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Frequently Asked Questions About AmeriCorps Seniors (RSVP)

- **What is AmeriCorps Seniors (RSVP)?** The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, a program of **Senior Volunteer Services**, matches the interests of persons age 55 and older with rewarding part time volunteer opportunities for community service within a variety of local nonprofit organizations, hospitals, or government agencies. San Luis Obispo County AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers perform high impact service with County/City Police, Senior Centers, Food Banks, Museums/Parks, Libraries, Meals That Connect, Amtrak/Airport, and a variety of programs that Wilshire oversees such as Friendly Visitors, Community Mediator, Hospice Support, Peer Counselor, Drivers.
- **Who can enroll with AmeriCorps Seniors?** Person's age 55 and older who are interested in contributing their time and skills to the citizens of their community, can be an RSVP volunteer. There are no requirements for education, income, or experience. Senior Volunteer Service staff will assist volunteers to find fulfilling volunteer assignments, match interests and abilities to local needs, or help you find volunteer opportunities that help you learn new skills.
- **When did AmeriCorps Seniors begin?** This is a federally funded nonprofit program, which began in San Luis Obispo County in 1972 and receives additional matching funds from the City and County of San Luis Obispo, and other local communities.
- **What does it cost?** There are no enrollment fees, or dues, to become an AmeriCorps Seniors volunteer.
- **How much time do I have to volunteer?** Volunteer schedules and assignments can be flexible to meet the needs of the volunteer and the station. There are no mandatory meetings for AmeriCorps Seniors (RSVP), however, stations may have their own training and meeting requirements.
- **What are the insurance benefits?** Enrolled Volunteers who report their hours while on RSVP assignments are protected with **\$1 million personal liability, \$25K supplemental personal accident, and \$500K excess auto liability and property damage.**
- **Is there any mileage reimbursement?** Volunteers in need may request some reimbursement for transportation expenses related to an RSVP assignment. Reimbursement is capped at \$15 per month, paid quarterly.
- **Any other benefits?** All active, enrolled volunteers are recognized for their volunteer service at a special event held at least once each year. The most important benefit of all is the difference AmeriCorps Seniors (RSVP) volunteers makes in the community by contributing their knowledge, skills, and time.
- **Why are hours reported?** AmeriCorps Seniors (RSVP) volunteers must maintain enrollment to validate the insurance benefits. The hours are also important to let Congress and state legislators know the value and type of contributions from San Luis Obispo County and Northern Santa Barbara County seniors.

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