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15:34:00 We are recording the event so let's start the recording and turn it over to the presenters.

15:34:03 >> Recording in progress

15:34:33 >> Good afternoon everyone. My name is Linda Cook. I am associate director with AmeriCorps Seniors. Welcome to today's session, A Tour of the Nocit of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the American Rescue Plan, Senior Demonstration Program as well as for the FGP SCP replacement opportunity that is now open.

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15:34:48 I will be covering a number of items and first we will go over the competition basics for both of these programs.

15:35:06 Provide you with key resources and then do a quick tour of the notice funding opportunity. Both of these funding opportunities follow the same stream and structure, so I will do them together.

15:35:20 I will turn off the camera now because I am going -- I want to make sure that you are providing full attention to the slides.

15:35:55 >> Thank you, Linda. My name is Calynn Evans and I'm training and knowledge mismanagement -- training acknowledgment [indiscernible] I want to know who we have on the call today so the question is how would you describe primary field of your organization? Aging, volunteerism, community development, faith-based organizations, higher education, state County municipal or other local government or something else?

15:36:08 I will give you a couple -- I will give you a couple moments to complete the poll. Looks like majority of you have primary field being aging and then something else.

15:36:25 Looks like the responses are slowing down. If there's something else you are focused on, use the chat to identify what else you are focusing on.

15:36:31 We could close out the poll and share the results.

15:36:48 We have 38% focus on something else and 23% focus on aging.

15:36:52 Thank you for participating. We have another poll coming up after this. 15:37:04 We could bring up the next poll.

15:37:14 >> The poll was attached so it scrolls down and you'll see the second one was connected and the answer that one also.

15:37:25 >> All right, we did have a webinar yesterday and looks like 68% of you attended that webinar so thank you for joining us yesterday.

15:37:37 I will turn things back over to Linda to review the competition basics.

15:38:10 >> Thank you Calynn. Because this is competition, there are a few questions I cannot answer. If your question is specific or requires a lot of context

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and discussion, we cannot address that today. We want to make sure everyone gets all the information they need.

15:38:40 If that's the case, you could always feel free to send questions to the American rescue, SDP@cns.gov or the 2022, FGP SCP expansion@cns.gov and both of those addresses will be referenced a lot throughout the slides and they will be provided to you in the chat.

15:38:59 AmeriCorps, formerly known as CNCS, is the agency responsible for civic engagement. That means we lead civic engagement through service and volunteerism through grantmaking efforts in national days of service in the United States.

15:39:23 We help millions of Americans improve their lives and the lives of their fellow citizens through service. We do that mostly by working hand-in-hand with local partners to tap the ingenuity and can-do spirit of the American people the tackle our country's most pressing challenges.

15:39:28 Our mission is to improve lives, strengthen communities and foster civic engagement through service and volunteerism.

15:39:37 National service is an opportunity to volunteer your time and talent to make a difference in people's lives and to get things done for America.

15:40:04 Through AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors, individuals of any age can serve our country and their community by putting their valuable skills to use. As was mentioned during the webinar yesterday, the Senior Demonstration Program or SDP allows us to expand our program reach in a way that's different from our standard three programs.

15:40:30 For example, SDP program may have seniors serving kids with exceptional needs as well as their parents by providing parenting tips or homework assisting tips. As with -- as was stated in webinar yesterday, Senior Demonstration Authority which governs the Senior Demonstration Program allows us to fund innovative programming, the expectation is that activities will be carried out by seniors

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15:40:55 But the program has new innovative twist to demonstrate the power of senior volunteers to make significant -- significant contributions in their communities as they recover and reopen after the CoVid 19 pandemic, or as they are seeking to replace FGP SCP programs no longer serving in communities. 15:41:23 If there are questions regarding the FGP SCP replacement opportunity, there is the email address noted there as well as the direct link to the FGP SCP replacement opportunity funding notice.

15:41:58 I will cover both of them today. A lot of my time will be spent on the American Rescue Plan, SDP program but I will incorporate FGP SCP -- I will incorporate FGP and SDP when I can -- SCP when I can.

15:42:08 Here's a schedule for upcoming training sessions and these are designed to give you information to assist and increase knowledge of our programs. Best practices and how to respond to requests for funding. 15:42:58 We will provide basic facts about both of these competitions. We are accepting applications now for the American Rescue Plan, Senior Demonstration Program as well as the FGP SCP expansion opportunity. Both of these announcements were released on the same day of November 1. Both of them have application instructions posted online on the website. 15:43:00.

