

## NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

**Federal Agency Name:** Corporation for National and Community Service  
**Funding Opportunity Title:** FY 2018 Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) Replacement Sponsor Competitions  
**Announcement Type:** Initial Announcement  
**CFDA Number:** 94.011

**Disclosure:** Publication of this Notice of Funding Opportunity (Notice) does not obligate the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to award any specific number of grants or to commit any particular amount of funding.

### Important Dates

- The application deadline will vary. *Please refer to the specific State Fact Sheet for the application deadline for your grant submission.*
- Successful applicants will be notified prior to the start date.

## FULL TEXT OF THE NOTICE

### A. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

#### 1. Purpose of FGP Replacement Sponsor Competition Funding

The mission of CNCS is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering. Through AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and the Volunteer Generation Fund, CNCS has helped to engage millions of citizens in meeting community and national challenges through service and volunteer action.

Established in 1965, the Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) engages adults age 55 and over to provide loving and experienced tutors and mentors to children and youth with special or exceptional needs, or who would benefit from the one-one-one attention a Foster Grandparent volunteer can provide. Senior Corps Foster Grandparents serve an average of 20 hours per week in schools, hospitals, drug treatment centers, correctional institutions, and child care centers. Among other activities, they review schoolwork, reinforce values, teach parenting skills to young parents, and care for premature infants and children with disabilities. Foster Grandparents often maintain an ongoing, intensive relationship with the children and youth served for a year or longer.

The purpose of this grant funding is to support one or more grant(s) for Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) operations and programming within the specific geographic service areas. Within each state, there are designated geographic locations in which applicants should propose to provide FGP services. Please see the [Senior Corps Replacement Grants](#) page for an individual Fact Sheet for each state included. Each state Fact Sheet includes information on the geographic locations, the estimated annual federal funding, the total number of Volunteer Service Years associated, and the application deadline.



## 2018 FOSTER GRANDPARENT GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Corporation for National and Community Service

### About the Funding Opportunity

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) Texas State Office announces a grant funding opportunity for eligible organizations to apply to operate and manage a Foster Grandparent Program local project in the geographic area indicated below. More information about this opportunity can be found at: [www.nationalservice.gov/SeniorCorps\\_Replacement\\_Grants](http://www.nationalservice.gov/SeniorCorps_Replacement_Grants).

### About the Foster Grandparent Program (FGP)

Created in 1965, FGP provides a way for volunteers age 55 and over to stay active by serving children and youth in their communities. Foster Grandparents are role models, mentors, and friends to children with exceptional needs. Foster Grandparents serve an average of 20 hours per week in locations including schools, hospitals, juvenile correctional institutions, daycare facilities, or Head Start centers.

Foster Grandparents receive pre-service orientation, training from the organization where they will serve supplemental accident and liability insurance, and meals while on duty. Volunteers who meet certain income guidelines also receive a small stipend. FGP projects may use FGP grant funds to conduct volunteer recruitment and recognition, reimburse volunteers for service related travel and other service expenses, and provide stipends to volunteers and other grant expenses as described in 45 CFR Part 2552.

### What Organizations are Eligible?

Eligible organizations include faith-based and secular non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, state education agencies, Indian tribes, and local government entities.

### Grant Information

Total Annual Funding Available	Total Volunteer Service Years	Geographic Service Area
Up to: \$242,447	Up to: 40	Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties

**Award Period:** Awards funded under this opportunity will be up to three years in duration, pending continued funding availability. Applicants should build and propose a full year budget period.

**Start Date:** The budget period will start on July 1, 2018.

**Non-Federal Share Requirement:** The minimum support requirement is 10 percent of the total grant budget (federal plus non-federal share).

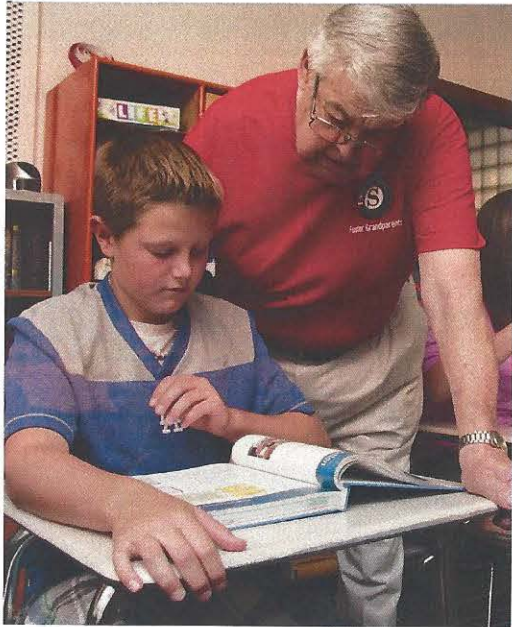
**Deadline:** Your application is due no later than April 26, 2018 at 11:59PM Central Time. Applications must be submitted in eGrants by the deadline in order to be considered.

