



## National Service in Maine



### MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN MAINE

More than 2,300 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in Maine. Serving at more than 350 locations throughout the state, these citizens tutor and mentor children, support veterans and military families, provide health services, restore the environment, respond to disasters, increase economic opportunity, and recruit and manage volunteers.

This year, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) will commit more than \$6,560,000 to support Maine communities through national service initiatives. CNCS invests in cost-effective community solutions--working hand in hand with local partners to improve lives, expand economic opportunity, and engage citizens in solving problems in their communities. Serving in many of the state's most impoverished communities, CNCS provides vital support to schools, food banks, homeless shelters, community health clinics, youth centers, veterans service facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based organizations at a time of growing demand for services. Through a unique public-private partnership, this federal investment will leverage an additional \$3,440,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars.

**AmeriCorps:** This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 550 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across Maine. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Maine Commission for Community Service, which in turn awards grants to nonprofit groups to respond to local needs. Most of the remainder of the grant funding is distributed by CNCS directly to multi-state and national organizations through a competitive grants process. Other individuals 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 that can be used to pay for college or to pay back qualified student loans. Since 1994, more than 5,500 Maine residents have served more than 7.6 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$17,450,000.

**Senior Corps:** More than 1,700 seniors in Maine 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 2,800 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 840 homebound seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes. RSVP volunteers conduct safety patrols, renovate homes, protect the environment, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services through more than 210 groups across Maine.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. CNCS annually engages more than five million Americans in service to meet local needs through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and national days of service; improves communities through the Social Innovation Fund, and leads President Obama's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. To learn more visit [NationalService.gov](http://NationalService.gov) or [Serve.gov](http://Serve.gov) or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

# Maine At a Glance

	Projects	Service Locations	Participants <sup>1</sup>	Education Scholarships <sup>2</sup>	Program Funding
<b>AmeriCorps</b>					
AmeriCorps National	6	21	141	\$492,934	\$443,691 <sup>3</sup>
AmeriCorps State Competitive	3	25	329	\$595,159	\$1,288,994
AmeriCorps State Formula	4	35	70	\$288,044	\$615,616
AmeriCorps VISTA	1	38	19	\$106,115	\$304,703
<b>AMERICORPS TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>\$1,482,253</b>	<b>\$2,653,004</b>
<b>Senior Corps</b>					
Foster Grandparent Program	2	-	245	-	\$854,477
RSVP	5	212	1,393	-	\$400,236
Senior Companion Program	2	22	135	-	\$445,882
<b>SENIOR CORPS TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>1,773</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,700,595</b>
<b>Other Funding</b>					
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$200,000
Volunteer Generation Fund	2	-	-	-	\$525,273
<b>OTHER FUNDING TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$725,273</b>
<b>PROGRAM TOTALS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>353<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>2,332</b>	<b>\$1,482,253</b>	<b>\$5,078,872</b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)</b>					<b>\$6,561,125</b>
<b>TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)</b>					<b>\$3,445,016 <sup>5</sup></b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT</b>					<b>\$10,006,141</b>

Notes: The data shown represents a snapshot in time. CNCS project sites, participants, and funding change throughout the year, so the data may not reflect current conditions.

- This figure represents the number of awarded positions available to be filled in the 2013 - 2014 program year. For AmeriCorps VISTA, this represents the actual number of VISTA members in active service.
- This figure represents the maximum potential value of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards that can be earned by AmeriCorps members serving in Maine. 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 CNCS funding.
- AmeriCorps National figures may include national programs headquartered in the state and/or operating sites of national programs that are headquartered in other states. Funding reflects the estimated proportionate share of the national grant associated with operating sites in this report. Some national organizations do not report operating site data, or it was not available at time of publishing, so figures may not reflect current conditions.
- The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple CNCS programs are operating.
- As part of its public-private partnership approach, CNCS requires grantees to leverage additional resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on the federal investment. This figure reflects non-CNCS cash and in-kind resources that CNCS grantees and project sponsors have committed to raise to support their programming activities across the state.



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# National Service Impact in Maine

## AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps members are meeting critical needs and strengthening communities across Maine. In the area of education, AmeriCorps members served more than 350 students who demonstrated improved academic engagement, provided nutrition education to 1,218 young people, built or improved 145 miles of trails, enhanced the condition of 42 other natural sites, and provided disaster services to 150 citizens. Altogether, AmeriCorps members recruited or trained more than 1,500 volunteers to increase the impact of the organizations they serve.

## AmeriCorps NCCC

The City of Bangor, located on the Penobscot River, has a rich tradition as a major timber port and more recently as the economic and cultural hub of northern and central Maine. As the major service center for much of Maine, the city officials work to provide quality of life, cultural richness and environmental stewardship for the benefit of its citizens and visitors. While working with city officials, AmeriCorps NCCC members built or restored 4,000 feet of boardwalk, removed 21,000 pounds of underbrush and 5,500 pounds of exotic vegetation, and conducted three summer programs for youth.

