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parties other than beneficiaries to support additional volunteers beyond those supported by CNCS.

(3) A RSVP volunteer station may contribute to the financial support of the RSVP Program. However, this support shall not be a required precondition for a potential station to obtain RSVP volunteers.

(4) If a volunteer station agrees to provide funds to support additional volunteers or pay for other volunteer support costs, the agreement shall be stated in a written Memorandum of Understanding. The sponsor shall withdraw services if the station's inability to provide monetary or in-kind support to the project under the Memorandum of Understanding diminishes or jeopardizes the project's financial capabilities to fulfill its obligations.

(5) Under no circumstances shall a RSVP volunteer receive a fee for service from service recipients, their legal guardian, members of their family, or friends.

(d) *Labor and anti-labor activity.* The sponsor shall not use grant funds directly or indirectly to finance labor or anti-labor organization or related activity.

(e) *Fair labor standards.* A sponsor that employs laborers and mechanics for construction, alteration, or repair of facilities shall pay wages at prevailing rates as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a.

(f) *Nondiscrimination.* A sponsor or sponsor employee shall not discriminate against a RSVP volunteer on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, or political affiliation, or on the basis of disability, if the volunteer with a disability is qualified to serve.

(g) *Religious activities.* (1) An RSVP volunteer or a member of the project staff funded by CNCS shall not give religious instruction, conduct worship services, or engage in any form of proselytization as part of his/her duties.

(2) A sponsor or volunteer station may retain its independence and may continue to carry out its mission, including the definition, development, practice, and expression of its religious beliefs, provided that it does not use

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CNCS funds to support any inherently religious activities, such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization, as part of the programs or services funded. If an organization conducts such activities, the activities must be offered separately, in time or location, from the programs or services funded under this part.

(h) *Nepotism.* Persons selected for project staff positions shall not be related by blood or marriage to other project staff, sponsor staff or officers, or members of the sponsor Board of Directors, unless there is written concurrence from the Advisory Council or community group established by the sponsor under subpart B of this part, and with notification to CNCS.

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§ 2553.92 What legal coverage does CNCS make available to RSVP volunteers?

It is within CNCS' discretion to determine if Counsel is employed and counsel fees, court costs, bail and other expenses incidental to the defense of an RSVP volunteer are paid in a criminal, civil or administrative proceeding, when such a proceeding arises directly out of performance of the volunteer's activities. The circumstances under which CNCS may pay such expenses are specified in 45 CFR part 1220.

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Subpart J—Performance Measurement

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§ 2553.101 What is the purpose of performance measurement?

The purpose of performance measurement is to strengthen the RSVP project and foster continuous improvement. Performance measures are used to assess how an applicant for a grant approaches the design of volunteer activities and how those activities impact community needs.

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§ 2553.102 What performance measurement information must be part of an application for funding under RSVP?

An application to CNCS for funding under RSVP must contain:

- (a) In a year one renewal application:
 - (1) Performance measures.
 - (2) Estimated performance data for the project years covered by the application.
- (b) In a year two or three continuation application:
 - (1) Performance measures.
 - (2) Estimated performance data for the project years covered by the application.
 - (3) Actual performance data, where available, for the preceding completed project year.

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§ 2553.103 Who develops the performance measures?

(a) CNCS may establish performance measures that will apply to RSVP projects, which sponsors will be responsible for meeting.

(b) An applicant is responsible for choosing its own project specific performance measures.

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§ 2553.104 What performance measures must be submitted to CNCS and how are these submitted?

(a) An applicant for CNCS funds is required to submit any uniform performance measure CNCS may establish for all applicants. Requirements, including types of performance measures, will be communicated in the notice of funding and other related materials.

(b) CNCS may specify additional requirements related to performance measures on an annual basis in program guidance and related materials.

(c) Applicants for CNCS funds will submit performance measures through the grant application. CNCS will provide standard forms.

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§ 2553.105 How are performance measures approved and documented?

(a) CNCS reviews and approves performance measures for all applicants that apply for funding.

(b) An applicant must follow CNCS provided guidance and formats when submitting performance measures.

(c) Final performance measures, as negotiated between the applicant and CNCS, will be documented in the approved grant application.

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§ 2553.106 How does a sponsor report performance measures to CNCS?

CNCS will set specific reporting requirements, including frequency and deadlines, concerning performance measures established in the grant award. A sponsor is required to report on the actual results that occurred when implementing the grant and to regularly measure the project's performance.

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§ 2553.107 What must a sponsor do if it cannot meet its performance measures?

When a sponsor finds it is not on track to meet its performance measures, the sponsor must develop a plan to get back on track or submit a request to CNCS to amend its performance measures. CNCS may limit when amendments to performance measure can be submitted, as well as limit the types of changes a sponsor can make to performance measures. The request must include all of the following:

- (a) Why the project is not on track to meet its performance requirements;
- (b) How the project has been tracking performance measures;
- (c) Evidence of corrective steps taken;
- (d) Any new proposed performance measures; and
- (e) A plan to ensure that the project will meet the new proposed measure(s).

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§ 2553.108 What happens if a sponsor fails to meet the target performance measures included in the approved grant application?

If a sponsor fails to meet a target performance measure established in the approved grant application, CNCS may take one or more of the following actions:

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(a) Reduce the amount, suspend, or deny refunding of the grant, in accordance with the provisions of § 2553.31;

(b) Terminate the grant, in accordance with 45 CFR part 1206.

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§ 2554.1 Overview of regulations.

(a) *Statutory basis.* This part implements the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, 31 U.S.C. 3801–3812 (“the Act”). The Act provides the Corporation and other federal agencies with an administrative remedy to impose civil penalties and assessments against persons making false claims and statements. The Act also provides due process protections to all persons who are subject to administrative proceedings under this part.