

PART I - FACE SHEET

APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

Modified Standard Form 424 (Rev.02/07 to conform to the Corporation's eGrants System)

1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION:
Application Non-Construction

2a. DATE SUBMITTED TO CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (CNCS):
11/16/22

3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE:

STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER:

2b. APPLICATION ID:
23SF250470

4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY:
11/16/22

FEDERAL IDENTIFIER:
21SFGTX001

5. APPLICATION INFORMATION

LEGAL NAME: HIDALGO, COUNTY OF
UEI NUMBER: VJCDQFM7W7B4

NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PROJECT DIRECTOR OR OTHER PERSON TO BE CONTACTED ON MATTERS INVOLVING THIS APPLICATION (give area codes):

NAME: Sylvia Sepulveda

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (956) 383-6240 7932

FAX NUMBER: (956) 380-4324

INTERNET E-MAIL ADDRESS: sylvia.sepulveda@co.hidalgo.tx.us

ADDRESS (give street address, city, state, zip code and county):
2524 N Closner STE B
Edinburg TX 78539 - 6502
County: Hidalgo

6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN):
742234352

7. TYPE OF APPLICANT:
7a. Local Government - County
7b. Local Government, Municipal

8. TYPE OF APPLICATION (Check appropriate box).

NEW NEW/PREVIOUS GRANTEE
 CONTINUATION AMENDMENT

If Amendment, enter appropriate letter(s) in box(es):

A. AUGMENTATION B. BUDGET REVISION
C. NO COST EXTENSION D. OTHER (specify below):

9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY:
Corporation for National and Community Service

10a. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER: 94.011
10b. TITLE: Foster Grandparent Program

11.a. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT:
FGP Rio Grande Valley

12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT (List Cities, Counties, States, etc):
Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties

11.b. CNCS PROGRAM INITIATIVE (IF ANY):

13. PROPOSED PROJECT: START DATE: 04/01/23 END DATE: 06/30/24

14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF: a.Applicant TX 15 b.Program TX 15

15. ESTIMATED FUNDING: Year #:

a. FEDERAL	\$ 448,128.00
b. APPLICANT	\$ 43,476.00
c. STATE	\$ 5,476.00
d. LOCAL	\$ 0.00
e. OTHER	\$ 38,000.00
f. PROGRAM INCOME	\$ 0.00
g. TOTAL	\$ 491,604.00

16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?
 YES. THIS PREAPPLICATION/APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS FOR REVIEW ON:
DATE:
 NO. PROGRAM IS NOT COVERED BY E.O. 12372

17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT?
 YES if "Yes," attach an explanation. NO

18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION/PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS AWARDED.

a. TYPED NAME OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:
Jaime R. Longoria

b. TITLE:

c. TELEPHONE NUMBER:
(956) 383-6240

d. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

e. DATE SIGNED:
11/16/22

Narratives

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The Hidalgo, County Of: FGP Rio Grande Valley, TX proposes to have forty-five AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers who will tutor elementary age children in the local Boys and Girls Clubs in Hidalgo, Willacy and Cameron Counties after school hours. The primary focus area of this project is Education. At the end of the four-year grant, AmeriCorps Seniors will be responsible for tutoring 258 children to increase academic success. The AmeriCorps Seniors federal investment of \$448,128 will be supplemented by \$43,476 non-federal resources.

Cost per VSY Calculator for FY23



Overview

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Common arithmetic rules should be used to determine how to round VSYs for outcome-based work plans. Applicants should round to the nearest whole number. For example, an AmeriCorps Seniors applicant with stipended volunteers that is requesting \$100,000 in federal funding would require 11.1 VSYs in work plans that result in national performance measure outcomes ($100,000/9,000 = 11.1$). Since 11.1 is less than 11.5, this would be rounded down to 11 VSYs in work plans that result in national performance measure outcomes. In contrast, an applicant with \$150,000 in federal funding (16.6 VSYs in outcome-based work plans) would round up and require 17 VSYs in work plans that result in national performance measures outcomes.

