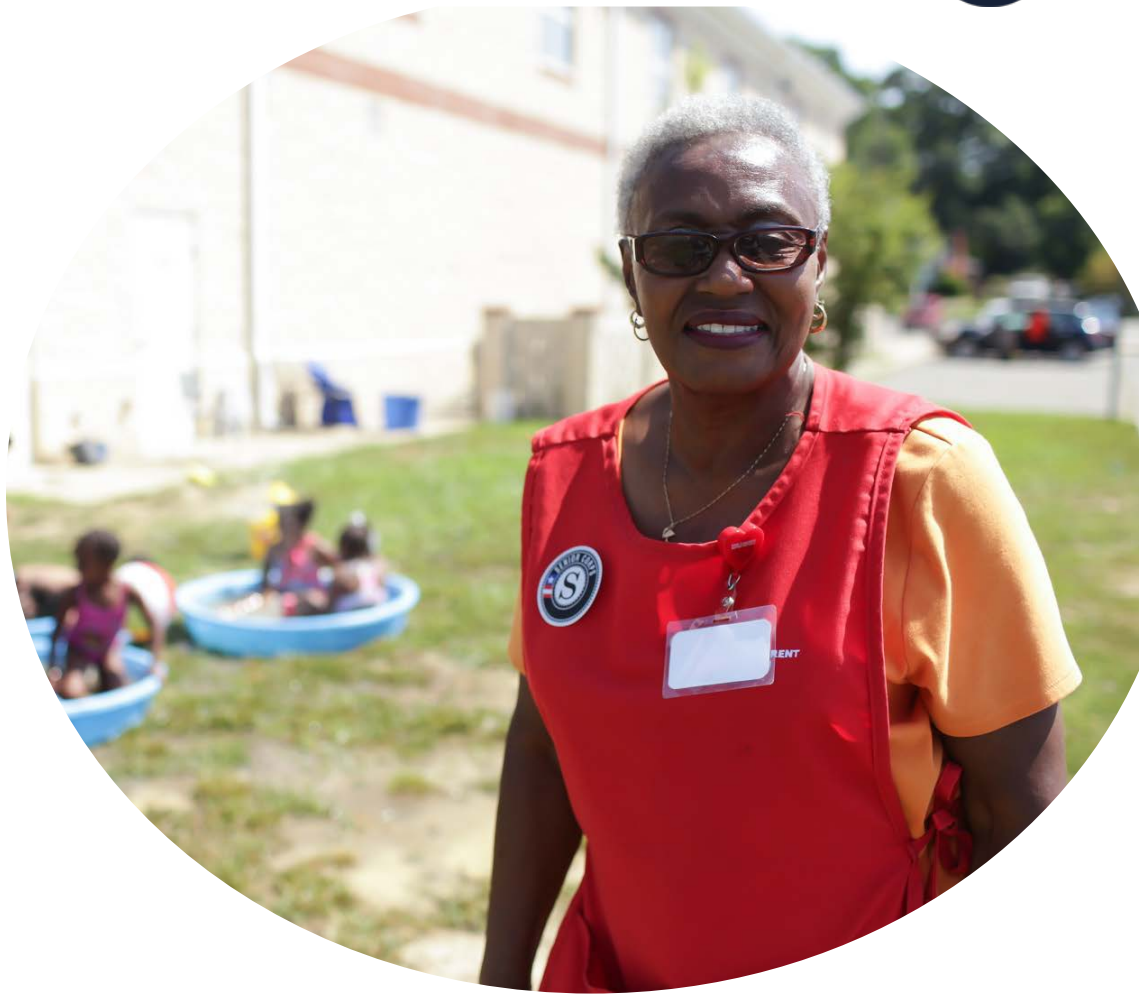
Foster Grandparent Program (FGP)

- Role models and mentors to children with exceptional needs
- Help children learn to read and provide one-on-one tutoring
- Mentor troubled teenagers and young mothers
- Care for premature infants or children with disabilities
- Help children who have been abused or neglected
- Eligible volunteers may receive a small stipend to defray the costs of serving