15:43:29 Applications are due by 5:00 PM Eastern time on February 3, 2022. The AmeriCorps Seniors American Rescue Plan Senior Demonstration Program notice opened on November 1 and it's our call for new applicants or organizations who don't have a current grant with AmeriCorps Seniors to respond to community-based needs, eliminated as result of CoVid 19 pandemic. 15:43:50 We are looking for efforts to help local communities recover -- recover from the CoVid 19 pandemic as well as we are interested in applications that establish or support education, vaccination and vaccination education efforts, particularly in heart to reach communities.

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15:44:01 We are looking for applications that actively engage in removing structural racial inequities, advanced racial equity and increase opportunity to achieve sustainable change in communities.

15:44:23 Finally, applicants may propose program in any county, city or town. Applicants are encouraged to propose programming in the priority areas established in Appendix A, list of priority areas.

15:44:51 For the funding opportunity -- AmeriCorps Seniors is programming ARP funding in accordance with section 231 of the DVSA which authorizes director of AmeriCorps Seniors to make grants to public and nonprofit organizations for the purpose of demonstrating innovative activities involving older Americans as volunteers.

15:45:00 And for testing whether older American volunteer programs may contribute to new objectives for certain national priorities.

15:45:07 The exercise in this authority, AmeriCorps Seniors can encourage innovation as communities recover and build back better.

15:45:36 Unlike other AmeriCorps Seniors funding opportunities, this opportunity is open for anywhere in the country. We have Appendix A for this competition that provides a list of areas where AmeriCorps Seniors is prioritizing funding overall application submitted for any area of the country are available for funding through this opportunity.

15:45:46 Now we will walk through a few key resources for both of these competitions.

15:46:21 On the screen, is a screenshot of the notice for the AmeriCorps Seniors American Rescue Plan Senior Demonstration Program. Most of the answers to any questions that you may have regarding what's in the notice, what's a priority, what area should we look for, is there a funding limit, all of these questions are in the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

15:46:36 This is your gateway to the competition. I recognize the print on this slide is small, but we wanted to show you all the funding opportunity page as it's currently on the website.

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15:47:00 The funding opportunity for the FGP SCP expansion is in a similar format. There is a link to the notice application instructions, relevant appendices and important dates.

15:47:50 Some of the key resources which will be important to you for both of these competitions are outlined as the following -- there's a link for the Notice of Funding Opportunity, that is establishes competition requirements, funding priorities and more so you want to start your review at the NOFO link for both ARP as well as for FGP SCP expansion competition.

15:48:01 Application instructions will give you step-by-step guide to navigating in eGrants. That is the electronic grants management system.

15:48:48 Appendix A will note any geographic service areas. For the FGP SCP expansion, there are specific geographic service areas which we are looking to fund for the ARP SDP competition could be anywhere in the country however we have developed Appendix A that lists priority funding specifically because there are no existing AmeriCorps Seniors program present in that area as well as these communities have been identified through our senses review attending high poverty areas.

15:49:13 Appendix B will always list performance measurement requirements. As a part of receiving these federal funds, all of our grantees are required to be able to demonstrate specific outputs, outcomes throughout the use of their program. 15:49:45 You will also be required to report on where you are with meeting those national performance measures. You will also find a technical assistance link on the NOFO pages that lists the webinars that are offered, as well as FAQs for both of these competitions as we get questions, all the information will be posted the FAQs are updated with the questions we receive.

15:49:58 Now we are going to do a quick walk-through of the notice.
15:50:25 Some of the priorities for the American Rescue Plan Senior
Demonstration Program, the notice all of this comes from the notice directly -applicants must demonstrate how they will engage adults aged 55 and older to
address one or more of the American Rescue Plan priorities.

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15:50:47 Those are noted there. To establish and support programs in hard-toreach communities, and or those disproportionately impacted by CoVid 19, to support communities who historically underserved, marginalized and adversely impacted by persistent poverty and in equity.

15:51:11 We also are looking for programs that are focusing on the education loss that may have occurred as a result of last year's when the schools were closed or when the schools were dealing with remote learning.

15:51:25 So any learning loss as a result of that or any loss -- or any loss during summer programs. Applicants can propose projects along those lines as well as health and wellness, both mental and physical.

15:51:51 Specifically for the ARP, SDP program we are looking for efforts to -- efforts that help focus on recovery from CoVid 19 pandemic.