VSY Calculator

In the table below, enter the amount of AmeriCorps Seniors funding you are applying for. The number of VSYs you have to place into outcome-based workplans for that amount of funding will be calculated for you.

Amount of AmeriCorps Seniors funding:	\$ 378,000
Amount of funding / \$9,000:	42.0
Number of VSYs you have to place in outcome-based workplans:	42

Entering VSYs into Work Plans in eGrants

Due to limitations with eGrants, the work plans will ask for "Number of Unduplicated Volunteers." This is the field in which you enter your VSYs. For more detailed information on completing the work plans, please see the [Grant Application Instructions](#).

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Performance Measures

% of Unduplicated Volunteers in Work Plans that result in Outcomes: 100%

% of Unduplicated in the Primary Focus Area: 100%

Performance Measure: 1.1 Tutoring			
Community Need to be Addressed:			
<p>The Region I Education Service Center for the geographic service area 2021 data reports children in kindergarten enter school with limited vocabulary and are dual language learners. By the end of the third grade, children from low- income families who are not reading at grade level are six times less likely to graduate from high school than students who are proficient. For over 100 years, Boys and Girls Clubs have been at the forefront of youth development. The Boys and Girls Clubs can be the catalyst to providing access to mentors who help promote academic success, and social- emotional development. Today, more than 345,000 boys and girls call their Club home. It is at the Club, where young people learn and grow. The Club's goal is that all youths graduate from high school and are prepared for higher education, trade school, military service or employment. The Boys and Girls Clubs provide a safe place for young people to play, grow and learn while empowering youth to excel in school. In the Rio Grande Valley of South Texas, Boys and Girls Clubs plan an active role in their community. The mission of the Boys and Girls Clubs is to inspire and enable all young people to reach their full academic potential, be productive, responsible and caring citizens.</p>			
Focus Area:	Education	Objective:	K- 12 Success
Anticipated Unduplicated	45		
Anticipated Volunteer	45		
Service Activity:	Tutoring		Number of Volunteer Stations: 12
Service Activity Description:	Students will be tutored in small groups during after school attendance at the Boys and Girls Clubs.		
Anticipated	ED1A: Number of individuals served		
Target: 258	How Measured: Tracking System		
Instrument Description:	Students document their attendance by signing in on the timesheet that will be collected by the tutoring teacher.		
Anticipated	ED5A: Number of students with improved academic performance		
Target: 225	How Measured: Tracking System		
Instrument Description:	The Boys and Girls Club staff will provide a checklist on improved academics for students on a monthly basis		

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Appendix G: Volunteer Service Year (VSY) Adjustment Calculator for the FY23 Stipend Increase



Overview

At the beginning of the Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23)¹ grant budget period, the stipend for eligible volunteers serving in AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent, Senior Companion, and stipended Senior Demonstration Program projects is \$4/hour, an increase of \$0.85 over the FY22 rate. Stipended hours include time a volunteer spends in service, orientation and training hours, and stipended leave.

In order to accommodate the increase, AmeriCorps Seniors is allowing projects to adjust the number of Volunteer Service Years (VSYs) they have to achieve. While AmeriCorps Seniors does not expect to provide additional funding, there may be projects that need an increase in their baseline funding level so that they don't displace stipended volunteers. Grantees that may require additional funding will need to provide justification, including an explanation of the impact on their budget, a demonstration of past performance, and an explanation of volunteer displacement. For information on how to provide this justification and the deadline, please see section E.1.f (for continuation applications) or E.2.h (for renewal applications) of the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

VSY Adjustment Calculator for the FY23 Stipend Increase

In the tables below, enter your current VSYs (including baseline VSYs as well as any VSYs needed for augmentation or carry forward funding). The number of VSYs you may decrease will be calculated for you. Because eGrants does not allow decimals, and because AmeriCorps Seniors does not want to shortchange grantees, this calculator rounds up to the nearest whole number when determining the number of VSYs you can decrease.