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Senior Companion Program (SCP)

- Provide assistance and friendship to adults who have difficulty with daily living tasks, such as shopping or paying bills.
- Help them remain independent in their homes instead of more costly institutional care
- Give other caregivers much needed respite
- Eligible volunteers may receive a small stipend to defray the costs of serving

Key Terms

SPONSOR/ GRANTEE:

The organization that receives AmeriCorps Seniors funding and is legally responsible for stewarding grant funds

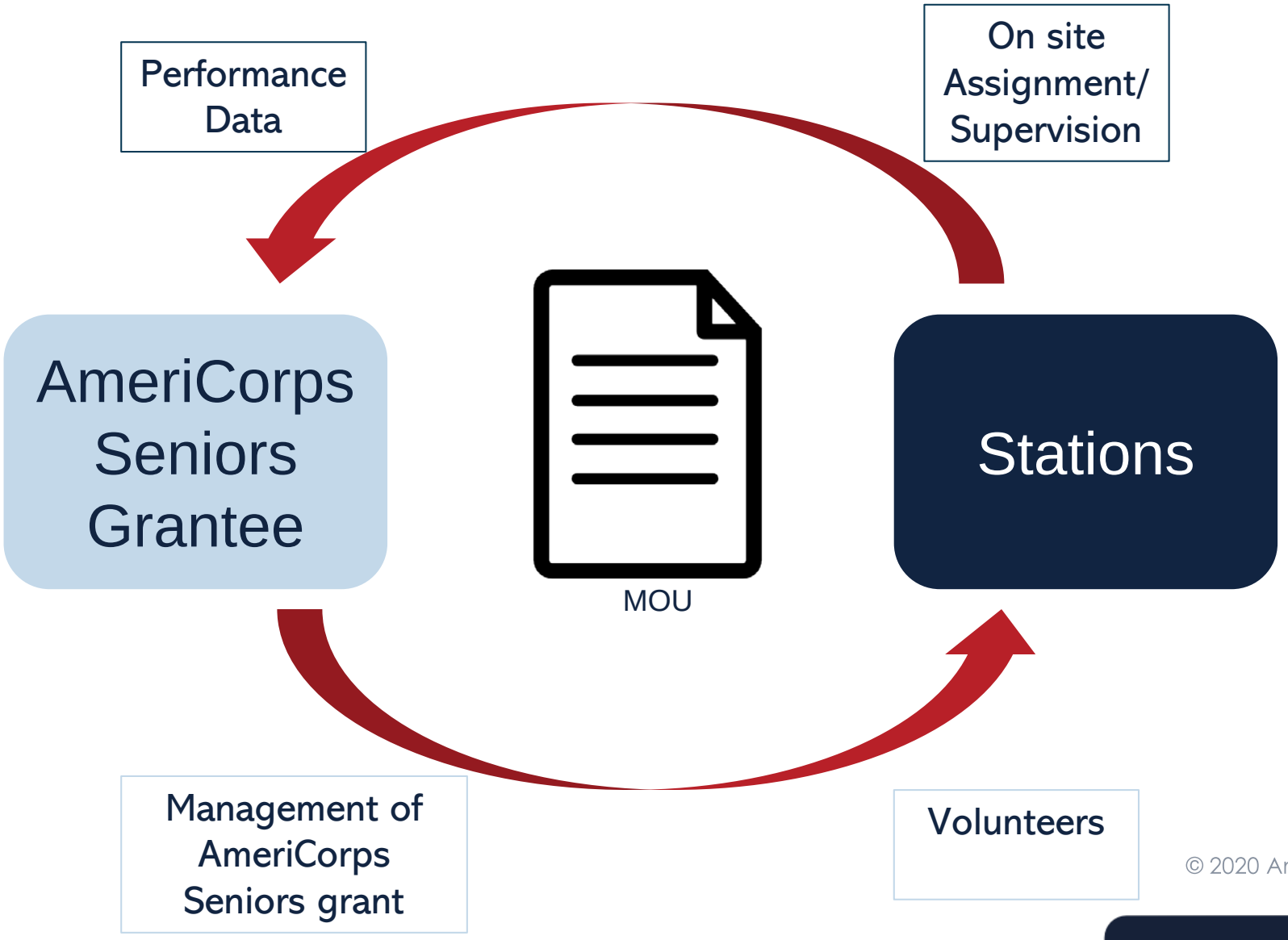
STATION:

