

AmeriCorps Seniors

Introduction to the 2021 FGP- SCP Expansion Competition

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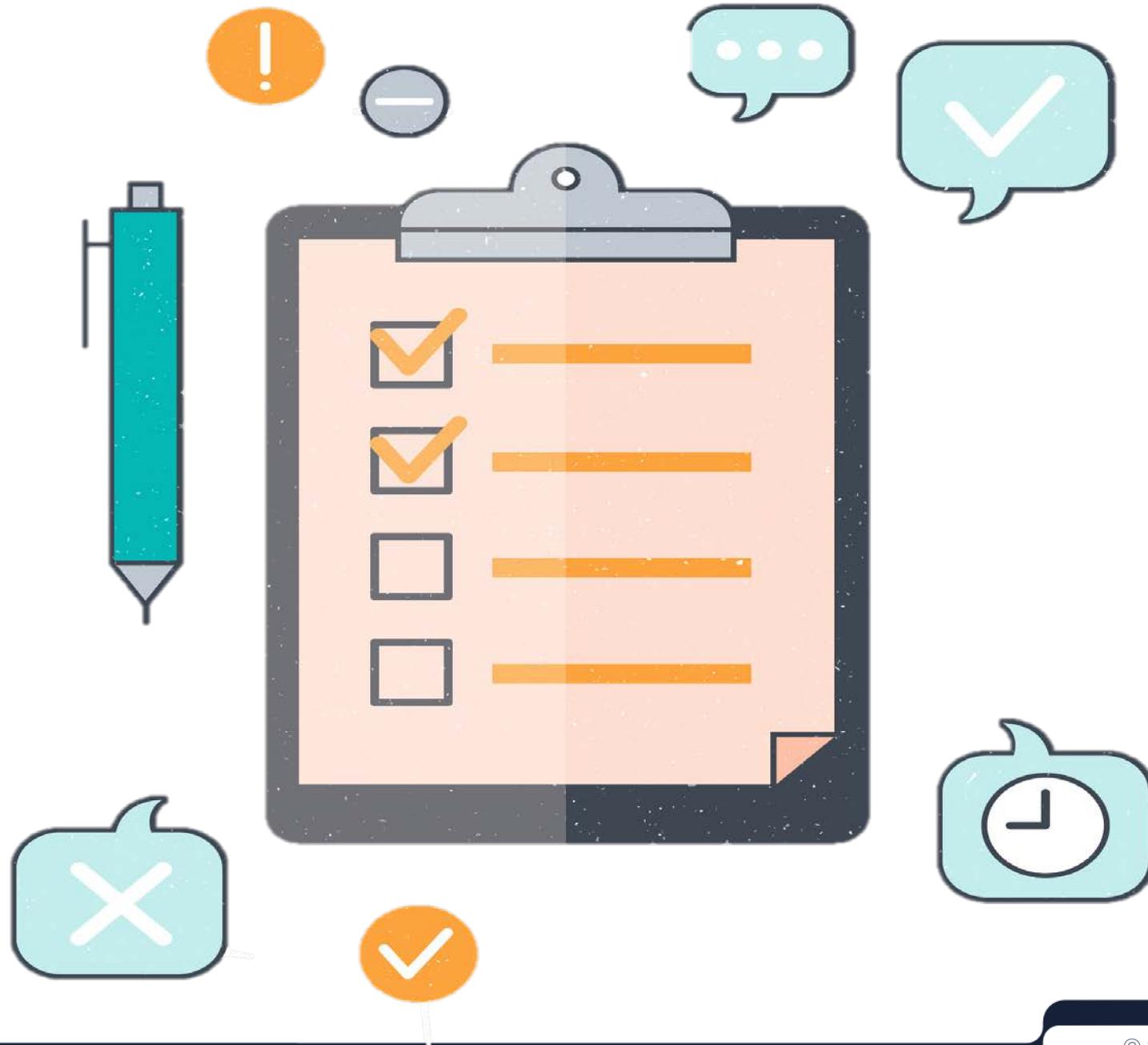


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FY 2021 FGP-SCP Expansion Competition

- 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

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.

