

AmeriCorps Seniors

Senior Companion Program Replacement and Expansion Opportunity: Tour of the Notice of Funding Opportunity

Fiscal Year 2024

Summary Statement

This funding announcement is for the expansion of AmeriCorps Seniors Senior Companion Program projects to previously unserved geographic service areas and to return Senior Companion Programs to relinquished geographic service areas.

Organizations that have been approved by AmeriCorps Seniors to add a temporary geographic service area in 2022 or 2023, must submit an application to this Notice and be selected in order to permanently maintain that geographic service area. **If these organizations fail to apply or apply and are not selected, all temporary sponsorship or geographic services areas will end on June 30, 2024.**

Agenda

- Important Dates and Contact Information
- Key Terms
- Tour of the Notice of Funding Opportunity
- Additional Applicant Training and Technical Assistance
- Knowledge Check



Important Dates and Contact Information

- Applications are due no later than **Thursday, February 1, 2024, by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.**
- Successful applicants will be notified by **April 2024.**
- Successful applicants will be issued awards by **June 2024.**

For questions related to this opportunity, contact FGPSCPRreplacement@americorps.gov.

For details on this opportunity and to see other opportunities available through AmeriCorps, visit the AmeriCorps [Funding Opportunities](#) website.

Key Terms

- 1. Geographic Service Area:** The counties in which volunteer stations are located and services are provided.
- 2. Sponsor:** A public agency or private non-profit organization, either secular or faith-based, that receives Senior Companion Program funding and is legally responsible for stewarding grant funds. **Also referred to as grantees.**
- 3. Volunteer Station:** A public agency, secular or faith-based private non-profit organization, or proprietary health care organization that accepts the responsibility for assignment and supervision of AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers.

Key Terms, continued

- 4. Volunteer Service Year:** A budget term which equals 1,044 hours of volunteer service activity. The standardized stipend cost per **VSY** is calculated by multiplying the number of hours served by the current cost per hour for the stipend (1,044 hours x \$4.00 per hour).
- 5. Performance Measures:** A set of standardized outputs and outcomes to help grantees and AmeriCorps track the impact of national service.
- 6. Work Plan:** Task plans with action steps to address a specified community need. Includes a description of AmeriCorps Seniors volunteer service activities, how service activities address a community need, and how the impact of service activities will be measured.

Section A: Program Description



A.1. Purpose of AmeriCorps Seniors' Senior Companion Funding



Section A: Program Description

Mission Statement:

The mission of AmeriCorps is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering.

A.1. Purpose of AmeriCorps Seniors' Senior Companion Funding, continued



Section A: Program Description

The AmeriCorps Seniors' Senior Companion Program engages adults aged 55 and over to provide companionship and support to other adults in need of extra assistance to remain at home or in the community for as long as possible.

AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serve mostly in the homes of their clients. Volunteer activities include providing:

- Companionship to ease loneliness and social isolation.
- Assistance with transportation and light chores.
- Respite to family or other informal caregivers.

A.2. Funding Priorities

Section A: Program Description

The Senior Companion Program focuses grantmaking in the **healthy futures** focus area.

Priority consideration will be given to projects that:

- Lead service in communities with concentrated poverty, rural communities, tribal communities, and those organizations serving historically underrepresented and underserved individuals, including but not limited to communities of color, immigrants and refugees, people with disabilities, people who identify as part of the LGBTQIA+ community, and religious minorities.

A.2. Funding Priorities, continued

Section A: Program Description

Priority consideration will be given to projects that:

- Raise public awareness about the challenges and needs of family caregivers and the role that older adult volunteers can play in helping to overcome some of those challenges.

These projects can include those that:

- Advance partnerships that promote greater engagement for older adult support for family caregivers.
- Optimize well-being of family caregivers by strengthening services and supports.
- Develop volunteer roles that integrate older adults as volunteers who serve as part of a care coordination for clients and ongoing support for family and other caregivers.
- Develop interventions where elders can support caregivers in tribal communities.
- Spur innovations that engage older adults in intergenerational activities that help increase access to information and services for caregivers.

A.2. Funding Priorities, continued



Section A: Program Description

Priority consideration will be given to projects that:

- Serve states listed in Appendix A: Priority States and Territories.
- Serve people with arrest and conviction records and provide meaningful reentry opportunities.
- Support civic bridgebuilding projects and provide training in civic bridgebuilding skills and techniques to volunteers.

To receive priority consideration, applicants must show that the priority area is a significant part of the program focus and intended outcomes and must include a high-quality program design. Proposing programs that receive priority consideration does not guarantee funding.

Geographic Service Areas

Section A: Program Description

- Grant applicants must propose to serve one or more geographic service areas.
- There is no maximum number of counties that applicants may propose to serve.
- All counties that an applicant proposes to serve can be included in one application.

Geographic Service Areas, continued

Section A: Program Description

Examples:

Geographic Area Served	How to List on Application
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Entire County 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABC County
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple Entire Counties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABC County, MNO County, and XYZ County
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 or fewer cities or towns, but not the entire county 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABC County (City 1, City 2, City 3)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than 5 cities or towns, but not the entire county 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABC County (North Central ABC, Eastern ABC)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large metropolitan area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABC County (ABC Metro area)

A.3. Performance Goals or Expected Outcomes

Section A: Program Description

AmeriCorps Seniors expects applicants to use National Performance Measures. (See Appendix B of the Notice of Funding Opportunity for Performance Measure Instructions)

Applicants must identify **Healthy Futures** as the Primary Focus Area.

All proposed volunteers and the intended impact of their service must be represented in the application narrative, work plan, and in the budget.

A.4. Program Authority

Section A: Program Description

Awards under this Notice are authorized by the [National and Community Service Act of 1990](#), as amended, ([42 U.S.C. §§ 12501 et seq.](#)) and the [Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973](#), as amended ([42 U.S.C. §§ 4950 et seq.](#)).

Section B: Federal Award Information



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B.1. Estimated Available Funds

- Approximately \$1.5 million
- Actual funding subject to availability of annual appropriations

B.2. Estimated Award Amount

- Award amounts will vary as determined by the scope of the projects

B.3. Period of Performance

- Successful applicants will be issued awards in **June 2024**
- 3-year grants (anticipated)

B.4. Type of Award

- Cost reimbursement basis

Section C: Eligibility Information



C.1. Eligible Applicants

C. Eligibility Information

The following non-federal entities (defined in [2 CFR 200.1](#) or [42 U.S.C. 12511\(21\)](#)) are eligible to apply:

- ✓ federally or state-recognized Indian tribes*
- ✓ institutions of higher education
- ✓ local governments
- ✓ nonprofit organizations
- ✓ state service commissions
- ✓ states and US Territories



**New Applicants
Are Strongly
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Apply**

*In addition to Indian tribes as defined in [2 CFR 200.1](#), tribal organizations that are controlled, authorized, or chartered by federally recognized Indian tribes are also eligible to apply.

C.2. Cost Sharing or Matching

C. Eligibility Information

Applicants *are required* to match funds equal to 10 percent of their **total requested 1-year program budget**.

Match can be cash and/or in-kind contributions.

Applicants ***must***:

- indicate whether the match is proposed or secured.
- demonstrate the ability to meet the applicable percent match requirement at the time of application submission.

C.2. Cost Sharing or Matching, continued

C. Eligibility Information

Required **Non-Federal Share = 10% of the Total Project Budget**

For example, if a proposed project has a total budget of \$200,000:

- Total Project Budget x .1 = Non-Federal Share
 - \$200,000 x .1 = \$20,000
- Total Project Budget – Non-Federal Share = Federal Share
 - \$200,000 - \$20,000 = \$180,000
- \$20,000 is the Non-Federal Share for a \$200,000 Total Project Budget

See Section D.6 Funding Restrictions of the Notice for more information.

C.3. Other Eligibility Requirements

Section C: Eligibility Information

Applications that propose to engage in activities that are prohibited under AmeriCorps' statutes, regulations, or the terms and conditions of its awards are not eligible to receive AmeriCorps funding.

Section D. Application And Submission Information



Helpful Tips

Section D. Application And Submission Information

This Notice should be read together with the:

- AmeriCorps Seniors Senior Companion regulations ([45 CFR Part 2551](#)),
- AmeriCorps Seniors Grant Application Instructions,
- Appendix A: Priority States and Territories, and
- Appendix B: AmeriCorps Seniors Senior Companion National Performance Measure Instructions.

The grant application instructions and appendices can be found on the AmeriCorps [Funding Opportunity](#) page.

D.1. Address to Request an Application Package

Section D. Application And Submission Information

All information associated with this funding opportunity is available through the [AmeriCorps Funding Opportunities](#) webpages. Applicants should refer to this page for more information and instructions on how to fully respond to this Notice.

Applicants can also send an email to FGPSCPReplacement@cns.gov for a printed copy of the Notice of Funding Opportunity and Guidance.

D.2.a. Application Content

Section D. Application And Submission Information

Complete applications must include the following elements:

- Standard Form 424 (SF-424) Face Sheet
- Narrative Sections which include:
 - Executive Summary
 - Strengthening Communities
 - Recruitment and Development
 - Program Management
 - Organizational Capacity
 - Other
- Standard Form 424A Budget
- Performance Measures
- Authorization, [Assurances](#), and [Certifications](#)

D.2.b. Page Limits

Section D. Application And Submission Information

Applications may not exceed **17** double-spaced pages (based on the eGrants print out).

Count Towards Page Limit:

- SF-424 Face Sheet
- Executive Summary
- Narratives

Do Not Count Towards Page Limit

- Budget
- Performance Measures/Work Plans
- Other Required Additional Documents

AmeriCorps strongly encourages applicants to print out the application from the “Review and Submit” tab in eGrants prior to submission to confirm the application does not exceed the page limit.

D.3. Unique Entity Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM)



Section D. Application And Submission Information

- All applicants **must** register with the [System for Award Management \(SAM\)](#).
- **Applicants must use their SAM-registered legal name and physical address on all grant applications to AmeriCorps. The legal applicant's name and physical address in eGrants must match exactly the applicant's SAM-registered information.**
- SAM Reminders:
 - SAM registration must be renewed annually.
 - Keep an active SAM until the application process is complete.
 - If awarded, keep an active SAM for the life of the award.
- Applications **must** include a valid unique entity identifier (EIN) and Employer Identification Number

D.4. Submission Dates and Times

Section D. Application And Submission Information

D.4.a. Application Submission Deadline and D.4.b. Additional Documents Deadline

- Applications and additional documents are due not later than **Thursday, February 1, 2024, by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.**

D.4.c. Late Applications

Section D. Application And Submission Information

Submit a written explanation or justification of the extenuating circumstance(s) that caused the delay to FGPSCPReplacement@cns.gov that includes:

- the timing and specific cause(s) of the delay
- the ticket number if a request for assistance was submitted to the AmeriCorps Hotline
- any information provided to the applicant by the AmeriCorps Hotline
- any other documentation or evidence that supports the justification.

Explanation or justification are **due no later than 24 hours after the application deadline**. AmeriCorps will not consider an advance request to submit a late application.

D.6.a. Award Funding Requirements

Section D. Application And Submission Information

Awards under this Notice are subject to cost share or matching requirements. The amount of funding AmeriCorps provides will be limited to 90 percent of the total allowable costs for the funded activity, as determined under [2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E-Cost Principles](#).

D.6.b. Indirect Costs

Section D. Application And Submission Information

Applicants **may**:

- include direct costs in your budget,
- use either use the federally approved indirect cost rate or 10% de minimis rate of the modified total direct costs, or
- claim costs directly (see [2 CFR 200.413](#))

See [eGrants Indirect Cost Rate User Instructions](#) for more information.

To request a federally negotiated indirect cost rate agreement, the applicant must submit a request to IndirectCostRate@cns.gov.

D.7.a. Electronic Application Submission in eGrants



Section D. Application And Submission Information

Applicants must submit applications electronically via [eGrants](#). The applicant's authorized representative must be the person who submits the application.

- **REQUIREMENT:** The authorized representative and the project director may not be the same person and may not have the same email address.
- **TIP:** Create an eGrants account and begin the application at least *three weeks* before the deadline.
- **TIP:** Draft the application as a Word document, then copy and paste the text into the appropriate eGrants field *no later than 10 days before the deadline*.
- **TIP:** For a detailed walk through, watch the **Submitting Your Application in eGrants** webinar on the [Funding Opportunity Page](#).

Problem with eGrants? Contact the AmeriCorps Hotline at 800-942-2677 or [online](#).

D.7.b. Submission of Additional Documents

Section D. Application And Submission Information

Applicants are required to submit the following additional documents by the application submission deadline:

1. All applicants regardless of funding level are required to submit an [Operational and Financial Management Survey \(OFMS\)](#). Forms submitted as a Word document, PDF, or any other document format may not be accepted.
2. Tribal organization eligibility documentation (See Section C.1 *Eligible Applicants*), if applicable, can be emailed to FGPSCPReplacement@cns.gov with the subject line “*Legal Applicant Name – Application ID Number*”. Emails should include:
 - the legal applicant’s name and its point of contact information
 - the application ID number
 - a list of documents that are attached to the email by filename, labeling each document type according to the above numbered list
 - individually attached files that are clearly labeled, and that include the legal applicant’s name and application ID number within the file name and heading of each document.

Section E. Application Review Information



E.1. Selection Criteria

E. Application Review Information

Categories/Subcategories	Percentage
Executive Summary (not scored but evaluated for following instructions)	0
Program Design	30
• Strengthening Communities	19
• Recruitment and Development	11
Organizational Capability	30
• Program Management	8
• Organizational Capability	22
Other	11
• Cost-Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy	4
• Evaluation	7
Work Plan/ Performance Measures	18
Budget Section 1 and Section 2	11

Executive Summary (0 Percent)

Section E. Application Review Information

Applicants **must** use the template provided in the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

“The [**Name of the organization**] proposes to have [**Number of unduplicated**] AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers who will [**specific service activities**] in [**the locations the AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers will serve**]. AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers will serve [**XX number volunteer service hours (VSY)**] each year. The primary focus area of this project is Healthy Futures. [*If applicable*] Other priorities include [**List priority areas to be addressed.**] AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers will be responsible for [**fill in the anticipated outcome(s)**]. The AmeriCorps investment of \$ [**fill in the annual AmeriCorps grant amount or the requested amount**] will be supplemented by \$ [**fill in the anticipated level of non-AmeriCorps resources**]”

E.1.b. Program Design (30 Percent Total)

Section E. Application Review Information

E.1.b.i. Strengthening Communities (19 points): Applications should:

- Describe the community need.
- Provide details on the proposed communities served by the project.
- Outline the project and interventions that address the need.
- Provide rationale for engaging volunteers to deliver interventions.
- List organization's diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility and describe how they are embedded in program implementation.

E.1.b.ii. Recruitment and Development (11 points): Applications should:

- Describe the plan to recruit volunteers.
- Detail plans to ensure volunteers receive training.
- Describe a plan to retain and recognize volunteers.

E.1.c. Organizational Capacity (30 Points Total)



Section E. Application Review Information

E.1.c.i Program Management (8 Percent):

- Describe plans to develop volunteer stations to provide meaningful service opportunities that address stated community needs.
- Describe volunteer station management plans.

E.1.c. Organizational Capacity (30 Percent Total)



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E.1.c.ii Organizational Capability (22 Percent): Applications should:

- Provide applicant's experience developing and implementing internal policies and operating procedures.
- Describe the organizational infrastructure to ensure sound programmatic and fiscal oversight.
- Describe the extent to which the organization has sufficient policies, procedures, controls, and staff training in place.
- Outline a plan to develop and implement a policy to comply with National Service Criminal History Check regulations.
- List titles and position descriptions for all staff assigned to this project and explain how these positions will ensure the accomplishment of program objectives.
- Describe the applicant's experience with and plans to support diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility within their organization.

E.1.d. Other (11 Percent)

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E.1.d.i. Cost-Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy (4 Percent): Detail plans to secure non-federal support to ensure program sustainability.

E.1.d.ii. Evaluation (7 Percent): Describe the applicant's data collection system and how it is sufficient to collect high quality performance measurement data and explain how the applicant will use data to track and measure the outputs and outcomes and to make data-informed decisions about the project.

For more information about evaluation plans and data collection methods, please visit the [AmeriCorps Evaluation Resources website](#).

E.1.e. Work Plan and Performance Measures (18 Percent)



Section E. Application Review Information

Work Plans - Applications must include work plans that meet the following minimum requirements:

- National Performance Measure outcomes using **Healthy Futures** as the primary focus area.
- Federal funding requests cannot exceed \$9,000 per Volunteer Service Year.
- For every **\$9,000** in annual base federal funding, **at least one** volunteer service year* must be placed in work plan that result in National Performance Measure outcomes

*Volunteer Service Year (VSY) is a budget term which equals 1,044 hours of volunteer service activity. The standardized stipend cost per VSY is calculated by multiplying the number of hours served by the current cost per hour for the stipend (1,044 hours x \$4.00 per hour). See Appendix F: Cost per Volunteer Calculator for more information.

E.1.e. Work Plan and Performance Measures (18 Percent), Continued



Section E. Application Review Information

Performance Measures should include:

- Community problem being addressed by the individual performance measure.
- Service activities that address the community problem.
- Intended outcome of the service activity.
- Performance measures that connect the major elements to each other and are aligned with National Performance Measures.

For more information about AmeriCorps' National Performance Measures, review [AmeriCorps National Performance Measurement Core Curriculum](#).

See Appendix B: National Performance Measure Instructions and Grant Application Instruction on the [Funding Opportunity](#) page for assistance in completing the Work Plan section of eGrants.

E.1.f. Budget (11 Percent)

Section E. Application Review Information

Budgets will be evaluated based on the following items:

- Demonstrates that costs are reasonable, allocable, allowable, and necessary and conform to the Uniform Guidance
- The non-AmeriCorps share must be a minimum of 10 percent of total project costs.
- Budgets for one staff person, primarily the Project Director, to attend the AmeriCorps Seniors annual convening.

Need more information on developing a budget narrative?
See Best Practices in Budget Development webinar, Grant Application Instructions, and the FY2024 Sample Budget Narrative on the [Funding Opportunity](#) page .

E.2. Review and Selection Process

Section E. Application Review Information

Initial
Compliance
and Eligibility
Review

Application
Review

Applicant
Clarification

Pre-Award
Risk
Assessment

Integrity and
Performance
System
Information

Selection for
Funding

E.3. Feedback to Applicants & E.4. Transparency in Grant-making



Section E. Application Review Information

- Each compliant applicant will receive feedback on their application.
- A list of all approved applications will be published on [AmeriCorps Funded Grants](#) within 90 business days after all grants are awarded.
- Submitted program narratives and executive summaries for successful applications will be available upon request via email to AmeriCorpsOGA@cns.gov.
- Further information about funded grants and subgrants is also available in [USASpending.gov](#).

F. Federal Award Administration Information



F.1. Federal Award Notices

F. Federal Award Administration Information

- AmeriCorps will make awards following the selection announcement.
- AmeriCorps anticipates announcing the results of this funding opportunity in **April 2024** contingent on the availability of congressional appropriations.
- All applicants, successful or not, will be notified of funding decisions via email.
- Notification of an award is not an authorization to begin activities.
- The Notice of Grant Award signed by the Office of Grant Administration Grant Award Specialist is the authorizing document.
- An awardee may not expend Federal funds until the start of the Period of Performance identified on the Notice of Grant Award.

F. Federal Award Administration Information

F.2.a. Uniform Guidance: All awards made under this Notice will be subject to the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), in [2 CFR Parts 200](#) and [2205](#).

F.2.b. Requests for Monitoring or Payment Integrity Information: AmeriCorps will request documentation from award recipients to monitor the grantee and award to ensure compliance with legal requirements, including the [Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019](#).

F.2.c. AmeriCorps Terms and Conditions: All awards made under this Notice will be subject to the FY24 AmeriCorps General Terms and Conditions, and the FY24 Program-Specific Terms and Conditions for the program (when applicable). Current versions of the AmeriCorps General and Program-Specific Terms and Conditions are available on the [AmeriCorps Manage Your Grant webpage](#) .

F.2.d. National Service Criminal History Check Requirements



F. Federal Award Administration Information Review Information

The National Service Criminal History Check (NSCHC) is a specific screening procedure established by law to protect the beneficiaries of national service. See [45 CFR 2540.200– 2540.207](#) and [National Service Criminal History Check Resources](#) for complete information and FAQs.

F.2.d. National Service Criminal History Check Requirements, continued



F. Federal Award Administration Information Review Information

Recipients must complete the following criminal history checks:

1. National Sex Offender Public website through [NSOPW.gov](https://www.nsopw.gov) (nationwide check);
2. State criminal history record repository or agency-designated alternative for the individual's State of residence and State of service; and
3. Fingerprint-based check of the FBI criminal history record database through the State criminal history record repository or agency-approved vendor.

An individual is not eligible to serve or work in a position subject to the NSCHC requirements if the individual:

1. refuses to consent to a criminal history check;
2. makes a false statement in connection with a criminal history check;
3. is registered, or is required to be registered, on a state sex offender registry or the National Sex Offender Registry; or
4. has been convicted of murder, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 1111.

F.2.e. Official Guidance & F.3. Use of Material



F. Federal Award Administration Information Review Information

F.2.e. Official Guidance: AmeriCorps' active guidance is available on the agency's guidance webpage.

