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To: Chief Elected Officials
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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: March 17, 2016

Subject: **Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) National Grants for Program Year 2016 – Funding Opportunity**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of Funding Opportunity [FOA-ETA-16-04](#), announced through the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, on March 15, 2016 for the *Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) National Grants for Program Year 2016*.

Background: SCSEP is the only Federally-sponsored employment and training program targeted specifically to low-income older individuals who are able to enter or reenter the workforce. Program participants receive paid work experience at local public or non-profit agencies and are paid the higher of the Federal, State, or local minimum wage or the prevailing wage for similar employment, for approximately 20 hours per week while in community service and other job training. The dual goals of the program are to promote useful opportunities in community service job training and to move SCSEP participants into unsubsidized employment.

Funding Opportunity Number:	FOA-ETA-16-04
Application Deadline:	April 29, 2016
Expected Number of Awards:	22
Total Program Funding	\$338,520,000
Award Ceiling:	\$50,000,000
Funding Period:	48 months

Eligible applicants include: Nonprofit Organizations, Federal public agencies and Tribal organizations.