

**STATE OF VERMONT**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS**  
**Retired Senior Volunteer Program**

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**Department Mission Statement**

State funding to RSVP, which amounts to 10%-15% of the projects operating budget, helps to further the mission of meeting local community needs through the utilization of the skills and talents of volunteers.

**Description of Appropriations, Divisions, & Programs**

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is one of three volunteer programs within the Senior Corps funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service by the National Service Trust Act of 1993. RSVP recruits persons 55 and older to serve as volunteers in a variety of non-profit agencies and health care facilities. RSVP volunteers provide a wide range of services to meet critical community needs. They may serve as from as little as 1 to as many as 40 hours a week. Their volunteer service is non-stipended.

In Vermont there are currently over 2,739 volunteers who, in grant year 2010, gave 570,711 hours of service to over 690 community non-profit organizations. These organizations include schools, aging programs, cultural organizations, libraries, hospitals, social service agencies, health care organizations, and many others. Their volunteer service provided equaled 11.2 million dollars of social capital to the State of Vermont.

State funding has been provided since FY 77 under Act No. 185 of the 1977 Adjourned Session. The Act reads: "funds shall be administered by the Department of Aging and Disabilities and be disbursed by it to each local program to meet direct costs incurred by supporting volunteers such as insurance, travel, and meals".

State funds are awarded, based on an agreed-upon formula, to the following non-profit agencies that sponsor RSVP programs:

- United Way of Chittenden County, Grantee for Chittenden County RSVP
- Rutland Mental Health Services, Inc., Grantee for Addison and Rutland County RSVP
- Green Mt Community Network, Grantee for Green Mountain RSVP serving Counties of Windham, Windsor and Bennington.
- Central VT Council on Aging, Grantee for RSVP for Central Vermont (Washington, Orange, Lamoille Counties) and Northeast Kingdom (Orleans, Essex & Caledonia Counties).

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**DEPARTMENT SUMMARY BY APPROPRIATION**

	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2010	FY 2011		FY 2012
	Pos. #	Pos. #	Pos. #	FY10 Actual	FY11 Budget As Passed	FY11 Estimated	FY12 Governor Proposed
<b>Department</b>							
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	0	0	0	131,096	131,096	131,096	131,096
<hr/> TOTAL	<hr/> 0	<hr/> 0	<hr/> 0	<hr/> 131,096	<hr/> 131,096	<hr/> 131,096	<hr/> 131,096
FUND TYPE							
General Fund				131,096	131,096	131,096	131,096
<hr/> TOTAL				<hr/> 131,096	<hr/> 131,096	<hr/> 131,096	<hr/> 131,096