



# 2015 September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance Grant Competition



Technical Assistance Call

# Agenda



- CNCS overview
- Notice of Funding highlights
- Notice of Funding website resources:  
[www.nationalservice.gov/911NOFA](http://www.nationalservice.gov/911NOFA)
- Questions

# CNCS Overview



- The mission of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering.
- AmeriCorps
- Senior Corps
- Social Innovation Fund
- Volunteer Generation Fund
- September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance
- Martin Luther King Jr Day of Service

# Notice of Funding Highlights

**IMPORTANT:  
PLEASE READ  
THE ENTIRE  
NOTICE OF  
FUNDING!**

# Deadlines



- Notice of Intent to Apply due: **Tuesday, April 14, 2015**
  - Not required, but highly encouraged
  - Intents should be emailed to [Sept11@cns.gov](mailto:Sept11@cns.gov)
  - Email should include the following information:
    - name of the applicant organization
    - address
    - contact person
    - email address
    - phone number
- Applications due: **Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time**

# Eligible Applicants



- Public or private nonprofit organizations;
- Institutions of higher education;
- Local government as defined in 2 C.F.R § 200.64
- Government-recognized veteran service organizations
- Labor organizations
- Partnerships and consortia
- Indian Tribes

# Eligible Applicants



- Eligible applicants are capable of carrying out multi-state, nationally focused (10 or more states), or comprehensive regional initiatives. Regional initiatives are multiple cities in a region or are state-wide.

# All grants awarded will support activities that:

- are directly connected to the September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance, and occur on or near that day, as well as reflect the tone and tenor of a national day of reflection and remembrance;
- focus on honoring those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001 and those who rose in service as a result of that tragedy;
- demonstrate opportunities to engage new and diverse groups in service;
- leverage public-private partnerships;

# All grants awarded will support activities that (Continued):

- meet an identified community need;
- ensure that grant-supported activities focus on September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance and provide opportunities to connect to service beyond September 11th;
- provide opportunities to connect to ongoing opportunities to serve; and/or
- emphasize community connections to Veteran Service Organizations and Military Service Organizations where they exist.

# CNCS Performance Measures

- Focus Areas:
  - Veterans and Military Families
  - Disaster Services
- Key Goal:
  - Capacity Building
  - [www.nationalserviceresources.gov/npm/home](http://www.nationalserviceresources.gov/npm/home)

# Project Example



- Habitat for Humanity worked with 16 affiliates in 12 states
- Brush with Kindness activities allowed volunteers to engage in one day projects that could be quickly accomplished
- 107 community partnerships were created or strengthened
- 1,658 community volunteers were involved



# Award Period

- Funding amount is for two year project period
- Funding for the second year of the project period is dependent upon:
  - Satisfactory performance
  - Availability of Congressional appropriations

# Funding Amount



- \$600,000 Available
- Minimum of \$50,000

# Application



- All applications submitted through eGrants
- National Service Hotline (800) 942-2677 or via <https://questions.nationalservice.gov/app/ask> for technical questions regarding eGrants
- Page Limits: 15 pages as they print from eGrants
  - Executive Summary
  - Project Narratives
  - Cover Page
  - DOES NOT INCLUDE: Budget or Performance Measures

# Application



- Match Requirement
  - 25% of total program budget
  - Can be cash and/or in-kind
- DUNS and SAM
- Late Applications:  
[LateApplications@cns.gov](mailto:LateApplications@cns.gov)

# Basic Selection Criteria: Categories and Respective Weights

Category	Percentage	Sub-Category	Percentage
Program Design	60%	Goals and Objectives	35%
		National Performance Measures	15%
		Description of Activities	10%
Organizational Capability	25%	Ability to Provide Program Oversight	15%
		Ability to Provide Fiscal Oversight	10%
Cost-Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy	15%	Budget and Program Design	10%
		Proposed Source of Match	5%

# Review and Selection Process Stages

- Compliance Review (all applications)
- Staff Review
- Post Review Quality Control
- Risk Assessment Evaluation
- Clarification
- Selection for Funding
  - Applicant Feedback

# Technical Assistance



- Frequently Asked Questions
  - Questions can be submitted to [sept11@cns.gov](mailto:sept11@cns.gov)
  - Answers posted in the FAQs
- Technical Assistance Calls
  - Listed on the Notice website: [www.nationalservice.gov/911nofa](http://www.nationalservice.gov/911nofa)

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