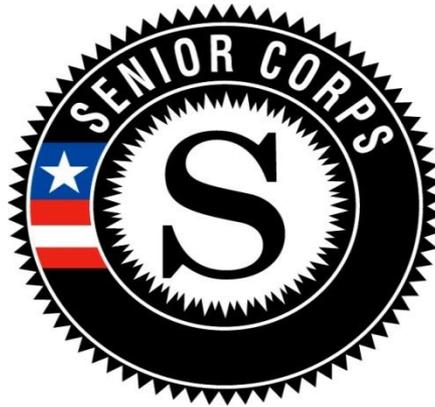# 2013 RSVP Competition

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- Federal Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service
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Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

- Independent Federal Agency

- Created in 1990 to house all federal volunteer efforts

- Opportunities for Americans of all ages and backgrounds to engage in service that addresses community needs; fosters civic responsibility

CNCS

- Senior Corps
  - Foster Grandparent Program
  - Senior Companion Program
  - RSVP
- AmeriCorps
  - VISTA
  - AmeriCorps State and National
  - National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC)

Senior Corps

- Nation's largest organization for volunteers age 55 or over
  - Foster Grandparent Program: 28,000 volunteers
  - Senior Companion Program: 14,000 volunteers
  - RSVP: 296,000 volunteers
- Located in every state, and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands
- Supports more than 70,000 nonprofit and public agencies

RSVP

- RSVP: age 55+
    1. time of social need and fiscal constraint
    2. older Americans look for ways to give back
- RSVP benefits
    1. sponsor organization
    2. the community it serves, and
    3. the volunteers

2013 RSVP Competition
How We Got Here

- Kennedy Serve America Act 2009
- Efforts to focus RSVP programs on critical issues for greater impact
  - Primary Focus Areas for each project
- Enable CNCS to demonstrate impact
  - National Performance Measures
  - Requirements for Outcomes
- Accountability: Ensure funding is received by the best applicant in each community

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Eligible Applicants

- Public agencies (including state and local agencies and other units of government)
- Non-profit organizations (including community-based organizations, both faith-based and secular)
- Institutions of higher education
- Government-recognized veteran service organizations
- Indian Tribes

RSVP Benefits to the Sponsor Organization

- Build the capacity of your organization

- Become part of a large national network

- Strengthen other public and nonprofit agencies in your community

- Demonstrate competitive programing

RSVP Benefits to the Sponsor Organization: Grant support

1. Staff Salary Support
2. Training Costs
3. Volunteer Recruitment and Recognition costs
4. Supplementary Insurance for volunteers
5. Mileage Reimbursement for volunteers

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Funding Opportunities
Where there is an incumbent RSVP grantee

Appendix A - Part 1:

Funding opportunities and their associated geographic area where there is an existing incumbent RSVP grant renewed in the 2010 RSVP grant cycle.

http://www.seniorcorps.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa_detail.asp?tbl_nofa_id=97

Funding Opportunities
Where there is no incumbent RSVP grantee
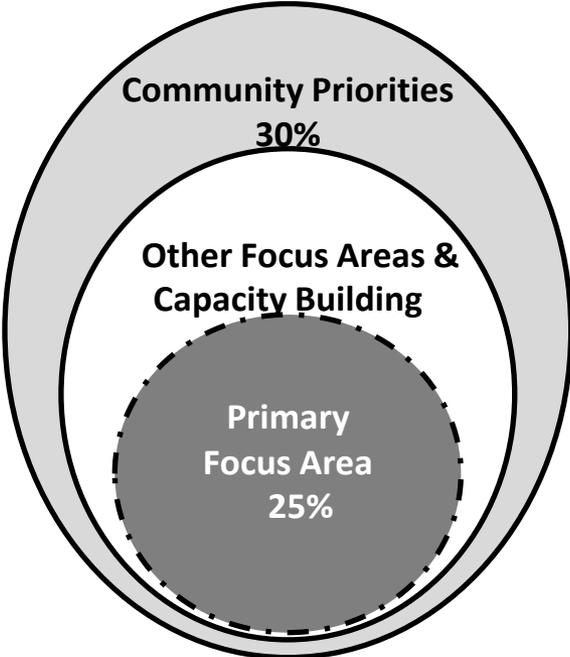
Appendix A - Part 2:

- An RSVP grant was relinquished that was previously part of the 2010 RSVP grant cycle and there is no current incumbent

- An RSVP grant that was previously part of the 2010 RSVP grant cycle and were relinquished between March 2012 and August 1, 2012.

