

## **2014 Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF) Competition**

The 2014 Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF) grants are awarded to state service commission to fund effective approaches that expand volunteering, strengthen the capacity of volunteer connector organizations to recruit and retain skill-based volunteers, and develop strategies to effectively use volunteers to solve problems. CNCS will fund programs that can demonstrate community impact and solve community problems through service and volunteering.

In 2009, Congress passed the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act (SAA), the most sweeping expansion of national service in a generation. The SAA created the Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF) to develop and/or support community-based entities to recruit, manage, and support volunteers. This landmark law not only expands service opportunities, it focuses national service on key outcomes; builds the capacity of individuals, non-profits, and communities to succeed; and encourages innovative approaches to solving problems.