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RSVP of Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands Receives \$140,000 in New Funding for RSVP/ Senior Service Corps Volunteer Program.

South Dennis, MA- RSVP of Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands today announced that they were awarded a \$140,000 grant to support senior volunteer activities from the Corporation of National and Community Service (CNCS).

These funds were awarded as part of a competitive grant process for RSVP, one of three Senior Corps programs administered by CNCS. Established in 1971, RSVP engages older Americans in volunteer opportunities across the country. These volunteers have been a critical resource for nationwide response efforts—in everything from hunger prevention to natural disasters including Hurricane Sandy.

Since 1993, RSVP/Senior Service Corps of Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands, Inc., has strategically placed 550 volunteers annually in identified areas of community need. Volunteers are placed within agencies to create positive effects in our communities. Healthy Futures, the primary focus, will serve the needs of homebound, older adults and the disabled population to age in place. Volunteers will also be positioned in the areas of Disaster Preparedness, Economic Opportunity, Education, Environmental Stewardship, and Veterans and Military Families.

“By working with students, providing job training, and helping veterans transition into civilian life, volunteers age 55 and over are helping to transform the lives of the people they serve,” said Wendy Spencer, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service. “Our communities need the talents and skills of all Americans as we continue moving this nation forward. The dedication of RSVP volunteers shows that service benefits not only organizations, but those who serve as well.”

This grant is one of 175 RSVP awards provided to volunteer organizations across the country to support senior volunteer activities in areas including education and veterans and military families.

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Senior Corps is a program of the Corporation of National and Community Service, a federal agency that engages more than four million American of all ages and backgrounds in service each year through its Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Social Innovation Fund programs and leads President Obama’s call to service, United We Serve. For more information, visit nationalservice.gov.

