

AmeriCorps Seniors, one of the oldest programs in national service, provides grants to communities for the purpose of engaging older adults in impactful volunteerism to address critical community needs. AmeriCorps Seniors is a part of the AmeriCorps federal agency.

THREE SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Foster Grandparent Program (FGP)

Volunteers in this intergenerational program mentor and tutor children and youth. Helping them develop academic and life skills.

RSVP

In this community driven program, volunteers use the skills and talents learned over a lifetime to serve their community in a variety of areas.

Senior Companion Program (SCP)

Volunteers in this peer-to-peer program support older adults to live independently and they provide respite services for caregivers.

We know the positive impact older adult volunteerism can have including breaking down stereotypes, combating ageism, and providing older adults a means to use their lifetime of experience, knowledge, and skills to serve their communities.



\$230 million
in grants awarded



1,100
grantees across all
states and territories



140,000+
volunteers in
national service

KEY FOCUS AREAS TO ENGAGE MORE OLDER ADULTS

Seeking Out and Creating New Opportunities:

Expanding volunteer opportunities for older adults by engaging with federal and non-federal partners and creating pathways to employment through national service.

Sharing Positive Health Impacts of Volunteerism for Older Adults:

Volunteers who participate in AmeriCorps Seniors remain engaged and active in their communities. From a longitudinal study* 84% reported improved or stable health, 88% reported decreased feelings of isolation, and 78% reported feeling less depressed.

*Longitudinal Study of Foster Grandparent & Senior Companion Programs: Service Delivery Implications and Health Benefits to the Volunteers