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](#)

[Appendix B: FGP Performance Measure Instructions](#)

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



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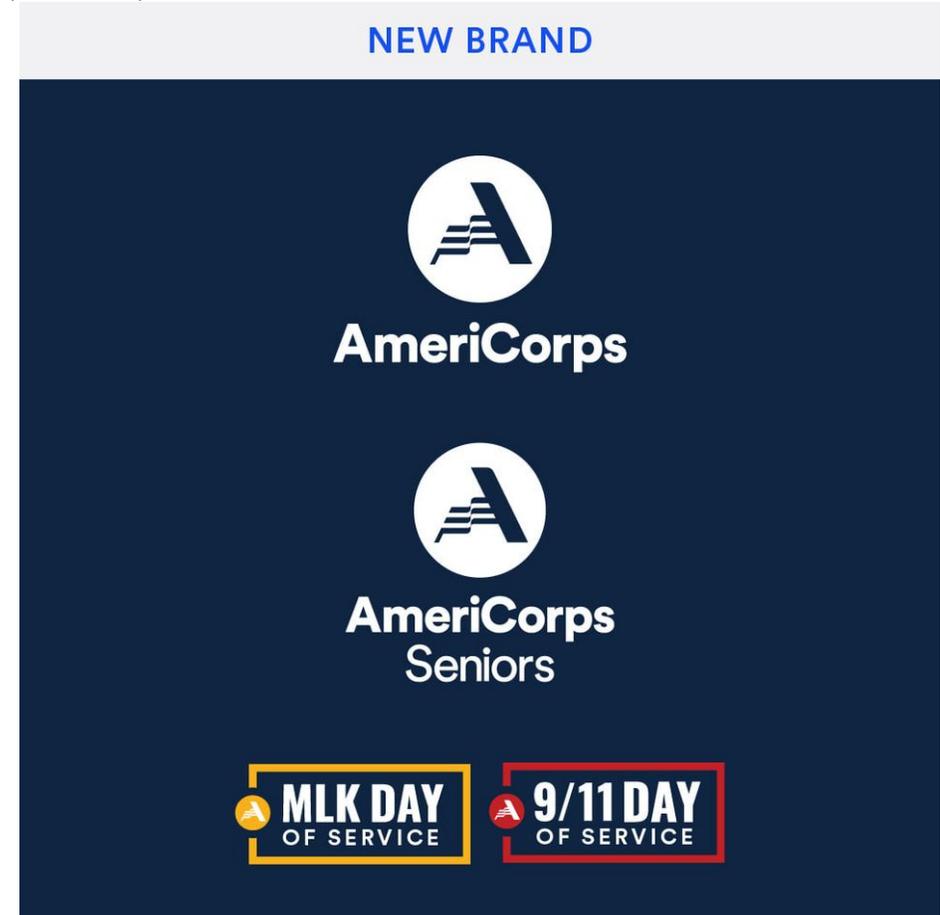