### For More Information:

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### About the Corporation for National and Community Service

The Corporation for National and Community Service is the federal agency for volunteering, service, and civic engagement. The agency engages millions of Americans in citizen service through its AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs and leads the nation's volunteering and service efforts. For more information, visit [NationalService.gov](http://NationalService.gov).



## Giving Back Is Good For You, Too

Older Americans who volunteer frequently live longer and report better health. Volunteering can also lead to more friendships and a more positive attitude.



I try to dream up new activities to help the children in the Head Start program prepare for elementary school. I see them improve and advance, right before my eyes. Their progression is amazing.

– **Neil Weare**  
Foster Grandparent  
Volunteer



## Join Foster Grandparents Today.

Help Children Who Need it Most.

Just call  
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TTY  
**800-833-3722**

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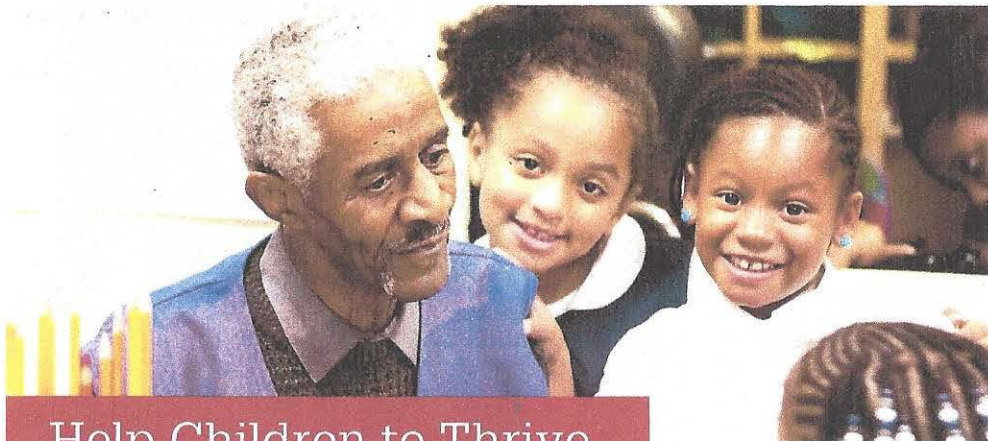


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The Foster Grandparent Program is a part of Senior Corps, along with RSVP and Senior Companions. Senior Corps is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering.



**Make a Difference  
In Your Community  
Today.**



## Help Children to Thrive

**A**s a Foster Grandparent, you'll help children in your community develop the academic and life skills that are critical to their development and future successes.

Sharing your time and experience can help children learn how to read, prepare younger students for school readiness, tackle tough subjects and make decisions that keep them on the right path. We'll match your skills and passions to opportunities that interest you, including those in local schools, youth facilities, early childhood education and day care centers.

### A Proud History of Helping

Foster Grandparents began in 1965 with 800 volunteers in more than 45 institutions. Today, nearly 30,000 volunteers help more than 280,000 children through our nationwide network of organizations.

These organizations have clear-cut goals, so you can be sure your assistance focuses on high-impact activities like:

- Teaching job skills to economically disadvantaged youth.
- Improving behavioral and educational outcomes—including day care centers, grade school and college readiness—for students with special and or exceptional needs.
- Tutoring and mentoring in local schools and community-based programs.
- Supporting children of veterans and deployed military.

## You Have What it Takes

Our program is open to volunteers 55 and over who can serve between 15 and 40 hours a week.

You don't need formal experience in tutoring or mentoring. You'll receive pre-service orientation and training from the organization with which you will serve.

We also offer a tax-free hourly stipend to help cover costs for income eligible volunteers. You'll even receive **supplemental, accident and liability insurance while you're in service.**

"Foster Grandparents gives me the opportunity to give students the help they need."  
- Helen Hansen, Foster Grandparent Volunteer



## Spotlight

## Denver, Colorado



At F.M. Day Elementary School in Denver, Colorado the Foster Grandparent Program is thriving.

Foster Grandparent Emma Tourville spends one-on-one time with students who need extra academic help in the classroom. Emma works with Jonah, who quickly benefitted from her aid in the classroom and tutoring. "The impact I've seen on Jonah when he spends time with his Foster Grandparent is tremendous. He feels more involved in the curriculum," said Debbie Stallings, Jonah's teacher. "He thrives because of the time that he spends with Grandma Emma."

"The extra attention our Foster Grandparents give these kids makes a huge difference academically," said Chad Anderson, principal at F.M. Day.