A community partner where AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serve

Volunteer Stations

- Nonprofit organizations, proprietary health care facilities, public agencies
- Some sponsors may develop a wide range of stations, dispersed throughout a geographic service area. Others may choose to focus on a couple of specific stations or service activities.
- AmeriCorps Seniors sponsors can also be Volunteer Stations
- AmeriCorps Seniors sponsor organizations sign MOU with local organizations and sends them volunteers

Partnering with AmeriCorps Seniors



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Benefits to the Sponsor

- Leverage volunteers to achieve your mission
- Build the capacity of your organization
- Become part of a large national network
- Strengthen other public and nonprofit agencies in your community
- Demonstrate Competitive Programming

Comparing baseline scores with a second-year follow-up, AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers were healthier, less depressed, and less socially isolated than those who did not serve:

Less Socially Isolated

88 percent reported fewer feelings of isolation

Better Health

84 percent reported stable or improving health

Less Depressed

78 percent reported fewer symptoms of depression

Learn more at https://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/senior-corps/senior-corps-and-health-benefits

Rules and Regulations

Topic	Cycle 1
Assignments	One-on-one supportive relationships, client with special or exceptional needs
Criminal History Checks	AmeriCorps requires a specific process, provides two designated vendors. Be sure to include it in your budget.
Minimum/Maximum Amounts of Service	Weekly: 5 to 40 hrs OR Annual: 260 to 2080 hrs
Performance Measurement	Must choose from standard output and outcome measures provided by AmeriCorps, must include a certain amount of volunteer activity in National Performance Measures
Stipend Management	Must manage stipend expenditures over course of year
Orientation and Training	Must provide at least 20 hours of pre-service orientation and 24 hours of in-service training
Use of Funds	Reasonable, allowable, allocable, and necessary (see 2 CFR 200)

Match

- Match aka Non-Federal Share aka Non-CNCS share
- 10% of the total project cost
- To find the amount:
  - Required Non-Federal Share= (Federal Share/ 0.9)- Federal Share