15:52:21 Efforts to establish or support education vaccination, vaccination education, particularly in hard to hit or hard-to-reach communities or deal with a financial or job loss, education learning loss or community defined need that has increased or was born out of the result of the CoVid 19 pandemic.

15:53:12 That's the sole intent around the ARP Senior Demonstration Program effort. We are also wanting to make sure that our applicants describe how they seek to remove structural, racial inequities. A lot of this -- most of you know as a result of the CoVid 19 pandemic, it really shined a light if you will on a lot of the racial and economic inequities as relates to how some communities were hit harder than others.

15:53:41 As a result of the pandemic so this is our attempt -- this is our intent to help to bridge building around that. We are also asking programs really could provide a program to address CoVid 19 recovery anywhere in the US or in the communities or US territories we have identified on Appendix A.

15:54:04 Again, applicants may propose program -- programming anywhere in the US or specifically in the communities in the US territories that are listed on Appendix A, list of priority areas.

PREMIER VISUAL VOICE Remote CART, Captioning and Interpreter Services www.premiervisualvoice.com 15:54:28 The notice goes into detail about the volunteers and the intended outcomes of their service. That must be present in the narratives. I am not going to spend time reading through all these but I want to call your attention to it in the notice.

15:55:05 We expect that there are outcome based performance measures and there are specific budget requirements that are outlined here. If you are proposing to provide a stipend for the volunteers, there's a formula for your use on \$7500 per one VSY or volunteer Service Year.

15:55:35 If you are proposing a program where the volunteers will not receive a stipend, the formula would be \$1000 of federal funding per unduplicated volunteer. The notice goes into great detail about how you would calculate your budgets around us. I am not going to spend much time on that today but I want to make sure that you pay attention to those areas.

15:56:16 The notice also provides information about the planning period. For the American Rescue Plan SDP program. This is new and unique opportunity of developing including in your project plan a six month area of planning period in your application.

15:56:50 These grants will be awarded for two years of funding, so you will have two years to implement your program, and the notice provides an opportunity for you if you wish to include within that two years a six month plan -- planning period or if you're ready to hit the ground running, you will have the full 24 months to implement your program.

15:57:09 There are specific narrative sections in the application that the notice talks about. You want to pay particular attention to those criteria into those different sections.

15:57:45 The notice for the American Rescue Plan SDP program, there's a range for dollar amounts for projects. We expect to make awards in the range of 100,000 to 500,000.

15:58:18 The performance period in the budget period is a two year period. All performance measures targets should reflect your two year goals, and the

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performance period for this program, all programs should be expected to start July 1 of 2022 and finish the program on June 30, 2024.

15:58:42 The NOFO for the American Rescue Plan also talks about a match requirement. All applicants are required to have 10% match, regardless of whether or not you will place volunteers with a stipend or no stipend. 15:59:08 There are page limits. You are encouraged to develop your application in a Word document to make sure that the page limit does not go over 15 pages. 15 pages, doublespaced, and that's what you would enter into eGrants. 15:59:27 The page limit does not include the cover sheet, which you will see what you start the application in eGrants, the executive summary, there's a specific template you have to follow for the executive summary, and that is also highlighted in the notice.

15:59:48 The program design, organizational capability, cost-effectiveness and budget adequate to -- adequacy and other narratives are considered parts of your application and are included in the 15 page count limit.

16:00:08 The budget, there's a budget screen and a budget narrative. Those pages are not included in the 15 pages. There's a section on performance measures. Performance measures sections are not included.

16:00:42 The deadline for submission of the American Rescue Plan Senior Demonstration Program is February 3, 2022. 5:00 PM, Eastern time. We strongly encourage you to create if you don't have one already, and eGrants account to begin your application at least three weeks before the deadline.

16:01:05 You should draft your application as a Word document and then copy and paste it into the appropriate eGrants fields. Because eGrants has a tendency to be -- a little bit temperamental at times, you do not want to wait until the last minute to create your application and try to submit it.

16:01:27 We strongly encourage folks to start that process at least three weeks before the deadline, sooner than that if you are able to do so. There are also two documents that will be required and you will be sending SDParately.