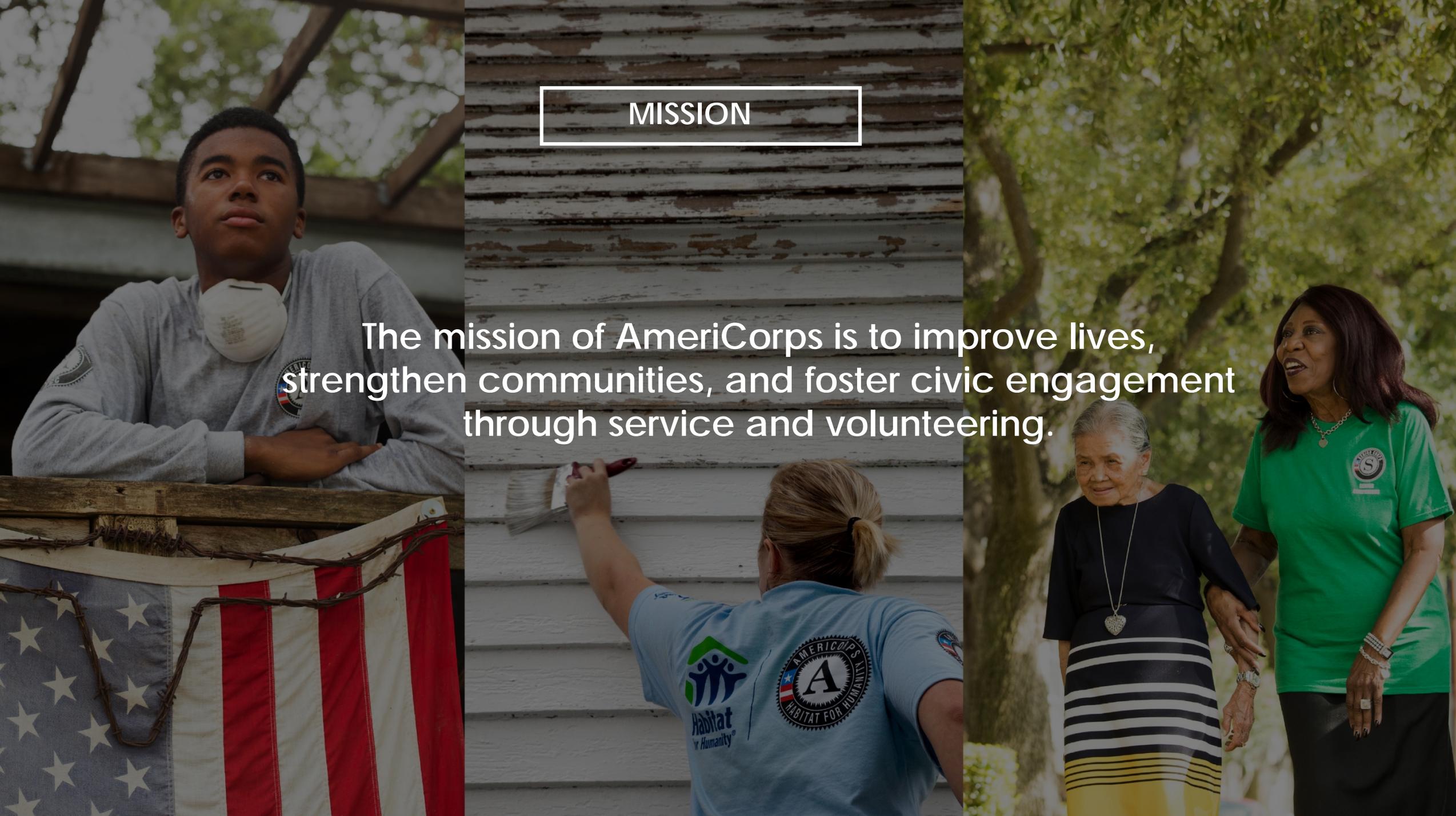
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PREVIOUS BRAND





MISSION

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

The background is a collage of four distinct American landmarks. On the left is the United States Capitol building in Washington, D.C. In the center is the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, California, set against a sunset sky. On the right is a large, rugged rock formation, likely a natural sea stack. In the far right is a white lighthouse with a glowing light, situated on a rocky coastline. The text is overlaid on this collage.

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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NEW BRAND



AmeriCorps



**AmeriCorps
Seniors**



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AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP
AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparents
AmeriCorps Seniors Senior Companions

About AmeriCorps

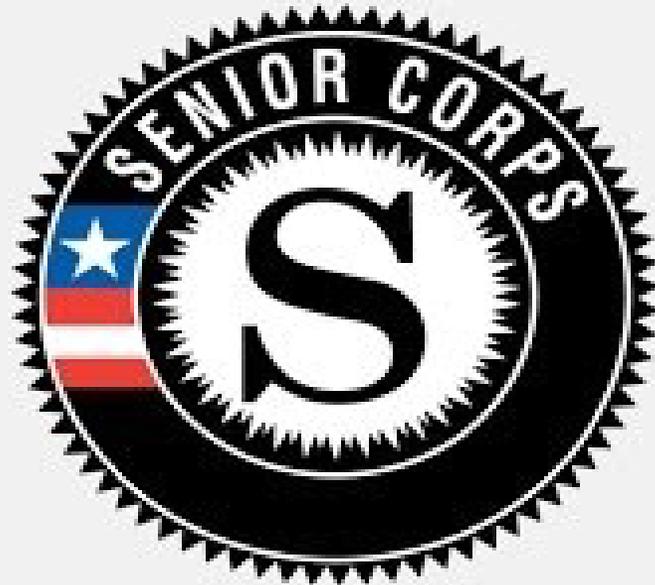
- [Americorps.gov](https://www.americorps.gov)
- National Service in Your State:
<https://www.nationalservice.gov/impact-our-nation/state-profiles>
- Your AmeriCorps Regional Office:
<https://www.nationalservice.gov/stateoffices>
- Social Media:
<https://www.nationalservice.gov/newsroom/social-media-hub>



Introducing AmeriCorps Seniors



WHAT IS SENIOR CORPS?



