

Corporation for  
**NATIONAL &  
COMMUNITY  
SERVICE** 

January 8, 2010

Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of the Corporation for National and Community Service Nebraska State Program Office, you are cordially invited to attend a public meeting for organizations (either public or non profit) interested in becoming a Sponsor/Grantee for the Richardson County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). The meeting will be held on Friday February 5, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m at the Falls City Library & Arts Center, 1400 Stone St., Falls City, NE 68355, telephone: (402) 245-2913. Please confirm your attendance via e-mail including the name of your organization, attendee, and contact information at [ne@cns.gov](mailto:ne@cns.gov) by no later than Monday February 1, 2010 by 12:00 p.m. noon.

While attendance at this meeting is NOT required for your organization to apply for this grant, it is strongly encouraged. Application information may be obtained without attending this meeting by request at [ne@cns.gov](mailto:ne@cns.gov).

The Corporation for National and Community Service funds high-quality programs that help meet community needs through service, develop an ethic of service, strengthen the capacity of communities to address their needs, and demonstrate the impact they have on the community. Senior Corps is a network of programs that tap the experience, skills, and talents of older citizens to meet community challenges with Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP volunteers.

**Program Description and Priorities:** RSVP provides older Americans the opportunity to apply their life experience to meeting community needs. RSVP volunteers serve in a diverse range of nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and faith-based groups. The decisions about where to place volunteers should be based on the unique needs of the community and take into consideration the interests of volunteers. Priority programming areas for this project include:

- Supporting Older Adults Who Require Assistance to Live Independently
- Children of Prisoners
- Children in Foster Care
- Adjudicated Youth
- Children and Youth with Literacy Needs
- Prisoner Reentry
- Homeland Security/Disaster Preparedness and Response

All application materials and related guidance can be accessed at the following. You may download the application under "Download a Senior Corps Application" as noted.

[http://www.seniorcorps.org/for\\_organizations/funding/apply.asp](http://www.seniorcorps.org/for_organizations/funding/apply.asp)



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Make a Difference. Volunteer.

### **Timetable**

February 1, 2010: Attendance Confirmation due via e-mail  
February 5, 2010: Public Meeting at 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
February 10, 2010: Technical Assistance Conference Call confirmation due via e-mail  
February 16, 2010: Technical Assistance Conference Call for Applicants  
Via toll free call-in 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Central Time  
February 26, 2010: Applications due at 12:00 p.m. noon, Central Time to the Nebraska  
State Office  
March 8, 2010: Successful Applicant Announced  
April 1, 2010: Project start date

### **Budget**

**The Richardson County RSVP federal budget for 2010 is \$32,973.00.** During the first year the successful grantee/sponsor is required to contribute a 10% match towards the program; a 20% match towards the second year and a 30% match towards the third year and beyond. Sponsors are strongly encouraged to supplement their projects with fundraising from public and private sources.

### **Technical Assistance Conference Call**

Organizations intending to submit an application may participate in this call. This optional toll free conference call will address the requirements for applying for the RSVP Program, as well as address any topics of administration, reporting, mentoring; sustainability and capacity building; and performance measurement. Call-in information will be provided after participant number is confirmed.

### **Eligibility**

RSVP engages older Americans age 55 and over in service to their community. Sponsoring organizations, both public and private, receive grants to sponsor and operate RSVP projects in their community. These projects recruit seniors to serve from a few hours a month to almost full time, though the average commitment varies. Many volunteers are paired with local community and faith based organizations that currently help meet community needs.

### **Volunteer Benefits**

RSVP volunteers are not paid, but sponsoring organizations may reimburse them for some costs incurred during service. RSVP provides appropriate volunteer insurance coverage, and volunteers receive pre-service orientation and in-service training from the agency or organization where they are placed.

### **Senior Corps Network**

RSVP is part of Senior Corps, which is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, which also oversees AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve America. Together, the programs of the Corporation engage more than 2 million Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service to their communities each year. Learn more at [www.seniorcorps.gov](http://www.seniorcorps.gov).

**For Further Information**

Please contact the Nebraska State Office directly at [ne@cns.gov](mailto:ne@cns.gov). Please feel free to forward this information to any organization or agency that might find this of interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela Volovich".

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