

2017 Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF) Competition

The 2017 Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF) grants are awarded to state service commissions 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.

VGF grants will also support efforts that expand the capacity of volunteer connector organizations to recruit, manage, support and retain individuals to serve in high quality volunteer assignments. Applicants that receive funding under this Notice may directly carry out the activities supported under the award, or may carry out the activities by making subgrants to community-based entities, thus supporting volunteer generation activities at those entities.

CNCS's priorities for this grant competition are:

- Programs that are likely to generate significant, measurable improvements in the number of volunteers generated and retained from specific demographic groups such as youth service, generational/family volunteering, skill-based volunteering or senior volunteering, and
- Initiatives that specifically recruit, train and deploy volunteers as a strategy to address a clearly identified pressing community need or to address education, and
- Activities that specifically recruit skill-based and pro-bono volunteers.