Fact Sheet

RSVP GRANT OPPORTUNITY

EDUCATION FOCUS

How Can RSVP Help Your Organization?

Can your organization use volunteers 55 and older to strengthen your impact? Do you want to help more people in your community? Do you want to join a national network that offers training and access to other funding opportunities? If so, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) encourages you to learn more about RSVP and our RSVP grant opportunity.

Created in 1971, RSVP is the nation's largest volunteer program for older adults, annually engaging 300,000 Americans in community service that meets pressing local needs. RSVP helps nonprofits and public agencies expand their impact by engaging experienced and committed volunteers in service. An RSVP grant allows your organization to increase capacity and make a difference in your community. RSVP grant funding partially covers expenses to operate an RSVP project, such as staffing, supplies, volunteer stations, and training of staff and members. RSVP projects may use RSVP grant funds to conduct volunteer recruitment and recognition and to reimburse volunteers for service related travel. With an RSVP grant, your organization has an opportunity to connect to a national network of volunteer organizations and access training and other funding opportunities.

Senior Corps awards RSVP grants on a competitive basis. The grant competition will require applicants to address needs in at least one of the agency's six strategic focus areas: Education, Veterans and Military Families, Disaster Services, Economic Opportunity, Environmental Stewardship, and Healthy Futures, but also provides an opportunity for your organization to address other compelling needs.

Education Focus and Activities

If your organization contributes to improved educational outcomes for economically disadvantaged people, especially children, CNCS encourages you to apply for Senior Corps funding. Senior Corps is interested in funding RSVP grants that:

- improve school readiness for young children
- increase educational and behavioral outcomes of students in elementary, middle, and high school

Examples of Education activities include:

- assisting in classrooms (including working with Head Start)
- tutoring
- mentoring in schools
- mentoring in the community

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What is RSVP?

RSVP is a Senior Corps program of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), an independent federal agency. Senior Corps is made up of three primary programs: RSVP, the Foster Grandparent Program, and the Senior Companion Program. This specific grant opportunity is being offered by RSVP. RSVP provides competitive grants to organizations that identify a compelling, unmet community need and design a project that uses RSVP volunteers to address that need. An RSVP volunteer is an individual who is 55 or older, recruited and selected by an organization that received an RSVP grant to address a pressing community problem. RSVP volunteers do not receive a stipend for their service.

What Organizations Are Eligible?

Eligible applicants include faith-based and secular non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, state education agencies, Indian tribes, and local government entities.

Application Information

To Read Notices of Funding Opportunity visit **www.seniorcorps.gov/for_organizations/funding**

About the Corporation for National and Community Service

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. Each year the Corporation engages more than five million Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service to meet local needs through its Senior Corps projects, and AmeriCorps programs. For more information, visit **NationalService.gov**.

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