8 REASONS TO ❤️ SENIOR CORPS

A program of the Corporation for National & Community Service



MORE THAN
200,000
VOLUNTEERS
EACH YEAR



50 MILLION
HOURS SERVED
EACH YEAR



84%
OF VOLUNTEERS
REPORTED STABLE OR
IMPROVING HEALTH



KATRINA
SANDY
FLORENCE
HARVEY
AND MORE.

**RSVP HELPS COMMUNITIES
RECOVER FROM DISASTER**



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**FOSTER GRANDPARENTS
MENTOR STUDENTS
WITH EXCEPTIONAL
NEEDS**



**SENIOR COMPANIONS
HELP FELLOW SENIORS
LIVE INDEPENDENTLY**



**SENIOR CORPS
VOLUNTEERS LIVE
HAPPIER,
HEALTHIER LIVES**



**COMBATS ELDER ABUSE
& OPIOID ADDICTION WITH
SPECIAL INITIATIVES**

AmeriCorps Seniors Impact Video: New York



390 Foster Grandparents in the Greater NYC
area serving over 2,700 children.



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



AmeriCorps Seniors 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





AmeriCorps Seniors 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



SPONSOR/ GRANTEE:

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

STATION:

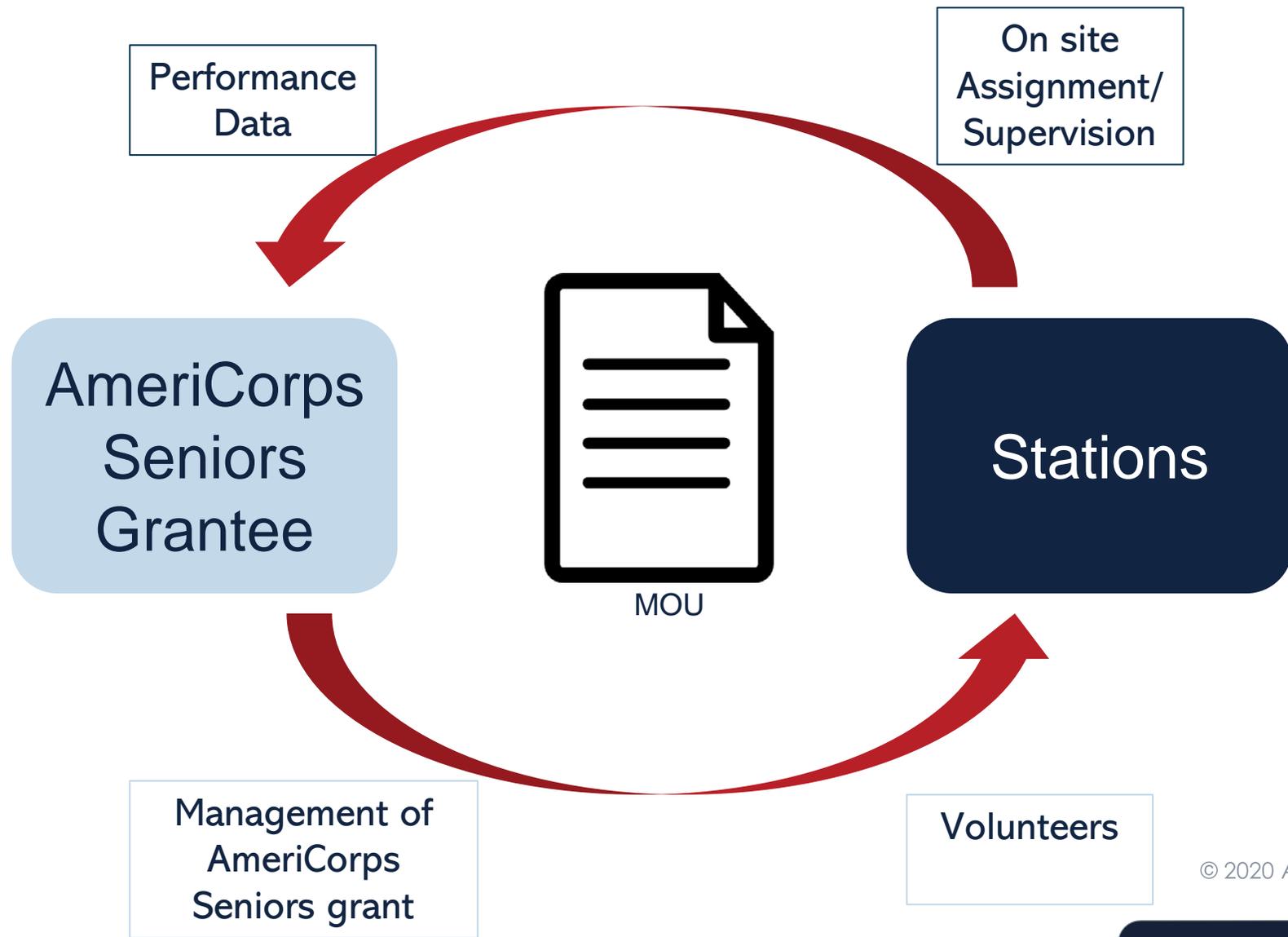
A community partner where AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serve



