

### **2017 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Competition**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service grants are awarded to eligible organizations including Indian tribes, institutions of higher education, local governments, nonprofit organizations, and states. The purpose of Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service grants are to mobilize more Americans to observe the Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday as a day of service in communities, to encourage those who serve on this holiday to make a long-term commitment to community service, and to bring people together to focus on service to others.

For MLK, CNCS will give priority consideration to applications that include a central focus on:

- reflection on the life and teaching of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- providing support and/or facilitating access to services and resources for economically disadvantaged people as demonstrated through use of economic opportunity performance measures

CNCS will give priority consideration to applications that feature major activities occurring on September 11th or MLK Day as applicable or within approximately one week of the actual Day.