## AmeriCorps VISTA

The Maine Commission AmeriCorps VISTA Project helps organizations that serve low-income residents to bring individuals and communities out of poverty. This year, 24 AmeriCorps VISTAs helped 1,305 families access the services and benefits they earned and 1,840 at-risk students were supported in learning and received health education. As a result of AmeriCorps VISTA support, community health providers received specialized training in treating veterans and their family members who suffer from PTSD and TBI, attorneys volunteered to assist veterans at benefits clinics, and colleges increased support to student veterans while keeping them on the path to graduation. More than 250 military kids participated in service-learning activities. Schools and communities worked together to engage vulnerable youth in service-learning activities, which led to increased school attendance and improved grades.

## Senior Corps

The UMaine Center on Aging's mission is to promote and facilitate activities on aging in the areas of education, research and evaluation, and community service. The Center's RSVP program is dedicated to re-investing the skills and experience of individuals ages 55 and older into community service. As a result, 84 percent of 125 senior participants surveyed in the RSVP Bone Builder's program indicated an increase in muscle strength, flexibility, and balance. Of the participants, 95 percent indicated they are leading a healthier lifestyle and participating in more physical activities as a result of participating in Bone Builders. Of the 5,738 meals that RSVP volunteers served, 99 percent of meal recipients say that their health has improved, the personal contact with volunteers is important to them, and they have learned of other services for seniors by being involved with the meals program.



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	559	14
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	67	11

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Augusta	Appalachian Trail Conservancy (June 21 - July 10, 2013) Appalachian Trail Conservancy	11	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Augusta	Maine Conservation Corps (Current) Maine Conservation Corps	81	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Augusta	Maine Conservation Corps (Current) The Corps Network	14	AmeriCorps National
Augusta	Maine VISTA Project (Current) Maine Commission for Community Service	19	AmeriCorps VISTA
Bangor	Bangor AmeriCorps Opportunity Collaborative (Current) Eastern Maine Community College	32	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Bangor	Penobscot Community Health Care (Current) National Association of Community Health Centers, Inc.	14	AmeriCorps National
Bath	Habitat - Seven Rivers (April 29 - May 31, 2013) Habitat for Humanity-Seven Rivers	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Falmouth	REAL School Service Learning Program (Current) RSU 14 Windham Raymond Schools	13	AmeriCorps State Formula
Lewiston	Bates College ME 04240-6028 (Current) The College of New Jersey	6	AmeriCorps National
Lincolnton	Tanglewood & Blueberry Cove Learning Centers (June 21 - July 26, 2013) University of Maine: Tanglewood	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Milbridge	SCA Maine (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	18	AmeriCorps National
Portland	Good Shepherd Food Bank (Completed) Share Our Strength's Cooking Matters	1	AmeriCorps National
Portland	Good Shepherd Food Bank (Current) Share Our Strength's Cooking Matters	2	AmeriCorps National
Portland	Great Strides ME (Current) Goodwill Industries of Northern New England	87	AmeriCorps National
Portland	LearningWorks AIMS HIGH (Current) LearningWorks	216	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Portland	Multilingual Leadership Corps (Current) Goodwill Industries of Northern New England	37	AmeriCorps State Formula
Rockland	Island Fellows AmeriCorps Program (Current) Island Institute	10	AmeriCorps State Formula
Rockport	Midcoast Habitat for Humanity (August 23 - September 12, 2013) Midcoast Habitat for Humanity	7	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Saco	The Nature Conservancy in Maine (June 21 - July 9, 2013) Nature Conservancy - Maine Chapter	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Sanford	City of Sanford (August 3 - September 12, 2013) City of Sanford	6	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Tenants Harbor	Tanglewood & Blueberry Cove Learning Centers (June 21 - July 26, 2013) University of Maine: Tanglewood	-	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Waldoboro	FoodCorps Maine (Current) FoodCorps, Inc.	10	AmeriCorps State Formula
Wells	Phoenix 5 (September 13 - October 20, 2013) Nature Conservancy - Maine Chapter	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Wells	The Nature Conservancy in Maine (June 21 - July 9, 2013) Nature Conservancy - Maine Chapter	-	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Wells	Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve (May 6 - May 31, 2013) Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve	7	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects

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.  
The city column refers to the location of the sponsor organization. AmeriCorps members may be serving in other locations than the city listed.

# Senior Corps in Maine



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	1,773	9
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	35	1

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Bangor	Penquis Community Action Program FGP (Current) Penquis Community Action Program	105	Foster Grandparent Program
Bangor	UMaine Center on Aging RSVP (Current) University of Maine System	200	RSVP
Orono	University of Maine Senior Companion Program (Current) University of Maine System	101	Senior Companion Program
Portland	Cumberland/York FGP (Current) The Opportunity Alliance	140	Foster Grandparent Program
Portland	Senior Companion Program (Completed) The Opportunity Alliance	35	Senior Companion Program
Portland	Senior Companion Program (Current) The Opportunity Alliance	34	Senior Companion Program
Presque Isle	Aroostook RSVP (Current) Aroostook Area Agency on Aging	413	RSVP
Rockland	Penquis RSVP (Current) Penquis Community Action Program	200	RSVP
Scarborough	RSVP of Southern Maine (Current) Southern Maine Agency on Aging	330	RSVP
Waterville	MaineGeneral RSVP (Current) MaineGeneral Community Care	250	RSVP

Note: The city column refers to the location of sponsor organization. Volunteers may be serving in other locations than the city listed.