Example: Verona Department of Aging is Requesting **$260,000**

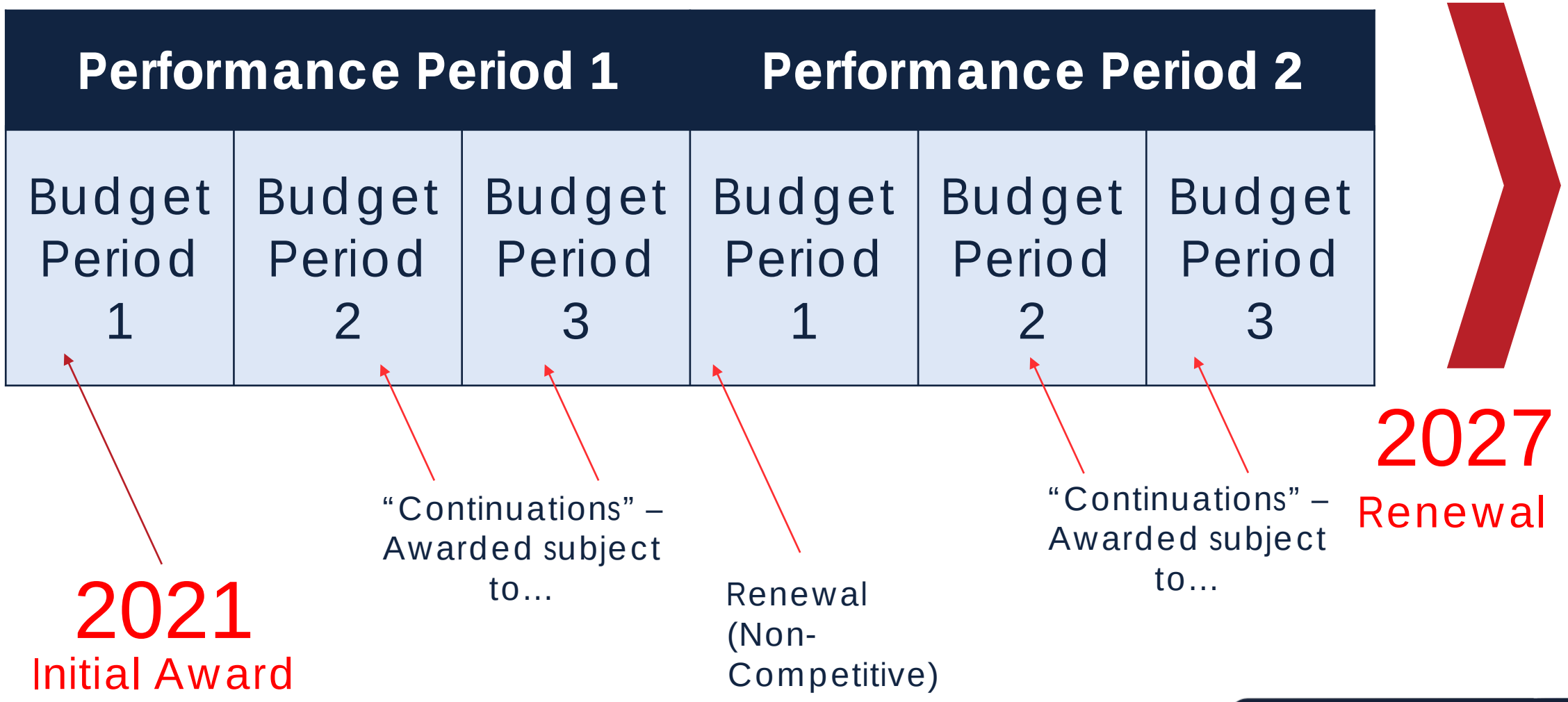
Required Non-Federal Share = **($260,000/0.9)- $260,000**

Required Non-Federal Share = **$28,889**

Award Period

- Grant award covers three years. AmeriCorps generally funds the first year.
- Funding for the second and third year of the project period is dependent upon
  - Satisfactory Performance
  - Demonstrated capacity to manage the grant
  - Compliance with grant requirements
  - Availability of Congressional appropriations
- After three years, grant may be “renewed”- a non-competitive process