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16:02:05 Those two documents are outlined in the notice, one of them is diversity survey. The other is financial management survey that you will be required to submit. The notice goes into great detail about the process for late applications. If on that day, on the last day you try to submit your application and you are having problems, or as you are looking to submit your application and you encounter problems before the deadline,

16:02:28 You are instructed to contact eGrants help desk and receive a ticket number. You want to make sure that you pay extremely close attention to the late application section of the notice. To make sure you are in compliance for that. 16:02:57 I am going to cover what is different regarding the FGP SCP replacement opportunity. Those priorities -- we are seeking to fund the specific FGP SCP programs in communities where we lost programming.

16:03:21 The Appendix A for the FGP SCP replacement opportunity, those communities that are identified on Appendix A are the only communities that you can apply, that your grant application should address.

16:03:59 Both obviously for the FGP SCP replacement volunteers have to be over age 55 and for the SCP program, those volunteers help seniors to live independently in their homes and for the FGP program, volunteers over age 55 are serving school-aged children either kindergarten or school-aged children 16:04:22 Who have been identified as a need of special help. Many of those volunteers are placed either at Head Start communities or in school sites. You want to make sure that you have an arrangement with those partners to ensure placement in those locations.

16:04:41 Grant applications may propose to serve in more than one open geographic service area that is listed on Appendix A. You would do that in one application. Rather than submit in multiple applications.

16:05:06 There is an example for example, if you wanted to propose to serve in one open geographic service area for example ABC county in Florida, then that would be your geographic service area that you are noting in eGrants.

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16:05:18 If you want to serve in ABC county, another County XYZ, then you would include both of those service locations in your one application.
16:05:37 I think we are at the third and final phase of our presentation. We will have a quick poll before we open it up for questions and answers.
16:05:40 I will turn it back over to Calynn.

16:06:10 >> We have two more questions coming up -- scroll down to answer the first and second. Quick check, applications are due, is it December 30, December 30, 2021 5 PM Eastern, February 3, 2022 at 5 PM local time zone or February 3, 2022 no later than 5 PM Eastern? That's the first question.

16:06:35 I could see that majority of you are set -- are selecting February 3, 2022 no later than 5 PM Eastern which is correct. If you have questions, send them to -- please select an answer in the poll.

16:06:54 We could end the poll and -- the correct answer you could see on the screen.

16:07:14 Thank you all for participating in the first and second sets of polls. Now we will open it up for questions. Please use the Q&A question -- please use the Q&A section for questions.

16:07:32 We have questions that have come in so we could lump your response together how about if it's a cash match or could it be in kind?

16:07:48 >> The notice speaks to the cash match so you want to pay attention to that but it is cash or in-kind or a combination of both.

16:08:09 >> Couple questions about the planning period. We could get those directed to the NOFO -- is a six month planning period in addition to the two-year period?

16:08:21 >> Planning period is inclusive of the two-year period so if you had six month planning period and you are left with 18 month program limitation.

16:08:47 >> Thank you. We also have a lot of questions about Appendix A. We can drop a direct link to the Appendix A for the ARP SDP program but if you could clarify between Appendix A between the two programs.

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16:09:18 >> The Appendix A for ARP Senior Demonstration Program identifies communities where we know there are no AmeriCorps Senior programming, as well as have been identified from our senses review of being high poverty area. 16:09:26 We are very interested in receiving applications that address those communities.

16:09:50 However, for the American Rescue Plan demonstration program, you do not have to only select those locations that are on Appendix A. You could propose programming in any part of the US.

16:10:16 Appendix A for the American Rescue Plan Senior Demonstration Program are areas that we know we don't have programming in as well as they have high poverty rates, so we are interested in receiving applications from those communities however you can propose programming anywhere in the United States.

16:10:37 For the FGP SCP expansion, you may only apply for the locations for the counties, cities that are on Appendix A. You can't propose fundings, a program, anywhere else other than what is on Appendix A.

16:10:51 >> Thank you. Hopefully that clarifies everything.

16:11:08 There's a lot of questions about the stipend. Is the stipend to paper volunteers assumed to be in the grant? Ask for 100,000 includes stipend paid out to volunteers?

16:11:27 >> Yes, it does. Stipends can be included in the grant or could be considered a part of the match that the grantee proposes. I think I saw a question about what's the difference between stipend and non-stipended.

16:11:47 Stipend volunteer is volunteer that receives a stipend, it's not a salary. It's just a small amount of money to help offset some of the expenses they may incur as they are volunteering.

16:12:11 It's provided by the grantee or the grantee has an arrangement with the partner and organizations they are going to be placing volunteers with to handle the payment of stipends to the volunteers that are placed there.