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





AmeriCorps Seniors Structure





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

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 = $(\$260,000 / 0.9) - \$260,000$

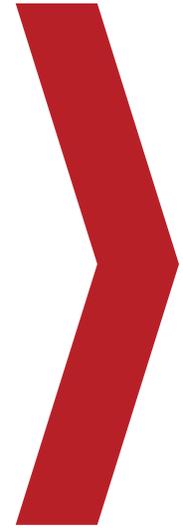
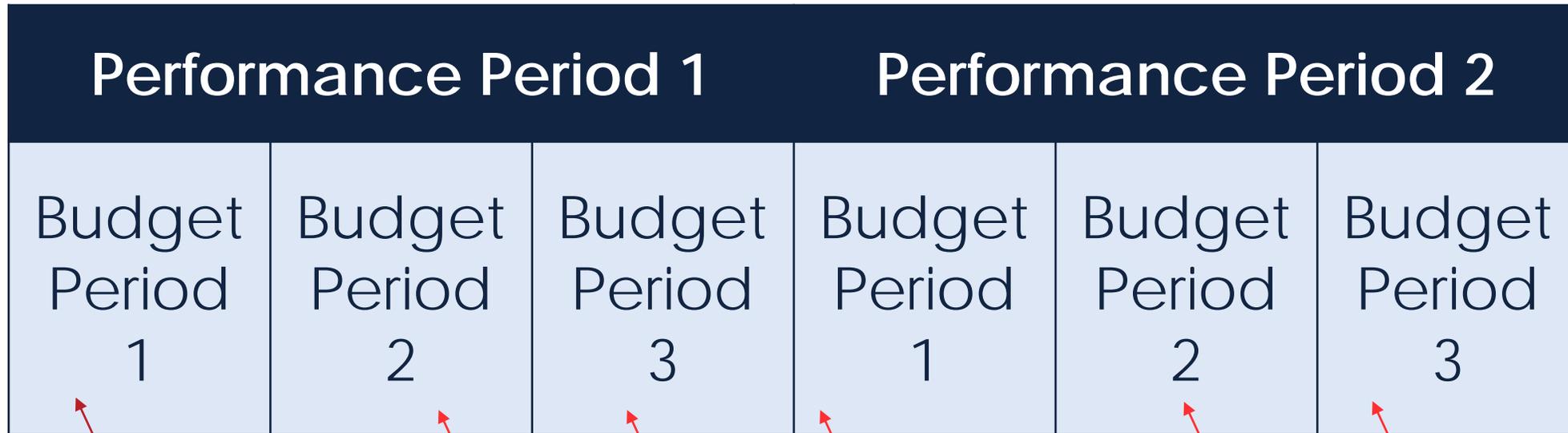
Required Non-Federal Share = **\$28,889**

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



2021
Initial Award

"Continuations" –
Awarded subject
to...

Renewal
(Non-
Competitive)

"Continuations" –
Awarded subject
to...

