

California Department of Aging
Senior Community Service Employment Program Narrative
Older Americans Act Title V

Program / Element / Component -- 20

Description

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) provides part-time work-based training opportunities for older workers in local community service agencies and assists program participants in obtaining unsubsidized employment. While training in community service positions, participants provide non-profit or government “host agencies” with support to provide community services.

The Program provides a variety of supportive services such as personal and job-related counseling, job-related training prior to and as preparation for community service assignments, job search assistance, and job referral.

The United States Department of Labor (DOL), Employment Training Administration, is the federal agency responsible for the administration of the program. Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11 funding supported 1242 enrollee slots administered by the California Department of Aging (CDA) and 3,715 enrollee slots administered by eight National SCSEP Grantees in California. Each slot may serve more than one enrollee over the course of the year.

CDA contracts with 15 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) to provide local SCSEP services, and collaborates with the National Grantees for equitable distribution of the remaining California enrollee positions. Each AAA is responsible for service delivery in one of 33 designated Planning and Service Areas. The 15 AAAs provide services directly or by contract.

Benefits

SCSEP fosters individual economic self-sufficiency and increases the number of persons who may benefit from unsubsidized employment in both the public and private sectors. Placing older individuals in community service employment training positions strengthens their ability to become self-sufficient, provides support to organizations that benefit from increased civic engagement, and strengthens the communities served by such organizations. CDA SCSEP participants provided 1,093,172 subsidized community service hours in FY 2010-11.

Eligibility

<i>Age</i>	55 or older
<i>Income</i>	Must not exceed 125 percent of the federal poverty level
<i>Other</i>	Must be a California resident, unemployed at the time of enrollment, and have poor employment prospects. CDA's website has available a SCSEP eligibility calculator to assist individuals in determining their SCSEP income eligibility. The calculator is a guide-only; individuals should confirm their eligibility with local SCSEP staff.

Access

Information about SCSEP is available through the statewide toll-free Senior Information Line at **1-800-510-2020** and CDA's directory of SCSEP programs at www.aging.ca.gov/ProgramsProviders/SCSEP

Current State Fiscal Year Funding Information (2011-12)

<i>Source</i>	Federal DOL, local funds, and in-kind contributions
<i>Allocation Formula</i>	Allocation formula based on DOL SCSEP grant enrollee position allocation for CDA and equitable distribution agreement with National SCSEP Grantees operating in California.
<i>Match Requirements</i>	10 percent cash or in-kind donations Currently, participating AAAs meet the State's 10 percent match requirement.
<i>Other Funding Information</i>	The amended State Budget for FY 2008-09 eliminated State General Fund support for SCSEP.
<i>Funding Cycle</i>	July 1 – June 30