September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance grant funding is used to mobilize more Americans to engage in service activities that meet vital community needs and honor the sacrifice of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, or who rose in service as a result of that tragedy.

The competition prioritized grant funding in CNCS’s focus areas of Disaster Services and Veterans and Military Families:

- **Disaster Services** - Grants help individuals and communities prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of disasters and increase community resiliency.
- **Veterans and Military Families** - Grants improve the quality of life of veterans and improve military family strength.

CNCS also gave priority consideration to programs that featured one or more of the following elements:

- a focus on engaging and supporting Veterans and Military Families in September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance activities
- a proposal to develop educational materials or curriculum for youth, including a plan for curriculum distribution and educating youth about service to honor September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance.