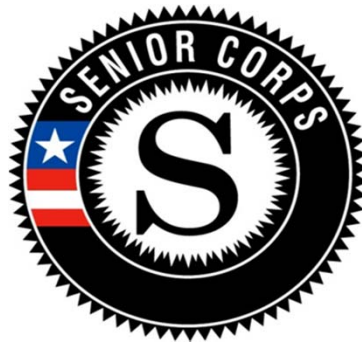**2016 Foster Grandparent Program and Senior Companion Program**

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) & Application Review Process

Agenda

- Review of Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Programs
- Anticipated Notice of Funding highlights
- Anticipated Notice of Funding website resources:
  www.nationalservice.gov/TribalGrants
- Questions

FGP and SCP Review

Foster Grandparent Program	Senior Companion Program
Authorized in 1965	Authorized in 1974
28,000 current volunteers	14,000 current volunteers
Volunteers provide direct service to children and youth in their communities	Volunteers provide direct service to adults, including frail seniors and persons with disabilities
Goal: Help improve educational outcomes for children and youth	Goal: Help older adults and individuals with disabilities live independently
Service locations: Primarily schools, Head Start centers, or after-school programs	Service locations: Primarily the private homes of clients being served

- Are run by **Program Sponsors** who are awarded CNCS grants
- Place volunteers in service locations through agreements with **Volunteer Stations**
- Require a **Project Director**

FGP and SCP Review:
Program regulations

- Program regulations contain additional information:
  - SCP regulations can be found here: [45 CFR Part 2551](#)
  - FGP regulations can be found here: [45 CFR Part 2552](#)

FGP and SCP Review:
Who is eligible to serve?

- Elders who/ who are:
  - age 55 or older
  - able to serve between 15 and 40 hours per week
  - physically able to serve per annual doctor's exam
  - pass a three-part criminal history check (state, FBI, National Sex Offender Public Website)
    - https://www.nationalserviceresources.gov/national-service-criminal-history-check-resources

FGP and SCP Overview: Volunteer Benefits

- Insurance (Accident, Personal Liability, and Certain Excess Automobile Liability)
- Recognition
- Meals
- Transportation reimbursement
- Stipend of $2.65/hour – for those who meet income qualifications (200% of poverty level or less)
  - Tax-free
  - Does not reduce a volunteer's eligibility for public services or benefits
  - Stipends are included in the grant application budget

FGP and SCP Overview: Community Benefits

- Federal funding administered locally

- Programs implemented locally

- Foster Grandparent Program is intergenerational and promotes culture and language preservation

- Senior Companion Program promotes elders remaining in community and in their homes

Anticipated 2016 Notice of Funding
Highlights

Application Process Overview

- NOFO release & App due date – stay tuned!

- Notice of Intent to Apply
  - Not required, but highly encouraged
  - Include:
    - Name of the applicant organization
    - Address
    - Contact person
    - Email address
    - Phone Number
    - How you heard about the 2016 Indian Tribes, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders Competition
  - Email: FGPSCP@cns.gov

Anticipated Eligible Applicants

- Federally Recognized Indian Tribes
    - An Indian Tribe is defined as a federally recognized Indian Tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Native village, Regional Corporation, or Village Corporation, as defined under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

Anticipated Eligible Applicants Cont'd.

- Also eligible to apply are:
  - Incorporated nonprofit multipurpose community-based Indian organizations;
  - National or regional incorporated nonprofit Native American organizations with Native American community-specific objectives;
  - Incorporated nonprofit Alaska Native multipurpose community based organizations;
  - Public and nonprofit private agencies serving Native Hawaiians with at least 51 percent of governing board representative of Native Hawaiians
  - Public and nonprofit private agencies serving native peoples from Guam, American Samoa, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (the populations served may be located on these islands or in the continental United States) with at least 51 percent of the governing board representative of Native Pacific Islanders.

- Entities applying that are not defined as Indian Tribes must submit a letter of support from each tribe they intend to serve.

Anticipated Ineligible Applicants

Not eligible if:

- Organization has been convicted of a federal crime

- Engages in lobbying activities under Section 501(c)4

Geographic Area Served

- Applicants define the geographic service area
- Applicants can propose to serve:
  - Tribal lands or not currently served by a tribal FGP or SCP grantee
  - Any county or otherwise defined geographic area not served by a current FGP or SCP grantee
- A list of current grantees and service areas will be available with the NOFO

Award Period

- Three-year project period
- Funding for the second and third year of the project period is dependent upon:

  1. Satisfactory performance

  2. Demonstrated capacity to manage the grant

  3. Compliance with grant requirements

  4. Availability of Congressional appropriations

Application Process

- 3 main components to application
  - Narrative
  - Work Plans
  - Budget

- Page Limits: 15 pages
  - Includes executive summary, project narratives, cover page
  - DOES NOT INCLUDE budget or work plans

- FGP or SCP must be included in the project title

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Application Process Cont'd.

- All applications submitted through eGrants: https://egrants.cns.gov/

- Attachments: Part IV: Required Documents in the Grant Application Instructions
  - FGPSCP@cns.gov
  - Subject Line: Include application ID

- Submit all required attachments by the application deadline

Application Process Cont'd.

- Include DUNS number and EIN

- Register in the System for Award Management (SAM)

- Paper applications are possible if extenuating circumstances make eGrants use impossible

- Late Applications (for technical issues only): LateApplications@cns.gov

- National Service Hotline (800) 942-2677 or via https://questions.nationalservice.gov/app/ask_eg for technical questions regarding eGrants

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Selection Criteria: Anticipated Categories and Weights

Category	Percentage	Sub-Category	Percentage
Program Design	50%	Strengthening Communities	35%
		Recruitment and Development	15%
Organizational Capacity	30%	Program Management	15%
		Organizational Capability	15%
Cost-Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy	20%	Cost-Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy	20%

Assessment Categories

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Does Not Meet

Narratives

- Develop narratives using:
  - Notice of Funding Opportunity
  - Appendices
  - Grant Application Instructions

Work Plans: Foster Grandparent Program

- Foster Grandparent Program
  - Primarily serve in Education focus area
  - Main outputs: Number of children participating or number of children in youth/mentor matches
  - Main outcomes: Gains in social/emotional development, gains in literacy skills, gains in math skills, improved academic engagement, improved school attendance

- See Appendix B: National Performance Measures Instructions

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Work Plans: Senior Companion Program

- Senior Companion Program
  - Primarily serve in Healthy Futures focus area
  - Main outputs: Number of homebound or older adults and individuals with disabilities receiving food, transportation, or other independent living services; number of caregivers receiving respite services
  - Main outcomes: Number of homebound or older adults and individuals with disabilities who report having increased social ties/perceived social support; or number of caregivers reporting the same.

- See Appendix B: National Performance Measures Instructions

Budget Requirements: Volunteer Stipends

- Grant amounts are directly related to the amount of funding budgeted for stipends.

- Senior Corps uses the term Volunteer Service Year (VSY) to discuss funding specifically designated for stipends

- A VSY is a budget term which equals 1,044 hours of service

Performance Measure Requirement: Cost per VSY

- **Foster Grandparent Program**

- **For every $6,000 in annual base federal funding,** at least one Volunteer Service Year worth of service must be placed in work plans that result in National Performance Measure **outcomes** in the Education focus area.

Performance Measure Requirement: Cost per VSY

- ## Senior Companion Program

- **For every $6,000 in annual base federal funding,** at least one Volunteer Service Year worth of service must be placed in work plans that result in National Performance Measure **outcomes** in the Healthy Futures Independent Living focus area.

Calculate Number of VSYs

- If you have a desired award amount in mind
  - Take the Federal Funding level
  - Divide by $6000
  - Result is Number of VSYs needed to meet requirement

Example Request:

$360,000 federal funding

$360,000/$6,000 = 60 VSYs

Calculate Federal Funding Level

- If you have a desired VSY level in mind
  - Take the VSY level
  - Multiply by $6000
  - Result is Federal Funding Amount to request

  Example Request:

  20 Volunteer Service Years

  20 VSYs X $6,000 = $120,000

Review and Selection Process Stages

- Compliance Review (all applications)

- Staff Review

- Post-Review Quality Control

- Risk Assessment Evaluation

- Clarification

- Program Staff Review

- Selection for Funding

  – Applicant Feedback

- Award announcements anticipated in late summer or early fall