



Overview

The President's Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 provides \$1.342 billion for AmeriCorps. The Budget will support more than 190,000 AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers in meeting important issues of our time - addressing public health needs, responding to disasters and extreme weather events, and expanding education and economic opportunity in urban and rural areas. The Budget also includes a proposal to cancel \$25 million in surplus balances from the agency's National Service Trust (NST), for a net total of \$1.317 billion.

The Budget will support the agency's goal of improving the experience of AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers by strengthening pathways to education and employment, removing barriers to service, and increasing the member living allowance to the equivalent of \$13 per hour so that service is a viable opportunity open to Americans of all backgrounds.

The Budget will support targeted investments in communities where the need is greatest, build the agency's evidence and evaluation capabilities, enhance AmeriCorps' efforts to recruit a diverse corps that reflects the communities they serve, and continue to improve financial and operational reform (FOR) by investing in systems, technology, internal controls, audit readiness, and staff. In addition, the Budget includes funding for the American Climate Corps Hub and growing the number of American Climate Corps members, including hiring full-time staff, executing recruitment and marketing campaigns, developing a dynamic website, deploying trainings, and more. The Budget also includes \$8 billion in mandatory funding to support an additional 50,000 American Climate Corps members annually by 2031, providing job training and service opportunities on a wide range of projects that tackle climate change.



	FY 2023 Enacted	FY 2024 President's Budget	FY 2025 President's Budget	FY 2025 - FY 2023 Difference (\$)
Total Agency	\$1,312,806	\$1,478,624	\$1,342,093	\$29,287
Operating Expenses	\$975,525	\$1,138,618	\$1,046,276	\$70,751
AmeriCorps State and National	\$557,094	\$650,834	\$591,336	\$34,242
AmeriCorps VISTA	\$103,285	\$141,626	\$136,517	\$33,232
AmeriCorps NCCC	\$37,735	\$43,300	\$42,491	\$4,756
State Commission Support	\$19,538	\$19,538	\$19,538	\$0
AmeriCorps Seniors¹	\$236,917	\$262,364	\$235,438	-\$1,479
Foster Grandparents Program	\$125,363	\$143,450	\$124,625	-\$738
Senior Companion Program	\$56,449	\$63,809	\$54,303	-\$2,146
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	\$55,105	\$55,105	\$56,510	\$1,405
Innovation and Demonstration	\$14,706	\$14,706	\$14,706	\$0
Innovation, Demonstration, & Other	\$6,148	\$6,148	\$6,148	\$0
Volunteer Generation Fund	\$8,558	\$8,558	\$8,558	\$0
Evaluation	\$6,250	\$6,250	\$6,250	\$0
National Service Trust	\$230,000	\$213,000	\$159,951	-\$70,049
Salaries and Expenses	\$99,686	\$118,434	\$127,104	\$27,418
Office of Inspector General	\$7,595	\$8,572	\$8,762	\$1,167
Total Agency	\$1,312,806	\$1,478,624	\$1,342,093	\$29,287
Total Agency Less National Service Trust Cancellation	\$1,312,806	\$1,268,624	\$1,317,093	\$4,287



AmeriCorps State and National: The Budget provides \$591.336 million to AmeriCorps State and National, an increase of \$34.242 million above the FY 2023 Enacted level. This funding will support approximately 44,571 members at a minimum living allowance of \$22,100 (\$13 per hour).

AmeriCorps VISTA: The Budget provides \$136.517 million to AmeriCorps VISTA, an increase of \$33.232 million above the FY 2023 Enacted level. This investment will fund approximately 5,775 members at an estimated minimum living allowance of \$13.00 per hour.

AmeriCorps NCCC: The Budget provides \$42.491 million to AmeriCorps NCCC, an increase of \$4.756 million above the FY 2023 enacted level to fund approximately 1,200 members in the traditional program and 260 in the AmeriCorps NCCC-FEMA Corps program. This investment will support member levels similar to FY 2021 and provide member compensation at the equivalent of \$13 per hour.

AmeriCorps Seniors:

RSVP: The Budget provides \$56.510 million to AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP, an increase of \$1.405 million above the FY 2023 Enacted level that will maintain support for an estimated 116,500 volunteers.

Foster Grandparent Program: The Budget provides \$124.625 million to the AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent program, a decrease of \$738,000 below the FY 2023 Enacted level that will maintain support for an estimated 15,400 volunteers. This funding will maintain the current volunteer stipend of \$4.00 per hour.