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16:12:52 Non-stipended volunteers are volunteers who are like RSVP program, they are individuals that don't receive a stipend will stop they are serving a limited amount of time and I think they may do an hour or two at their sites but versus the other members receiving a stipend are serving at least 20 hours of their time at the placement location.

16:13:20 For FGP SCP replacement, you -- your only option if you are applying for one of those grants is a stipend option. You cannot request non-stipended positions for FGP SCP expansion.

16:13:36 >> We are getting questions about remote access so one of them is -for the RSVP program, are there restrictions on members working remotely? 16:14:05 >> No, there is not. We are still in the midst of a pandemic and I realize a lot of program structures may have changed to allow volunteers to serve in a safe manner, so programs may propose remote opportunities, in person opportunities.

16:14:25 It is left up to you, depending on what is going on in your community.
Plus the level of infection rates that are going on, vaccination rates. All of those could be factors as you think about how you want to structure your program.
16:14:48 >> Question about new organizations. May be a quick comment on new organizations for the ARP Senior Demonstration Program and the FGP SCP.

16:15:14 >> The ARP SDP competition, we are looking for and also stated in the notice -- in the notice, we are looking for organizations that don't have a current grant with AmeriCorps Seniors.

16:15:27 You may have had a grant in the past but it's closed, this is the opportunity for you to apply. If you are totally new to our agency, never received funds from us, then this is an opportunity for you to apply.

16:15:43 That is what -- that is the pool of applicants we are looking for, for this competition. We just recently closed a competition that was only open for current grantees to apply for ARP funds.

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16:16:06 This notice that we have open right now, we are looking for applicants that are new to us, never received any money from us before or they received money from us in the past but they don't have a current grant with us.

16:16:28 For FGP SCP, it could be anyone who has never received money from us, has a kind grant or had a grant from us in the past. It's completely opened.
16:16:46 >> Thank you. This came up yesterday but would be helpful to repeat it since there's a lot of questions on it -- question is, is there a place you could go to locate areas that have AmeriCorps program?

16:17:01 >> Yes, there are several ways to identify if there's a AmeriCorps Seniors program that exists in your community. One is the Pathfinder. It's a location on our main AmeriCorps.gov website.

16:17:33 Through that search, you could pull up and identify what programs are operating in your area. There's also a list of organizations that have received recent grants from us that's located on our press and communications page on our AmeriCorps.gov website.

16:18:07 You can determine locations that way as well. Or you could reach out to regional offices. There are regional offices that exist. Or you could send email to American rescue SDP. We will respond to those emails.

16:18:14 >> Clarification of eligibility, does it matter if they are for-profit or nonprofit organization?

16:18:41 >> You have to be nonprofit organization. The NOFO also lists eligibility requirements IQ could be state agency -- you could be state agency, Indian tribe and you want to pay attention to both of the notices they provide examples of eligibility.

16:18:59 >> Question about funding opportunities if they will be eligible for renewal after grant period ends? Perhaps respond the ARP versus FGP SCP.
16:19:10 >> We will add that to FAQ and that's not something that I feel like I could adequately answer today. We will add it to the FAQ.

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16:19:25 >> If you go to either of the links that we provided for the funding opportunities, there's a link for the NOFO and Appendix A and as well as FAQs. 16:19:45 Let's see what else is coming in. There's a question about unduplicated senior volunteers. Asking how you know if they are already part of the program in their communities?

16:20:19 >> Looking for programs to be able to determine that for us. We use our reports -- our reports and information that grantees provide for us to report to Congress the outcomes of all of our programs.

16:20:32 Programs have a sense of who their volunteers are. They could ask the volunteers if they serve in any other programs so we could flag that for reporting purposes.

16:20:55 Basically, it is up to the program to determine that volunteers are unduplicated volunteers. That means you're not counting the same person twice to do the same thing.

16:21:06 >> Couple questions about allowable and not allowable expenses and that's included in the NOFO?

16:21:13 >> Correct, refer to the NOFO.

16:21:35 >> We are still getting questions about Appendix A and asking why some counties are in bold? Does not say for which program.

16:21:53 It's for that ARP SDP and there are other priority counties that are bolded. These are updated.

16:21:56 [Crosstalk]

16:22:10 >> If there were changes that were made to Appendix A, it would be signified that way, that means they were added to Appendix A.

16:22:18 >> Is the opportunity going to be available annually or is it one time RFP?

