

MISSION & HISTORY



AmeriCorps Seniors

Mission

The King County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) sponsored by Solid Ground meets critical community needs by helping people 55 and older find volunteer opportunities in their communities that match their interests, talents, and skills.

History

RSVP first started when private groups and government agencies came together to create opportunities for engagement, activity, acquaintanceship, and growth for older Americans.

- 1965** Community Service Society of New York launched an RSVP pilot project on Staten Island involving a small group of volunteers dedicated to serving their communities in various ways.
- 1969** RSVP became a nationwide program through the Older Americans Act.
- 1972** Seattle RSVP was established under United Way of King County administration.
- 1973** East King County RSVP launched under City of Bellevue sponsorship.
- 1974** Seattle RSVP and East King County RSVP merged to form King County RSVP, sponsored by the Seattle/King County chapter of the American Red Cross.
- 1993** The Corporation for National and Community Service was created to administer all national service programs.
- 1994** Fremont Public Association became King County RSVP's new sponsoring agency.
- 2007** Fremont Public Association changed its name to Solid Ground.
- 2017** RSVP volunteers shifted focus to meeting critical needs by increasing food security, K-12 success, and keeping seniors independent in their homes.
- 2020** The Corporation for National and Community Service changed its name to AmeriCorps, and Senior Corps became AmeriCorps Seniors.
- 2021** Solid Ground became the new King County sponsor of the Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) program. RSVP and SHIBA teamed up to provide free, unbiased Medicare counseling.
- 2022** RSVP volunteers added a focus area to improve access to healthcare.

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