F.3. Use of Material: To ensure that materials generated with AmeriCorps funding are available to the public and readily accessible to recipients and non-recipients, AmeriCorps reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable right to obtain, use, modify, reproduce, publish, or disseminate publications and materials produced under the award, including data, and to authorize others to do so ([2 CFR §200.315](#)).

F.4. Reporting

F. Federal Award Administration Information Review Information

Recipients are required to submit a variety of reports that are due at specific times during the life cycle of an award. All reports must be accurate, complete, and submitted on time.

Required Reporting:

- Annual progress reporting
- Semi-annual financial reports
- Final financial reports

F.4. Reporting, Continued

F. Federal Award Administration Information Review Information

Data collection and data management policies, processes, and practices address the following five aspects of data quality:

1. data measures what it intends to measure
2. data reported is complete
3. grantee collects data in a consistent manner
4. grantee takes steps to correct data errors
5. grantee actively reviews data for accuracy prior to submission.

Failure to submit accurate, complete, and timely required reports may affect the recipient's ability to secure future AmeriCorps funding.

G. Federal Awarding Agency Contacts & H. Other Information



G. Federal Awarding Agency Contacts

For more information, email FGPSCPReplacement@cns.gov.

Technical questions or problems with the eGrants system?

Call the AmeriCorps Hotline at (800) 942-2677, Option 3. [AmeriCorps Hotline hours](#) are also posted on the website. Be prepared to provide the application ID, organization's name, and the name of the Notice to which the organization is applying.

H.1. Technical Assistance:

- AmeriCorps will host technical assistance webinars to answer questions about the funding opportunity and eGrants, information for these webinars is available on the [AmeriCorps' Funding Opportunities website](#).
- Resources to effectively manage your award, including eGrants instructions, terms and conditions, individual match waiver, pre-award requirements, financial reporting requirements, and training and technical assistance materials are found on the [Manage Your Grant website](#).

H.2. Re-Focusing of Funding:

AmeriCorps reserves the right to re-focus program dollars under this Notice in the event of disaster or other compelling needs.

Appendices



Appendix A: Priority States and Territories

Appendices

Applicants are not limited to this list of states and territories to apply for, but AmeriCorps Seniors is prioritizing projects that designate Geographic Service Areas operating in these states and territories due to relinquishments. Applicants can apply for one or more counties in a state.

- *Arkansas*
- *California*
- *Colorado*
- *Florida*
- *Idaho*
- *Illinois*
- *Kentucky*
- *Massachusetts*
- *Mississippi*
- *Montana*
- *North Carolina*
- *Ohio*
- *Oklahoma*
- *Puerto Rico*
- *South Carolina*
- *South Dakota*
- *Virginia*

Additional Appendices



Appendix Name	Purpose
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Appendix B: National Performance Measure	Guidance for performance measures selection, output and outcome pairings, and required information for Work Plan in eGrants.
Appendix C: Terms and Definitions	Terms and Definitions provides information for terms most used in AmeriCorps Seniors.
Appendix D: Grant Application Instruction	Grant Application Instructions submitting your application in eGrants.
Appendix E: Cost Per Volunteer Calculator	Resource to help applicants determine a minimum number of volunteer service years (VSY) for a funding request.

Additional Applicant Training and Technical Assistance

Live Events (Requires Registration)	Pre-Recorded
AmeriCorps Seniors in Action: Mobilizing a Generation	Introducing AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps Seniors, and Its Programs
Identifying Funding Priority Areas in Your Community	AmeriCorps National Performance Measures Curriculum
Tour of the Notice of Funding Opportunity – Selection Criteria Review	Best Practices in Budget Development
National Performance Measures and Work Plans	Submitting Your Application in eGrants
Senior Companion Program Office Hours: Budget Q&A	AmeriCorps Due Diligence Review and Compliance Training
Senior Companion Program Office Hours: General and Performance Measurement Q&A	Frequently Asked Questions (Document)

For more information, visit the AmeriCorps [Funding Opportunity](#) Page.

Knowledge Check

1. Which of the following non-federal entities are eligible to apply?

- Federally or state-recognized Indian tribes*
- Institutions of higher education
- Local governments
- Nonprofit organizations
- State service commissions
- States and US Territories
- **All of the above**

2. What are Volunteer Service Years?

- Volunteer Service Years
- Budget term which equals 1,044 hours of volunteer service activity
- The standard stipend cost per VSY is 1,044 x \$4.00.

3. When are applications due?

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