

## NOTICE OF FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

**Federal Agency Name:** Corporation for National and Community Service  
**Funding Opportunity Title:** FY 2018 Senior Companion Program (SCP) Replacement Sponsor Competitions  
**Announcement Type:** Initial Announcement  
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**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 SCP 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 1974, the Senior Companion Program (SCP) engages adults age 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. Senior Companion volunteers serve an average of 20 hours per week, with the majority of the volunteer service taking place in the homes of their clients. Among other activities, they provide companionship to ease loneliness and social isolation, assist with transportation and light chores, help to serve as eyes and ears to professionals who can intervene in the case of medical or other deterioration on the part of the clients, and give support to informal caregivers. While serving, Senior Companion volunteers improve their own lives by staying active and civically engaged.

The purpose of this grant funding is to support one or more grant(s) for Senior Companion Program (SCP) operations and programming within the specific geographic service areas. Within each state, there are designated geographic locations in which applicants should propose to provide SCP 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 SENIOR COMPANION 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 Senior Companion 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 Senior Companion Program (SCP)

Created in 1974, SCP provides a way for volunteers age 55 and over to stay active by serving frail seniors and other adults, helping them to maintain independence in the client's home. Among other activities, Senior Companions assist with daily living tasks, such as grocery shopping and bill paying; provide friendship and companionship; alert doctors and family members to potential problems, and provide respite to family caregivers. Senior Companions serve from 15 to 40 hours per week.

Senior Companions 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. SCP projects may use SCP grant funds to conduct volunteer recruitment and recognition, reimburse volunteers for service related travel and other service expenses, provide stipends to volunteers, and for other grant expenses as described in 45 CFR Part 2551.

### 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: \$427,478	Up to: 71	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.

“ If I didn't have a Senior Companion, I would be really lost. When she comes to pick me up, I'm able to do all my errands and accomplish what I need to be home alone. It's a wonderful bond. — ME Leithe Senior Companion Client ”



## Join Senior Companions Today.

Friends Are The Best Support.

Just call  
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TTY  
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The Senior Companion Programs is part of Senior Corps, along with RSVP and the Foster Grandparent Programs. 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.

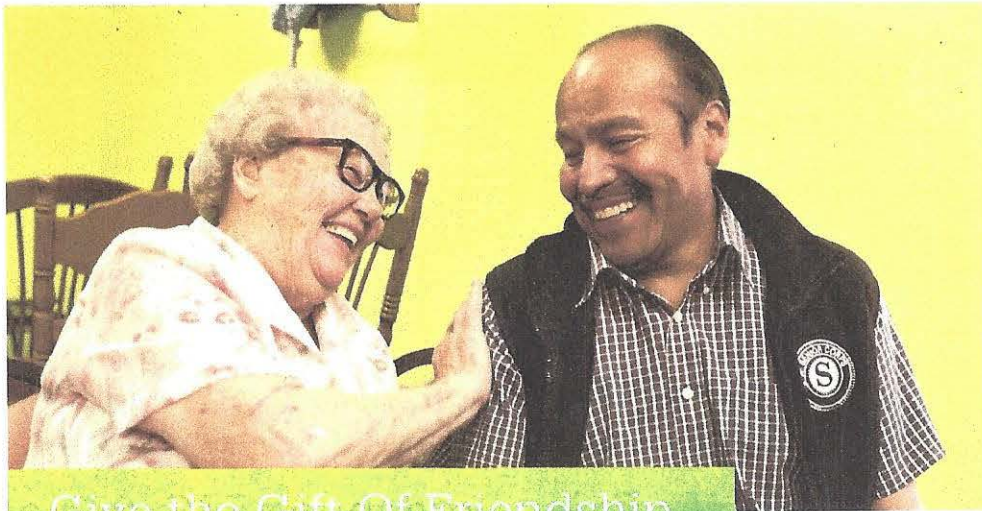


## SENIOR COMPANIONS

Make Independence a Reality



Make a Difference In Your Community Today.



## Give the Gift Of Friendship

**Y**ou value your independence. Now you can help other adults in your community remain independent, too. As a Senior Companion volunteer, you'll join a support network that creates new possibilities and improves the quality of life for adults with physical, emotional or mental health limitations, most of whom are elderly.

As a Senior Companion, you'll instantly join a network of more than 15,000 people with similar interests and values. You'll help other adults live fuller, more independent lives. Your time and companionship will enable other adults to remain in their own homes longer, prevent feelings of loneliness and isolation while improving self-esteem, and give time off to families or family caregivers.

### Organized for Impact

Through participating organizations in communities across the nation, Senior Companions have provided crucial assistance to older adults since 1974.

These organizations have clear-cut goals, so you could focus on activities that truly preserve dignity and independence, including:

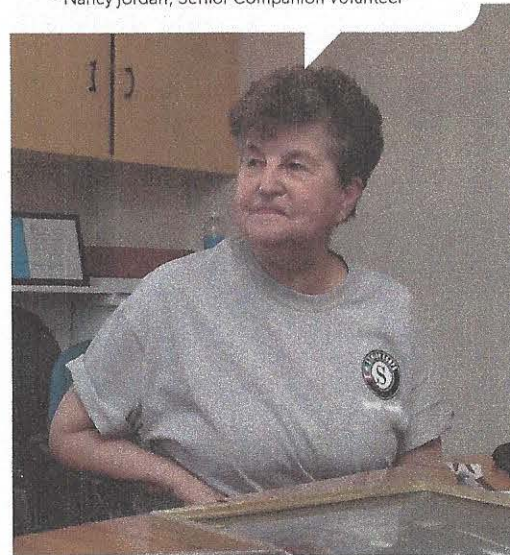
- Supplying transportation to medical appointments.
- Assisting homebound veterans.
- Delivering groceries and preparing nutritious meals.
- Simple chores, such as light housekeeping.
- Connecting clients to additional resources.

## We Prepare You For Success

The Senior Companion Program is open to volunteers 55 and over who can serve between 15 and 40 hours a week. You don't need formal experience just time, compassion and the desire to help.

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 to income eligible volunteers. You'll even receive supplemental, accident and liability insurance while you're in service.

"I work with my clients so they can live in their own environment – comfortably, safely, and independently. We're all working together to keep clients safe and in their own homes."  
 – Nancy Jordan, Senior Companion Volunteer



## Spotlight

## Missoula, Montana



An active group of 35 Senior Companions is serving more than 200 clients of Missoula, Montana. They provide assistance to adult clients to help them live independently in their own homes.

Senior Companions accompany clients to the grocery store, pharmacy and doctors appointments. Alice McGraw benefits from her time spent with her Senior Companion. "I'm able to run my errands with her and I don't have to rely on my son who works full time to help me out," said Alice.

Of the clients served by Senior Companions in Missoula, 99 percent retain their independence, which preserves their personal assets and delays use of Medicaid funds for nursing home placement.