



To: AmeriCorps Seniors Grantees offering stipend programs
From: AmeriCorps Seniors
Date: November 15, 2022
RE: Planned Stipend Increase for July 2023 programs

On Saturday, April 1, 2023, the hourly stipend rate will increase to \$4 per hour, pending final FY 2023 appropriations, for those stipend-based programs with a July 1, 2023, start date (Foster Grandparent, Senior Companion and non-ARP Senior Demonstration programs). These programs are required submit a required amendment in November 2022 for the planned increase to be implemented on April 1.

This stipend increase will be funded one of two ways.

1. Those grantee programs that have not met FY 2022 volunteer hours and have outstanding funds available (either from the stipend line or from other lines with funding excess), will use those underspent budget funds to meet this increase.
2. For those grantees that have met FY 2022 volunteer hours and are not projecting an underspend, AmeriCorps Seniors may be able to offer an augmentation.

On Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2023, AmeriCorps Seniors plans to release continuation and renewal notices for Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion programs for grantees with July 1, 2023, start date.

As part of that process, the **stipend formula line will be updated to \$4 per hour in eGrants**. This change applies to all grantees supporting programs with a stipend and start date of July 1, including ARP Phase 2 and 3, and those in multiyear funding pilot for programs with a stipend. Additional amendment instructions will be provided to those programs later.

Amendment Steps

Foster Grandparent, Senior Companion and non-ARP Demonstration programs need to:

1. Review current volunteer service years production, budget, and stipend line item to determine projected underspend.
2. Complete the required [April 1 Stipend Increase form](#) **no later than Monday, Nov. 21**
 - a. Programs that do not complete the form before the deadline and are determined to need additional funding to meet the stipend increase will be responsible for funding the increase with existing budget. No augmentation will be offered if the form is not submitted ahead of the deadline.
3. Grantees that need additional funding or need to make budget revisions will need to also complete a budget amendment. No later than Thursday, Dec. 1, AmeriCorps Seniors will start the amendment, return to grantees with instructions for completion.





- a. Grantees must complete the revisions, certify and submit the budget amendment **no later than Friday, Dec. 9.**
 - b. The program's Authorized Representative is approved to certify.
 - c. **Because this is a tight turn-around, grantees are restricted from making any other changes to budgets other than what is necessary for the stipend increase.**
4. Grantees that do not need additional funding do not need to take any further action.
 - a. AmeriCorps Seniors will create and process the budget amendment. Grantees will receive notification from eGrants when the amendment is awarded. Plan to review the revised Notice of Grant Award in eGrants to verify the process has been successfully completed.

Step-by-step instructions to complete the budget amendment form for required grantees will be emailed to no later than Thursday, Dec. 1.

The news of this stipend increase is currently under embargo. AmeriCorps Seniors will provide a release date for this information to be considered public.

Portfolio managers are available to answer questions about this memo and its contents.