



## AmeriCorps Invests \$1 Billion for Pandemic Recovery

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 is an unprecedented effort to stop the spread of COVID-19 and respond to the public health, education, and economic crisis caused by the pandemic. It includes measures to deliver immediate relief to American families, fund a national vaccination program, provide aid for small businesses struggling to keep their doors open, cut child poverty in half, reopen schools, and help parents get back to work.

*American Rescue Plan funds will allow AmeriCorps to:*



Create new national service opportunities



Provide additional benefits for members and volunteers



Support nonprofits working in underserved communities



### 11.4 Million+

assisted with COVID-19 related support



### 2.5 Million+

people assisted at vaccination sites



### 34.4 Million+

meals provided to families in need during COVID-19



### 145 Million+

pounds of food collected and distributed



# Investing in America

The American Rescue Plan creates new service positions for AmeriCorps members and volunteers, makes national service more accessible by offering a substantial increase in living allowances from the previous year, and stabilizes existing national service programs by providing assistance to organizations who were hit hardest by the pandemic and are unable to raise matching funds for their grants.

## Funding Snapshot

### AmeriCorps State and National

Substantially increase the living allowance for members.

Increase formula funding for Governor-appointed state service commissions and provide additional administrative dollars to support a growing portfolio of programs.

Expand access to “match replacement” funds, which cover the grantee portion of the obligation they have been unable to fulfill due to the pandemic.

Launch planning grants to community-based organizations that are strategically aligned to local government priorities.

### Volunteer Generation Fund

Create innovative approaches to expand volunteering, increase diversity in volunteer organizations, and strengthen the capacity of volunteer organizations to recruit and retain skill-based volunteers.

### AmeriCorps VISTA

New investments will increase the number of members serving and expand efforts on the critical needs currently facing communities, including public health, food insecurity, and learning loss.

VISTA Summer Associate program is being expanded immediately to add 1,000 new positions in May 2021.

Additional funds will increase the member living allowance.

### AmeriCorps Seniors

Increase support for COVID-19 vaccinations, vaccine outreach and education, and summer learning loss and enrichment programs for nation’s students.

Subsequent focus on programming to support continued education efforts, health and wellness recovery, and critical needs identified by communities.

Its three programs, RSVP, Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion programs, will add more than 7,500 opportunities for older adults to serve.

*“The COVID-19 pandemic is an unprecedented crisis in our nation’s history, and it demands an unprecedented response.*



*In our darkest hour, Americans of all backgrounds are showing the depth of their character by answering the call to serve. With the help of the American Rescue Plan, AmeriCorps will ensure their service impacts those who need it the most.”*

**-- Mal Coles**  
Acting Chief Executive Officer  
AmeriCorps