

2012 RSVP Competition Overview

Senior Corps 2012 RSVP Relinquishment grants are awarded to eligible organizations that will be engaging individuals, age 55 and over, in service activities. The individuals could serve a few hours or as many as 40 hours per week. RSVP volunteers engage in a diverse range of volunteer activities. They tutor children, renovate homes, assist veterans and military families and victims of natural disasters, and also provide independent living services.

The 2012 RSVP Relinquished Funds Competition consisted of two separate components. CNCS prioritized investment in (1) new grants to operate in geographic areas where there are no longer projects due to grant relinquishments, and (2) grant augmentations to current RSVP grantees that desired to incorporate new veterans and military families programming into their existing portfolios. It should be noted that a grant relinquishment is a voluntary decision by a Senior Corps sponsor to discontinue operating a Federal grant issued by CNCS to support Senior Corps volunteers and CNCS-supported volunteer services in its community.

In conducting this competition, CNCS attempted to balance its awards to applicants from both rural and non-rural areas that demonstrated significant programmatic focus, design, and impact.