

# California Department of Aging

## Senior Community Service Employment Program Narrative

### Older Americans Act Title V

#### Program / Element / Component -- 20

##### Description

The 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 much needed community services.

The Program provides a variety of supportive services to the individual 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, Employment Training Administration (DOL), is the federal organization responsible for the administration of the program. Current funding supports 1,011 enrollee positions administered by California Department of Aging (CDA) and 3,944 enrollee positions administered by the eight National Contractors operating in California. CDA contracts with 15 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) to provide AAA SCSEP services locally, and collaborates with the National Contractors 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 (PSA). The 15 AAAs may provide services directly or by contract.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09, the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 awarded \$2,035,078 to California’s SCSEP to support additional job training positions. The ARRA funding continues through June 2010.

##### Benefits

The SCSEP fosters individual economic self-sufficiency and increases the number of persons who may enjoy the benefits of 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.

## Eligibility

<i>Age</i>	55 or older
<i>Income</i>	Must not exceed 125 percent of the federal poverty level.
<i>Other</i>	<p>Must be a California resident, unemployed at the time of enrollment, and have poor employment prospects.</p> <p>The 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.</p>

## Access

Information about SCSEP and how to access services 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](http://www.aging.ca.gov/ProgramsProviders/SCSEP)

## Current Year Funding Information

<i>Source</i>	<p>Federal DOL, local funds, in-kind contributions</p> <p>In FY 2008-09, the ARRA awarded \$2,035,078 to California's SCSEP to support additional job training positions, to feed seniors in need and to restore nutrition services and local food service positions eliminated due to cost increases and funding losses. The ARRA funding continues through June 2010.</p>
<i>Allocation Formula</i>	Allocation formula based on DOL SCSEP grant enrollee position allocation for CDA and equitable distribution agreement with National SCSEP Contractors operating in California.
<i>Match Requirements</i>	<p>10 percent cash or "in-kind"</p> <p>Currently, participating AAAs meet the State's 10 percent match requirement.</p>
<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