

## 2017 RSVP Expansion Competition Overview

Senior Corps 2017 RSVP Expansion grants were awarded to eligible organizations that engage individuals, age 55 and over, to volunteer in service activities. The RSVP volunteers may serve a few hours a week, or as many as 40 hours a week. RSVP volunteers engage in a diverse range of volunteer activities that serve community needs and respond to the National Performance Measures in the following Focus Areas: Disaster, Education, Economic Opportunity, Environment, Healthy Futures, and Veterans and Military Families. These activities include tutoring children, renovating homes for accessibility, assisting veterans and military families and victims of natural disasters, and providing independent living services.

2017 RSVP Expansion Competition was conducted at a national level. For this competition:

1. CNCS focused on increasing the impact of national service in certain counties across the country. The competition was limited to only those counties across the country that were currently not being served.
2. Grantees had to apply for one or more geographic service areas for a minimum of \$75,000.
3. In addition to addressing the Focus Areas, awarded programs focus on: Evidence-based Programming; Elder Justice; Education: Intergenerational Programming; Access to Care: Opioid Abuse; Aging in Place: Transportation; and Economic Opportunity: Housing.