Award Period



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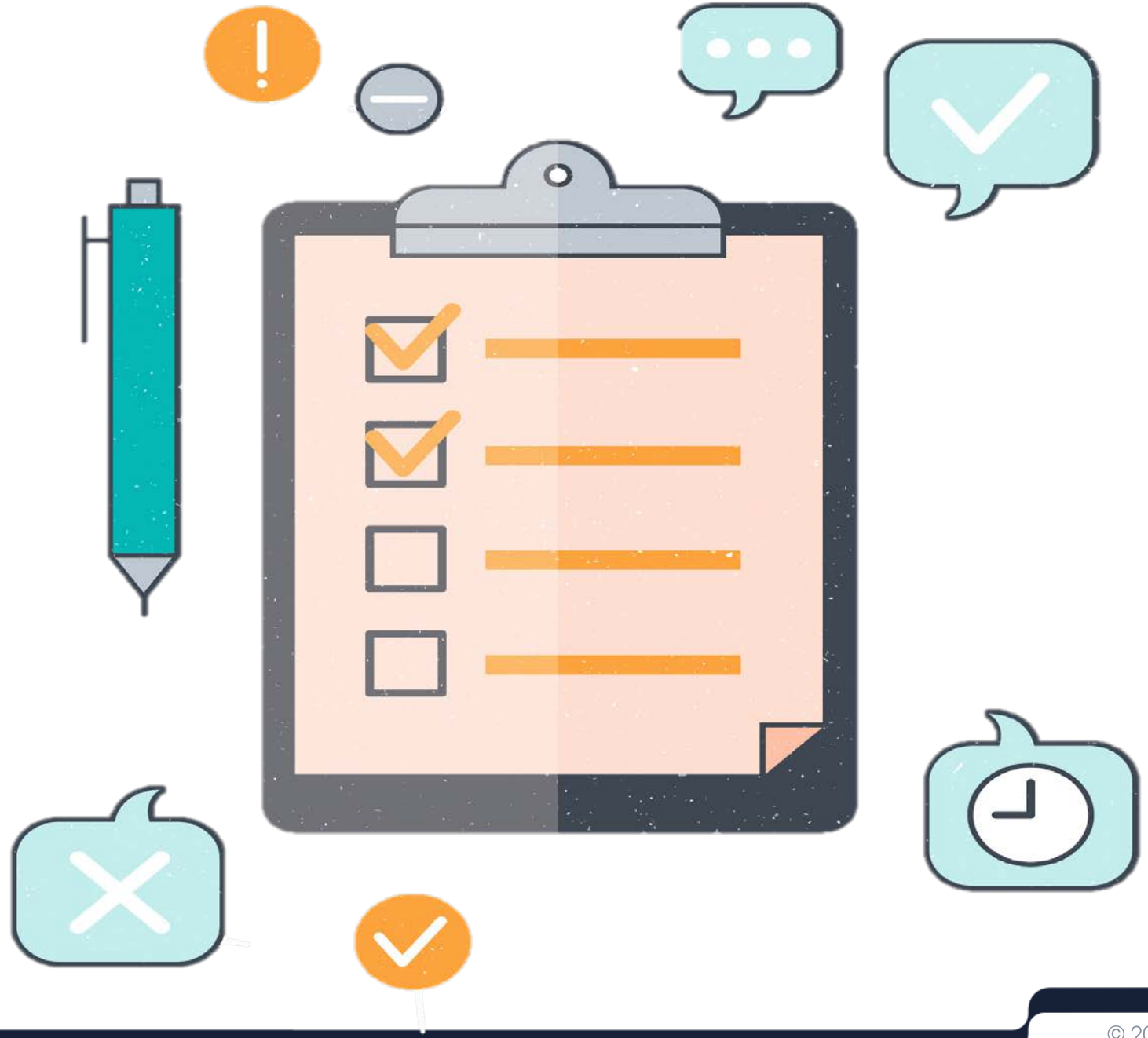
AmeriCorps Seniors Impact Video

AmeriCorps Seniors Stories

National Service in your State

Manage AmeriCorps Seniors Grants

eCFR.gov



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VSYs

VSY:
VOLUNTEER SERVICE YEARS

How to Calculate VSYs?

1 VSY= 1,044 STIPENDED HOURS

52.2 WEEKS @ 20 HRS. PER WEEK

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10 VSYS =

10,440 HOURS

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Utah	Sanpete County
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Utah	Summit County
Utah	Tooele County
Utah	Uintah County
Utah	Wayne County
Vermont	Addison County
Vermont	Bennington County
Vermont	Caledonia County
Vermont	Chittenden County
Vermont	Essex County
Vermont	Franklin County
Vermont	Grand Isle County
Vermont	Lamoille County
Vermont	Orange County
Vermont	Orleans County
Vermont	Rutland County
Vermont	Washington County
Vermont	Windham County
Verona	Montague County
Verona	Capulet County

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40 VSYs

$6,500

= $260,000

The Competition: What to do next?

- ❑ Determine the Geographic Service Areas you wish to serve on Appendix A
- ❑ Review the Notice of Funding Opportunity, particularly the Evaluation Criteria
- ❑ Begin your application in a word processing program
- ❑ Create an eGrants account (if you haven't already), register in SAM and request a DUNS number)
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