2027
Renewal

For More Information



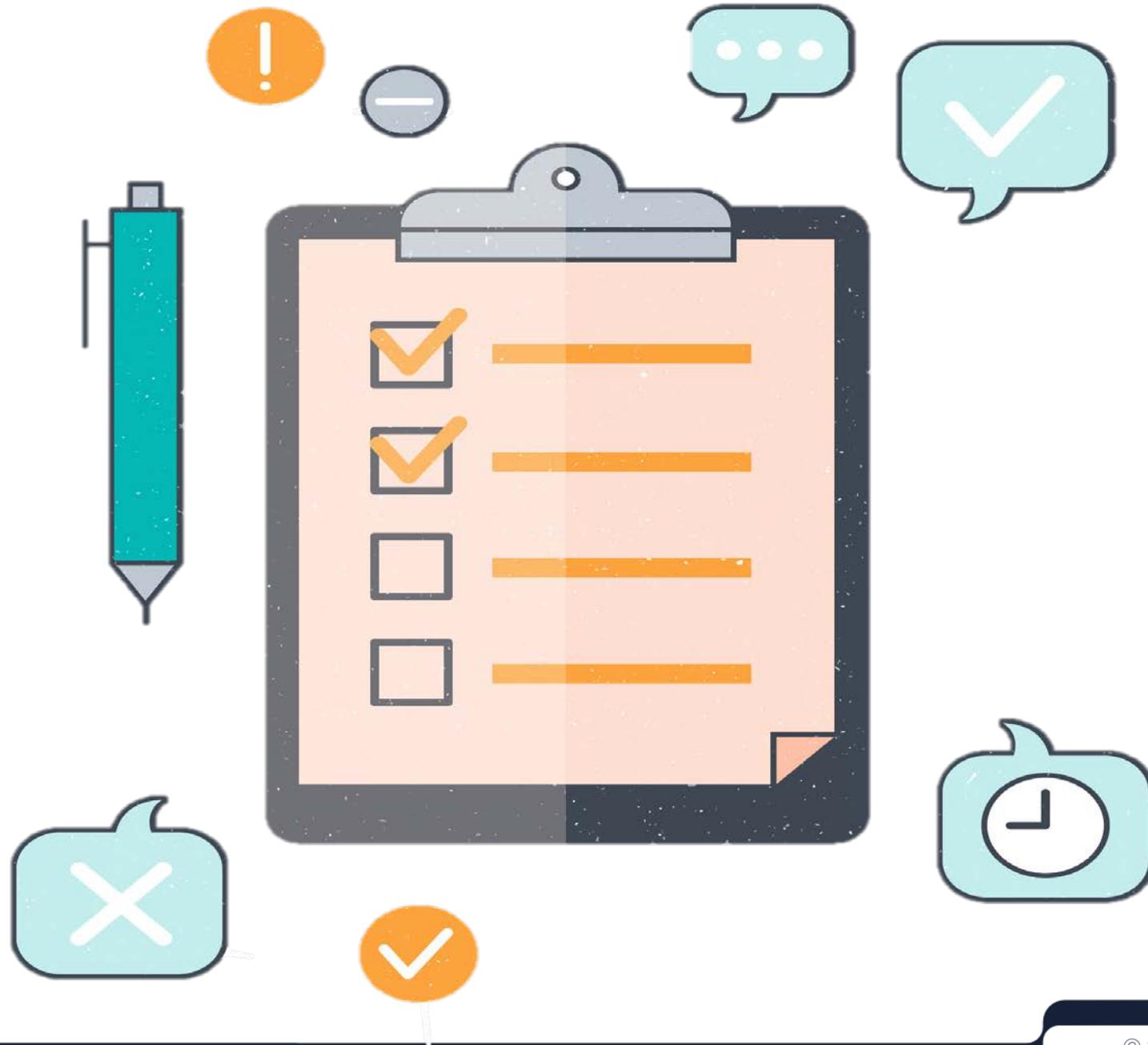
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The Competition: What to do next?

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VSYS



VSYS:
VOLUNTEER
SERVICE YEARS

How to Calculate VSYs?



**1 VSY= 1,044
STIPENDED HOURS
52.2 WEEKS @ 20 HRS.
PER WEEK**

How to Calculate VSYSs?



10 VSYS =

10,440 HOURS



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State	Areas Affected
Utah	Sanpete County
Utah	Sevier County
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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Verona	Montague
Verona	Capulets

40
VSYS

price

\$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)
- Submit your application **early**, but no later than **5:00 PM Eastern Time on Wednesday, February 3, 2021**.

AmeriCorps Seniors Impact Video: Montana



Robert and Linda Plick

RSVP Volunteers

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