16:23:00 >> I cannot speak to the future. The American Rescue Plan provides funding through 2024. For the FGP SCP expansion, those opportunities only made available when we have an existing grantee that has to relinquish or close

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down for number of reasons, and we want to ensure that service continues in some fashion in those communities.

16:23:23 That is how those locations are determined for the FGP SCP replacement opportunity. If a program ceases to exist and it's listed in our next NOFO and if we don't have folks that relinquish, there's no opportunity that we will be able to post.

16:23:28 I feel like I was rambling but I hope that makes sense.

16:23:33 >> Pretty much it's not known because you can't predict the future.16:23:42 >> Yes

16:23:46 >> Questions about if they try to serve multiple counties in one state, do they need to submit one application for the state or multiple applications? 16:24:13 >> One application. I'm assuming -- it's for both, one application. I think two years ago we had a competition where people had to submit multiple applications, and it truly was not one of our best practice moments.

16:24:32 We are looking to reduce the burden from applicants, so we are requesting one application, but for future reference, the notice will always outline if it's single application or multiple applications that have to be submitted.

16:24:42 >> [indiscernible]

16:24:48 If you request \$100,000, is it for the two-year period?

16:24:57 >> You are requesting a two-year budget.

16:25:25 >> Funding for the project planning period subject to volunteer Service Year, VSY dollar ratio of the 1000 for non-stipended or 7500 for stipended if we're planning period do we need to catch up on volunteer mobilization later in the grant period?

16:25:49 >> It's all determined on how you outline your performance for those volunteers. You will have a period of time where you don't have any balancers placed, and then after that, you will have volunteers placed they are receiving stipend.

16:26:11 All of that should be explained in your budget narrative. As well as in the budget itself. I feel like I'm not answering the question directly will stop but

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generally, you want to follow what is in the notice. We will not be expecting if you have a planning period, we won't be expecting volunteers to be serving during that time.

16:26:33 If there is some justification that needs to be made for VSY, we could do that. Please make sure -- the notice addresses how to handle the six month planning period so make sure that you take a look at that in the notice.

16:26:49 >> Question about if the nonprofit has to be physically located in the areas they will be receiving? We talked about remote support but this is one that's not physically located in the area service.

16:26:53 >> If it's not in the state proposed to be served?

16:26:55 >> Correct.

16:27:28 >> That's fine. I'm assuming the nonprofit has partners and will be able to describe in their application the role and placement of volunteers and the role of service locations, but do they have to be in the same place, the agency that received the grant have to be in the same state? The answer is no.

16:27:43 >> We have three minutes left. How many applicants we are at -- how many applicants are we anticipating?

16:28:00 >> I don't know. [laughing]. Don't want to speculate. I won't know until about 5:01 PM, Eastern standard Time on February 3. [laughing].

16:28:14 >> Can a current board member be an AmeriCorps volunteer? 16:28:34 >> I don't know how to answer that. I don't know how that is specific to the program so that sounds like a question to either go to the email mailbox or if you are existing program, to your portfolio manager.

16:28:49 >> I think it's important to note and I know there's a lot of questions coming in that we cannot answer and we have the email as well as portfolio manager could assist if you are a current grantee.

16:29:18 >> Before we wrap up, I want to say thank you for everyone who participated in today's training and for signing up and showing up. The hope that you have gained new information as it relates to these funding opportunities on

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the ARP Senior Demonstration Program as well as the FGP SCP expansion competition.

16:29:58 If there are questions that you have that were not addressed today or we didn't get a chance, please feel free to go to the -- send email to American rescueSDP@cns.gov. If it's for the FGP SCP expansion, send it to 2022 FGP SCP expansion@cns.gov.

16:30:11 One more question?

16:30:29 >> I think we have covered a good amount of the questions that came in that we are able to cover in today's webinar. A lot of this can be answered in the NOFO. If you could give a quick preview of tomorrow's webinar is another question.

16:30:51 >> I think the topic is it would give some examples of our programs that currently exist just to give you more of a flavor of some of the work and evaluation that's been done for the SDP programming

16:31:01 >> Where could they find additional examples so seems like tomorrow's webinar would be the place.

16:31:18 >> It's not going to be specific to ARP. It's just in general. All of these webinars will be recorded. So that you have the opportunity to go back and look at them later or look at them for the first time.

16:31:34 With that, I want to thank everyone for their participation today. I hope we have been able to answer your questions. Hope everyone stays safe during this uncertain time. And thank you very much and have a good day.

16:31:45 [End of session]