

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Impact Broward Agreements

For over 50 years, Impact Broward and Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) have worked together to help our community’s children. Within the Impact Broward organization are two volunteer entities that provide different services to BCPS schools and students. They are:

- **Foster Grandparent Program (FGP):** Volunteers serve Title 1 elementary school children with special needs for a minimum of 15 hours per week to improve reading, social and emotional development.
- **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP):** Volunteers under this program take part in the Seniors and Teachers Achieving Reading Success (STAR) initiative. They provide reading and math tutoring and mentoring support to students in Title 1 elementary and middle schools for an average of 2-5 hours per week.

In both cases, program volunteers are recruited and trained by Impact Broward. All volunteers are at least 55 years old and must pass level 1 and level 2 background screenings.

Due to program differences, there is a separate agreement for each program. Beyond the students served, program variances are:

<b>FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM</b>	<b>RETIRED &amp; SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM</b>
Volunteers receive a stipend of \$2.65 per hour or are reimbursed for travel at \$.40 per mile for transportation or the cost of a bus pass. Maximum amount of \$170,537.00.	Volunteers do not receive a stipend.
Volunteers must commit to no less than 15 hours per week and no more than 40 hours per week.	No hourly criteria. Volunteers can serve as little or as much as they choose.
The program is offered in BCPS Title I elementary schools.	The program’s volunteers serve BCPS Title 1 elementary and middle schools.
The program has 156 volunteers in 56 BCPS schools and serves more than 1,100 students.	The program has 42 volunteers in 54 BCPS schools and serves 75 students.

For the 2016/17 school year, Impact Broward and BCPS are updating these two agreements, as documents date back to 2001 (FGP) and 1997 (RSVP).

Adjustments to both agreements are:

- Both agreements use the current District standard agreement template.
- Section 2.01: Added a term to the agreement: *Unless terminated earlier pursuant to Section 3.05 of this Agreement, the term of this agreement shall commence upon execution by all parties and conclude on June 30, 2019; and may at the sole discretion of the SBBC, be renewable for one (1) additional two (2) year period.*
- Section 2.12: Added to the background screening a sentence: *Any individual who is registered, or required to be registered, on a sex offender registry or was convicted of murder will not be cleared or participate in the program.*
- Exhibit A: Added listing of all schools involved in the programs.

For the FGP agreement, the Payment Process section was updated:

- Section 2.09: FGs are paid \$2.65 per hour and/or \$.40 per mile for transportation, as mandated by Corporation of National and Community Services (Impact Broward's federal governing agency). Invoices are sent from Impact to the SBBC Public Information Office for review and approval. After the invoice is approved, it is sent to SBBC's Accounts Payable for processing. Accounts Payable processes payment and issues a check to Impact Broward in the amount of the Invoice. The maximum amount of the billing is \$170,537.00.

Attached is Exhibit A, which is a recent newsletter (March 2017) from Impact Broward, informing of a possible elimination of Impact Broward's parent organization, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). If CNCS is eliminated, the agreements may be canceled with or without cause as indicated in Section 3.05.

- Section 3.05: This Agreement may be canceled with or without cause by SBBC during the term hereof upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other parties of its desire to terminate this Agreement. SBBC shall have no liability for any property left on SBBC's property by any party to this Agreement after the termination of this Agreement. Any party contracting with SBBC under this Agreement agrees that any of its property placed upon SBBC's facilities pursuant to this Agreement shall be removed within ten (10) business days following the termination, conclusion or cancellation of this Agreement and that any such property remaining upon SBBC's facilities after that time shall be deemed to be abandoned, title to such property shall pass to SBBC, and SBBC may use or dispose of such property as SBBC deems fit and appropriate.

## Exhibit A



Since 1965 Impact Broward has been the local sponsor of the national Senior Corps programs in Broward County including: Foster Grandparent, Senior Companion and Retired and Senior Volunteer programs funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service. Last year our volunteers provided over 259,390 hours of volunteer service in Broward County by tutoring 1,200 children in Title1 schools; providing supportive and respite services to 456 elderly, disabled adults and caregivers, peer support to veterans and pro-bono consulting services to nonprofit organizations to increase their capacity to operate more efficiently and effectively.

Disregarding overwhelming public support and eight decades of strong bipartisan legislative support for national service, the Administration's Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 budget calls for the elimination of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the federal agency that administers national service programs including AmeriCorps and Senior Corps.

National service is a powerful institution that unites Americans and restores important values of patriotism and civic duty. The elimination of the Corporation for National and Community Service, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps would be a devastating blow to the tens of thousands of young Americans who gain valuable job experience and training while providing essential service to their communities, and to the hundreds of thousands of seniors who serve their neighbors and communities.

The impact would cripple the more than 1,100 faith-based and community organizations like Teach For America, Habitat for Humanity, Catholic Charities USA and The American Red Cross, that rely on AmeriCorps members to serve children and families as tutors and mentors, respond to natural disasters, and take care of military families in large and small communities all across our nation. It would put the 80,000 people who serve in AmeriCorps annually out of work. At a time when the price of college is astronomical and so many Americans need jobs, AmeriCorps helps young people pay for college, prepares them for the workforce, and helps the unemployed find work.

It would eliminate the roles of 270,000 Senior Corps members, all 55 years of age or older, who help the elderly live independently, mentor youth in our rural schools, and manage volunteers after natural disasters. And it would hurt our nation's veterans. AmeriCorps and Senior Corps serve more than 750,000 veterans and military families, and 23,000 veterans serve in these programs, applying the skills they gained in the military to tackle problems here at home.

A study by economists at Columbia University found that for every dollar invested in National Service programs, there is a \$3.95 return to society in terms of higher earnings, increased output and other community-wide benefits. CNCS grantees have to match each federal dollar with private sector, philanthropic or foundation funds. It is especially important to keep in mind that National Service programs are managed locally by neighborhood, community and faith-based institutions that lead bottom-up citizen-led strategies, not top down government solutions. Additionally, at a time when we are struggling to find answers to the challenge of college student debt, National Service programs like AmeriCorps reward responsibility with an earned post-service education scholarship.

Rather than costing taxpayers money, national service saves federal dollars. By matching or exceeding federal support with private sector dollars, national service programs lessen the strain on the federal government through partnerships with more than 1,100 community and faith-based nonprofits. Studies show that national service programs generate a two-to-one return for the taxpayer and a nearly four-to-one return for society in terms of higher earnings, increased output and other community-wide benefits. For every \$10 in federal money appropriated, another \$15 is separately raised from private sources to fund AmeriCorps partnerships across the country.

National Service is a rare concept that unites Americans, with remarkable potential implications for bipartisanship, and irrefutable benefits to our country. Please contact your elected officials at <http://bit.ly/2mdm2CN> to voice your concerns.

Sincerely,  
Peter Kaldes  
CEO & President

