Meeting community needs in South Dakota. More than **5,700** people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through **24** national service projects across South Dakota. Serving with national and local nonprofits, schools, faith-based organizations and other groups, these citizens tutor and mentor children, coordinate after-school programs, build homes, conduct neighborhood patrols, restore the environment, respond to disasters, build nonprofit capacity and recruit and manage volunteers. This year, the Corporation for National and Community Service will commit more than **$2,100,000** to support South Dakota communities through three national service initiatives:

Senior Corps: More than **4,800** seniors in South Dakota contribute their time and talents in one of three Senior Corps programs. Foster Grandparents serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to more than **2,200** young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than **800** homebound seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes. Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteers conduct safety patrols for local police departments, participate in environmental projects, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services through more than **960** groups across South Dakota.

AmeriCorps: This year AmeriCorps will provide more than **33** individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, public safety and other pressing needs in communities across South Dakota. Roughly three-quarters of all AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Governor-appointed , which in turn awards grants to nonprofit groups to respond to local needs. Most of the remainder of the grant funding is distributed by the Corporation directly to multi-state and national organizations through a competitive grants process. Other individuals will serve through AmeriCorps*VISTA, whose members help bring individuals and communities out of poverty by serving full-time to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses and increase housing opportunities, and AmeriCorps*NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps), a 10-month, full time residential program for men and women between the ages of 18 and 24.   In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members earn an education award of up to $4,725 that can be used to pay for college or to pay back qualified student loans. Since 1994, more than **680** South Dakota residents have qualified for Americorps Education Awards totaling more than **$2,300,000**.

Learn and Serve America: Learn and Serve America provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofit groups to support efforts to engage more than **890** South Dakota students in community service linked to academic achievement and the development of civic skills. This type of learning, called service learning, improves communities while preparing young people for a lifetime of responsible citizenship. In addition to providing grants, Learn and Serve America serves as a resource on service and service-learning to teachers, faculty members, schools, and community groups.

Together with the USA Freedom Corps, the Corporation for National and Community Service is working to build a culture of citizenship, service, and responsibility in America. To learn more about the Corporation or any of its programs, visit www.nationalservice.gov or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 202-565-2799.

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South Dakota At a Glance

Senior Corps	**Projects**	**Participants**	**Program Funding**
Foster Grandparent Program	2	196	$613,223
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program	8	4,483	$554,141
Senior Companion Program	1	128	$393,586
Senior Corps Total	11	4,807	$1,560,950

AmeriCorps	**Program Sites**	**Participants** [1]	**Education Award** [2]	**Program Funding**
AmeriCorps*National	2	1	$4,725	$10,462
AmeriCorps*Vista	8	12	$56,700	$202,332
AmeriCorps*NCCC	1	N/A	N/A	N/A [3]
Education Awards Program (National)	1	3	$14,175	$1,200
AmeriCorps*State - South Dakota	1	17	$80,325	$208,781
AmeriCorps Total	13	33	$155,925	$422,775

Learn and Serve America	**Grantees**	**Participants**	**Subgrantees**	**Program Funding**
K-12 Community-Based		60	1	N/A
Higher Education		835	4	N/A
Learn and Serve America Total		895	5	N/A
Program Totals	24	5,735	$155,925	$1,983,725

Total Corporation Funding (including AmeriCorps Education Awards)   **$2,139,650**

[1] This figure represents the number of awarded positions available to be filled in the 2006 - 2007 program year. For AmeriCorps*VISTA and the Education Awards Program, this represents the actual number of AmeriCorps members in active service.

[2] This figure represents the maximum potential value of AmeriCorps Education Awards that can be earned by AmeriCorps members serving in South Dakota. The award can be used in any state to pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay back student loans. The education award total is included in total Corporation funding.

[3] South Dakota is served by the AmeriCorps*NCCC campus located in Denver, Colorado. In the past year, AmeriCorps*NCCC teams have served on projects in Sioux Falls.

Senior Corps in South Dakota

Primary City	Program Name *Sponsor Organization (if different)*	Number of Participants	Program Type
Aberdeen	Eastern SD FGP *Presentation College*	106	Foster Grandparent Program
Aberdeen	North Central SD RSVP *Presentation College*	750	RSVP
Huron	East Central SD RSVP *Huron Area Senior Ctr Inc*	675	RSVP
Mitchell	South Central SD RSVP *City of Mitchell*	575	RSVP
Pierre	Central SD RSVP *St Mary's Foundation*	388	RSVP
Rapid City	Black Hills RSVP *City of Rapid City*	550	RSVP
Sioux Falls	SIOUXLAND RSVP *Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society*	650	RSVP
Sioux Falls	South Dakota SCP *Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society*	128	Senior Companion Program
Spearfish	Northern Black Hills RSVP *Black Hills State University*	520	RSVP
Sturgis	Black Hills FGP *Black Hills Special Services Coop (BHSSC)*	90	Foster Grandparent Program
Webster	Glacial Lakes RSVP *Blue Cloud Abbey*	375	RSVP
Total Number of Senior Corps Volunteers		4,807	

AmeriCorps in South Dakota

Primary City	Program Name *Sponsor Organization (if different)*	# of Members	Program Type
Aberdeen	Brighter Tomorrows *Volunteers of America - Dakotas*	1	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Eagle Butte	SER de New Mexico *SER de New Mexico Inc.*	1	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Pine Ridge	Red Cloud Volunteers *Catholic Network of Volunteer Service*	3	Education Awards Program
Pine Ridge	Oyate Teca Waonspekiya - Teaching the Young People *Red Cloud Indian School, Inc.*	17	AmeriCorps*State - South Dakota
Rapid City	Black Hills Children's Home *Children's Home Society*	1	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Rapid City	Brighter Tomorrows *Volunteers of America - Dakotas*	1	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Sioux Falls	YVC of Sioux Falls *Volunteer and Information Center - Sioux Falls, SD*	1	AmeriCorps*National
Sioux Falls	Brighter Tomorrows *Volunteers of America - Dakotas*	2	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Spearfish	IdEA Program, USD *University of South Dakota*	2	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Vermillion	IdEA Program, USD *University of South Dakota*	3	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Yankton	IdEA Program, USD *University of South Dakota*	1	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Total Number of AmeriCorps Members		**33**	

Notes: If there are programs with identical names in separate entries, they are different grants to the same organization. If no members are shown, either the grant is for planning or technical assistance, or enrollment data was not available at the time of printing.

Learn and Serve America in South Dakota

Primary City	Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Brookings	South Dakota State University	104	Higher Education
Kyle	Oglala Lakota College	34	Higher Education
Sioux Falls	HELP! LINE Center Inc.	60	K-12 Community-Based
Vermillion	University of South Dakota	668	Higher Education
Yankton	Mount Marty College	29	Higher Education
Total Number of Learn and Serve Participants		895	

Presidential Freedom Scholarships: Two students from the junior or senior class in each high school in the United States were eligible to receive a $1000 college scholarship for outstanding leadership in service to community. This is a matching scholarship: $500 is provided by a local organization such as the PTA or Kiwanis and $500 is provided by Learn and Serve America. Since 2000, more than 211 South Dakota students have received these scholarships. These awards will not be funded in 2007.

Notes: If no participants are shown, either the grant is for planning or technical assistance, or enrollment data was not available at the time of printing, or the organization listed is the primary grantee and the participants are listed by its subgrantees.

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