Number of federal VSYs	Cost impact of the stipend increase (VSYs * \$888 ²)	Amount of the increase divided by the updated cost of the VSY (\$4,176)	Number of federal VSYs you can decrease
42	\$ 37,296	8.9	9

Number of non-federal VSYs	Cost impact of the stipend increase (VSYs * \$888)	Amount of the increase divided by the updated cost of the VSY (\$4,176)	Number of non-federal VSYs you can decrease
1	\$ 888	0.2	1

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² The impact of the stipend increase is .085 X 1044 = 887.40 per VSY. However, because eGrants only allows whole numbers, we rounded it up to 888.



Appendix A. Fiscal Year 2023 Quarter 3 (April 1 Start Dates)

Foster Grandparent Program Continuation and Renewal

- Added columns to the Appendix A: FY 2023 NOFA Type, Baseline Funding before Stipend Increase, Federal (Fed.) VSYs, Total of \$0.15 Stipend Increase for Fed. VSYs Only, and Baseline Funding update with \$0.15 Stipend Increase.
- In FY 2022, quarter 3 grantees only received 9 months of stipend increase. For the FY 2023 application, quarter 3 grantees will receive a full 12-month permanent Baseline Funding Stipend Increase. AmeriCorps Seniors calculated the permanent Baseline Funding stipend increase, by taking the original Baseline Funding (\$XX,XXX) + ((Fed. VSYs (XX) x (\$157)) = Baseline Funding updated with \$0.15 Stipend Increase, highlighted in yellow.
 - Note: $\$0.15 * 1044 = \156.60 . Because eGrants doesn't allow decimals, we rounded the amount up to \$157.
- Updated 10/6/22: ACS is offering to provide additional federal funds to extend FY 23 grant from a March 30, 2024 end date to June 30, 2024 (3 additional months of funding shift to a July 1 start date).

Org State	Organization	Grant Number	FY 2023 NOFA Type	Baseline Funding before \$0.15 Stipend Increase (Original)	Fed VSYs	Total of \$0.15 Stipend Increase for Fed. VSY only	Baseline Funding updated with \$0.15 Stipend Increase (Permanent)	Additional approved funds for June 30, 2024 end date.	Non Fed. VSYs	Total VSYs	Areas Affected
AL	Community Action Partnership of North Alabama	22SFHAL002	Continuation (YR 2)	\$329,711	64	\$10,048	\$339,759	\$84,940	0	64	Morgan, Lawrence, and Cullman Counties, Alabama
AL	East Alabama Services for the Elderly Inc	22SFHAL003	Continuation (YR 2)	\$311,679	48	\$ 7,536	\$319,215	\$79,804	0	48	Lee County Alabama: Opelika and Auburn Russell County Alabama: Ft. Mitchell,





TX	HIDALGO, COUNTY OF	21SFGTX001	Continuation (YR 3)	\$ 273,916	42	\$ 6,594	\$280,510	\$70,128	1	43	Texas: Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy Counties
TX	Catholic Charities Diocese San Antonio	20SFWTX010	Renewal	\$ 550,522	85	\$ 13,345	\$563,867	\$140,967	1	86	
TX	Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas, Inc.	20SFWTX008	Renewal	\$ 537,701	104	\$ 16,328	\$554,029	\$138,508	1	105	Dallas and Collin Counties
TX	South East Texas Regional Planning Commission	20SFWTX009	Renewal	\$ 446,350	69	\$ 10,833	\$457,183	\$114,296	2	71	Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange Counties
WI	Corrections, Wisconsin Department of	20SFNW1001	Renewal	\$158,153	24	\$3,768	\$161,921	\$40,481	0	24	Lincoln Hills School and Copper Lake School facilities in Irma, WI, located within Lincoln County.
WI	Encompass Early Education & Care, Inc	20SFNW1002	Renewal	\$167,205	27	\$ 4,239	\$171,444	\$42,861	0	27	Green Bay, De Pere, and Pulaski Wisconsin in Brown County.