

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
Employment and Training Administration  
Funding Opportunity Announcement  
FOA-ETA-20-09**

**Amendment Four**

**Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) National Grants for Program Year (PY) 2020**

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor

**ACTION:** Amendment to FOA-ETA-20-09

**SUMMARY:** The Employment and Training Administration announced on April 30, 2020, the availability of funds and the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) National Grants for Program Year (PY) 2020 grants to be awarded through a competitive process. This amendment to the FOA revises language in Sections I.A and IV.B.3(a) to clarify that community service assignments for SCSEP participants may include alternative or temporary assignments, including remote or telework arrangements, in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The document is hereby amended as follows:

**SECTION I.A Program Purpose**

**Amended Text (new language in bold)**

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A core feature of SCSEP is the placement of participants with significant barriers to employment in a Community Service Assignment (CSA), which is part-time, temporary employment paid with grant funds in projects at host agencies. Through these placements, participants are engaged in community service activities and receive work experience and job skills training that should lead to unsubsidized employment. Participants are able to gain valuable skills, increase their confidence to re-enter the workforce, and earn income while assisting local organizations to provide needed services within the community. **Given the current Covid-19 pandemic and the possibility of continued periodic disruption to the traditional SCSEP service-delivery model, applicants may propose alternative or temporary types of community service assignments that enable the provision of SCSEP services while maintaining appropriate health and safety protocols, such as social distancing. Such alternative and temporary community services assignments may include remote or telework arrangements. As with any community service assignment, such arrangements still require grantees to ensure that the community service assignment provides adequate supervision, development of needed soft skills, provision of appropriate training aligned to participants' Individual Employment Plans, and access to any hardware and connectivity necessary for the work assigned. Grantees implementing such alternative or temporary assignments must also ensure that all participants are served equitably, including those who are not able to take advantage of remote or telework arrangements.**

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**SECTION IV.B.3(a) Statement of Need (up to 2 points)**

**Amended Text (new language in bold)**

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- Provide a complete description of the community service needs of the proposed service area, and identify community service assignments that you will target for SCSEP participants, **which may include alternative or temporary community service assignments in response to the Covid-19 pandemic (including assignments with remote or telework arrangements) as described in the amendment to Section I.A above.**

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