Senior Companion Program: The Budget provides \$54.303 million to the AmeriCorps Seniors Senior Companion program, a decrease of \$2.146 million below the FY 2023 Enacted level that will maintain support for an estimated 7,370 volunteers. This funding will maintain the current volunteer stipend of \$4.00 per hour.

State Service Commissions: The Budget provides \$19.538 million to AmeriCorps state service commissions, equal to the FY 2023 Enacted level.

Innovation & Demonstration: The Budget provides \$14.706 million for AmeriCorps Innovation activities, equal to the FY 2023 Enacted level which will engage an estimated 100,000 individuals in volunteer service to help meet the needs of their communities.

Evaluation: The Budget provides \$6.250 million to AmeriCorps Evaluation activities, equal to the FY 2023 Enacted Level.

Salaries and Expenses: The Budget provides \$127.104 million to AmeriCorps, an increase of \$27.418 million above the FY 2023 Enacted level. AmeriCorps is committed to investments in the FOR plan, American Climate Corps Hub, IT modernization, and increased staffing to advance AmeriCorps strategic goals.

National Service Trust: The Budget provides \$159.951 million, a decrease of \$70.049 million below the FY 2023 Enacted level, to support Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards for the number of national service positions proposed in the Budget at an estimated Pell Grant value of \$7,395. The Budget also proposed to cancel \$25 million in surplus balances from this account.

Office of Inspector General: The Budget provides \$8,762,000 to the AmeriCorps OIG, an increase of \$1,167,000 (15.4 percent) over the FY 2023 Enacted level, to conduct meaningful oversight and perform office operations.

Budget Bill Language and Administrative Provisions

The Budget includes new or modified appropriations act language to advance priorities in the AmeriCorps Strategic Plan.

- Two-Year Budget Authority: Provides two-year budget authority to AmeriCorps NCCC and VISTA to ensure that serving members are supported across fiscal years.
- National Service Trust (NST): Of the funds requested in the FY 2025 Budget, \$150 million of the National Service Trust's appropriation shall be derived from balances in the NST temporarily rescinded in section 526 of Title V of Division B of the Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019 and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Public Law 115-245) and currently unavailable for obligation and \$9.951 million shall be derived from the General Fund of the Treasury. The Budget includes a proposal to cancel \$25 million in surplus balances available within the NST.
- Reception and Representation Expenses: Increases official reception and representation expenses from \$2,000 to \$5,000 to ensure sufficient level to support critical convenings that advance the agency's strategic mission.
- Section 408 -Welcome immigrants and refugees into national service, catalyze state and local integration and inclusion efforts, and expand the pool of volunteers by codifying authority for anyone who is eligible to work to serve and earn an Education Award.
- Section 409 - AmeriCorps Nonrecurring Expenses Fund: Makes unobligated, expiring Operating Expenses and Salaries and Expenses appropriations available for information technology modernization investments that will support agency grantees, fiscal stewardship, and audit readiness.

Legislative Proposals to Strengthen National Service

AmeriCorps is submitting a legislative program to Congress to amend select provisions in the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (DVSA) and the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (NCSA).

AmeriCorps proposes legislative adjustments to the NCCC program to increase the program's responsiveness to disaster mitigation and climate resiliency needs, and to enable the recruitment of a more diverse corps of members:

- Permanently authorize the AmeriCorps NCCC "Season of Service" to better respond to community needs and make AmeriCorps NCCC service accessible to those unable to commit to a full-year term.
- Authorize AmeriCorps NCCC term extensions to facilitate disaster response and other surges.
- Increase the maximum AmeriCorps NCCC age to 26 to make service more accessible.
- Welcome immigrants and refugees into national service, catalyze state and local integration and inclusion efforts, and expand the pool of volunteers by codifying authority for anyone to serve who is eligible to work.

Amendments to the DVSA and NCSA will empower members to complete their terms of service and to strengthen pathways to education and employment:

- Permanently authorize AmeriCorps members in the VISTA and NCCC programs to elect to transfer Education Awards, as AmeriCorps members in the State and National program currently can do.
- Remove the drug conviction bar on disbursing an Education Award, consistent with recent reforms to federal student aid eligibility enacted into law in 2021 and going into effect in 2024.
- Eliminate the taxation of Education Awards to allow members to realize the full benefit of their award without current out-of-pocket tax liability.
- Extend existing noncompetitive civil service eligibility afforded to Peace Corps and AmeriCorps VISTA members to all AmeriCorps members serving an annual term.

To improve AmeriCorps' efficiency, reduce program disruption, and implement audit recommendations, AmeriCorps seeks the following legislative amendments:

- Authorize the expenditure of interest earnings in the National Service Trust.
- Establish five-year Board of Directors terms regardless of when appointed.