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Application Requirements

- Serve the entire geographic service area associated with the funding opportunity.

- Support at least 80% of the number of volunteers listed in the Notice.

- Minimize disruptions to the current volunteers associated with any incumbent project.

- Meet the National Performance Measure requirements and other criteria established in the Notice.

RSVP Performance Measures

Performance Measure Category	Percent of Volunteers
Primary Focus Area: National Performance Measures outputs in <u>one</u> of the six Focus Areas	**At least 25%**
Community Priorities: Will report on success vs. failure to achieve self-determined targets	**No more than 30%**
Other Focus Areas & Capacity Building: 1. National Performance Measures outputs in any of the six Focus Areas; and/or 2. Capacity Building outputs	**Remainder of activity**

Community Priorities 30%

Other Focus Areas & Capacity Building

Primary Focus Area 25%

Additional Requirement:
10% of Total Unduplicated Volunteers
must be in workplans that
result in outcomes.

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Strategic Plan Focus Areas

- www.seniorcorps.gov

Six Focus Areas:

- Disaster Services
- Economic Opportunity
- Education
- Environmental Stewardship
- Healthy Futures
- Veterans and Military Families

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Disaster Service Focus Area

1. Train RSVP volunteers in Disaster Services.
2. *Prepare individuals to respond to disasters.*
3. Increased readiness of individuals to respond.
4. Help individuals recover from disasters.
5. Increase the capacity of individuals to mitigate disasters.

Disaster Service Activities

- Training, Creating Disaster Kits & conduct outreach

- Setting up & Staffing Call Centers & Shelters

- Transporting Victims &Providing Health/First Aid Services

- Distributing Meals

- Clearing Debris & Renovating Housing

- Providing Housing Transition Support

Economic Opportunity Focus Area

1. Improve access to services and benefits that increase financial literacy.

2. Transition individuals into or help them remain in safe, healthy, affordable housing.

3. Improve individuals' employability and help them get jobs.

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Economic Opportunity Activities

- Building & Repairing Homes

- Assisting with Housing Searches

- Supporting Adult Basic Education

- Helping with GED

- Supporting Adult ESOL/ESL

- Providing Income Tax Help

- Preventing Elder Abuse

- Providing Financial Literacy Education

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Education Focus Area

1. Improve school readiness for young children.
2. Increase educational and behavioral outcomes of students in elementary, middle, and high school.

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Education Activities

- Assisting in Classrooms (including Head Start)
- Tutoring
- Mentoring in Schools
- Mentoring in the Community

Environmental Stewardship Focus Area

1. Improve national parks, state parks, city parks, county parks, or other public and tribal lands.

2. Improve trails or waterways.

3. Collect and recycle materials.

Environmental Stewardship Activities

- Establishing or Removing Vegetation

- Removing Debris (not basic trash)

- Restoring Land

- Creating & Improving Trails

- Improving Waterways

- Collecting and Recycling Materials

- Composting

- Reusing Materials

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Healthy Futures Focus Area

1. Increase seniors' ability to remain in their own homes with the same or improved quality of life for as long as possible.

2. Improve access to primary and preventive health care.

3. Increase food security.

Healthy Futures Activities

- Delivering Food, Supporting Food Pantries

- Providing Transportation, Companionship, Financial Literacy or Housing Services

- Preventing Elder Abuse

- Developing/Maintaining Community Gardens

- Providing Health Education, Staffing Hotlines

- Developing Health Materials & Providing Health-Related Training or Coaching

Veterans & Military Families Focus Area

1. Serve veterans and military service members and their families serve

2. Engage veterans and military family members in service through RSVP- supported projects.

Veterans and Military Families Activities

- Assisting a DOL VETS or Dept. of Veterans Affairs program

- Delivering Food

- Providing companionship

- Assisting National Guard Volunteer Services;

- Coaching/Counseling

- Referring to services

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Frequently Asked Questions

- Questions can be submitted to 2013RSVP@cns.gov or (202) 606-3225

- Answers posted in the FAQs

- The *Notice*, FAQs, updates, and other items posted: http://www.seniorcorps.gov/for_organizations/funding/index.asp

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eGrants

- All applications submitted through eGrants
- eGrants will open on or about Sept 20, 2012 when the final Notice and Application is Public.
- The eGrants Performance Module will open on or about Sept 20, 2012
- National Service Hotline (800) 942-2677 or via https://questions.nationalservice.gov/app/ask for technical questions regarding eGrants

Application Deadline

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