



National Service in Mississippi



MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN MISSISSIPPI

More than 4,000 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in Mississippi. Serving at more than 510 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 \$16,920,000 to support Mississippi 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 \$2,760,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars.

AmeriCorps: This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 1,100 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across Mississippi. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Volunteer Mississippi, 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 13,000 Mississippi residents have served more than 29 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$52,060,000.

Senior Corps: More than 2,800 seniors in Mississippi 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 2,000 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 630 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 230 groups across Mississippi.

Social Innovation Fund: The Social Innovation Fund transforms lives and communities using limited federal investment as a catalyst to grow the impact of nonprofits with evidence of strong results. It harnesses the expertise of grantmaking intermediaries to identify, evaluate and expand effective nonprofits and engages funding partners to contribute nearly three dollars to every one federal dollar invested. As the Social Innovation Fund network grows programs that work in Mississippi, more people are able to overcome their most pressing challenges in the areas of economic opportunity, health, and youth development. The Social Innovation Fund is investing \$120,000 in expanding the impact of 1 nonprofit in Mississippi.

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 or Serve.gov or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

Mississippi At a Glance

	Projects	Service Locations	Participants ¹	Education Scholarships ²	Program Funding
AmeriCorps					
AmeriCorps National	5	73	354	\$1,890,935	\$398,027 ³
AmeriCorps NCCC Campus	-	-	160	\$903,200	\$4,133,189 ⁴
AmeriCorps State Competitive	4	22	133	\$421,463	\$747,577
AmeriCorps State Formula	7	72	448	\$1,274,665	\$1,793,173
AmeriCorps VISTA	12	36	57	\$319,390	\$914,109
AMERICORPS TOTAL	28	203	1,152	\$4,809,653	\$7,986,075
Senior Corps					
Foster Grandparent Program	6	61	627	-	\$2,021,565
RSVP	9	231	2,026	-	\$474,261
Senior Companion Program	3	21	218	-	\$654,569
SENIOR CORPS TOTAL	18	313	2,871	-	\$3,150,395
Social Innovation Fund					
Nonprofit Subgrantees	1	-	-	-	\$121,500
SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND TOTAL	1	-	-	-	\$121,500
Other Funding					
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$209,515
Volunteer Generation Fund	2	-	-	-	\$648,000
OTHER FUNDING TOTAL	3	-	-	-	\$857,515
PROGRAM TOTALS	50	516⁵	4,023	\$4,809,653	\$12,115,485
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)					\$16,925,138
TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)					\$2,763,165 ⁶
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT					\$19,688,303

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 Mississippi. 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.
- Mississippi is home to the Southwest Region campus of AmeriCorps NCCC, located in Vicksburg. Members based at this campus perform service projects throughout Mississippi and AL, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, and WV.
- 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.



Since 1994, more than 13,000 Mississippi residents have served more than 29 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$52,060,000.

National Service Impact in Mississippi

AmeriCorps

The Project LINC AmeriCorps program has been a vital link for individuals wanting to move from long-term nursing care and other institutions into the community. Twenty Project LINC AmeriCorps members, at 6 LIFE offices throughout Mississippi, assisted institutionalized individuals with identifying goals and strategies for living independently. More than 25 individuals transitioned from institutions and returned to living independently in their community. Post-transition, AmeriCorps members continue providing support services and skills training, empowering them to lead self-directed, independent and productive lives in the community. LINC AmeriCorps members also provided life skills training to 1,132 individuals with disabilities and their family members, which enabled them to remain living independently in their own community.

AmeriCorps NCCC

The Central Mississippi Residential Center had several projects for AmeriCorps NCCC team River 6 to complete. The team completed landscaping projects to improve the grounds, including leading volunteers in tree planting. Corps members also educated area students in financial responsibilities, such as balancing a checkbook. Interactions with team members served as therapy for the residents as they prepare to re-enter the outside world. Team members received certification in Mental Health First Aid.

AmeriCorps VISTA

The North Mississippi AmeriCorps VISTA Project at the University of Mississippi partners with nonprofits and schools to fight poverty through education. Today there are 18 VISTA members serving 23 counties in northern Mississippi. In 2012, VISTA members raised more than \$90,000 in grants and donations. They have recruited volunteers, built and refined assessments, and created new programs serving low-income children and adults. Through their efforts, more children have access to literacy programs, art instruction, health lessons, and college preparedness and success programs. VISTA activities have been front and center in fundraising campaigns, which have resulted in a \$600,000 gift to create the McLean Institute for Public Service and Community Engagement. This institute works to find practicable solutions to Mississippi's poverty-related problems.

Senior Corps

Lafayette County RSVP volunteers provide tax preparation and e-filing assistance to elderly and low-income persons through the AARP Tax Aide Program. In 2012, 193 individuals had their state and federal taxes prepared and filed electronically with the assistance of four RSVP tax aide volunteers. These specially trained volunteers provided 541 hours of service at no charge to the individuals needing their taxes filed. In Oxford and Lafayette County, the average cost for having your taxes prepared by an accountant or other tax service is a minimum of \$100, a cost that these individuals cannot afford. This is an invaluable service that is done in a very short time, but one that many elderly and low-income individuals depend on each year.

Social Innovation Fund

The Delta Workforce Funding Collaborative serves a rural, 14- county region along the northwestern Mississippi Delta and has been awarded \$300,000 over two years by Social Innovation Fund intermediary Jobs for the Future. They will match their award dollar-for-dollar with nonfederal funds. The Collaborative will work to support a variety of jobseeker services from career navigation to literacy and contextualized employability training. It will also support employers through skill needs assessments, career pathway development, and jobseeker screening focusing on the health care and manufacturing sectors. The Delta Workforce Funding Collaborative will provide services to 500 job seekers and will enroll 275 in training and education. Of these 215 will receive industry-recognized credentials and 238 will obtain jobs. It will also provide services to 125 incumbent workers and enroll all of them in training/education, leading to wage increases for 65, promotions for 13, and industry-recognized credentials for 90.

AmeriCorps in Mississippi



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	1,152	29
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	1,337	32

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Bay Saint Louis	Support Weatherization Projects for Low-Income Families (May 21 - July 30, 2013) Habitat for Humanity - Bay-Waveland Area	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Belden	MCC VISTA Career Connect (Current) Mississippi Corridor Consortium - Itawamba Community College	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Biloxi	Diocese of Biloxi (Current) University of Notre Dame	13	AmeriCorps National
Biloxi	Mississippi Gulf Coast, Inc., HFH of the (Current) Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.	22	AmeriCorps National
Biloxi	Support Finishing Work for Eight Homes and Conduct Survey (May 21 - July 8, 2013) Hope Community Development Agency	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Bolton	Biomass Conservation Exploratory (Completed) Town of Bolton Development Corporation	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Brooksville	Support Disaster Mitigation Efforts Through Prescribed Burning Efforts (March 18 - April 15, 2013) Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Cleveland	Mississippi Delta Service Corps/AmeriCorps*VISTA (Current) Center for Community Development, Delta State University	8	AmeriCorps VISTA
Columbus	Lowndes County "Healthy Living Initiative" (Current) Columbus Arts Council	10	AmeriCorps VISTA
Gautier	SCA Mississippi (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	18	AmeriCorps National
Greenwood	Construct and Renovate Portions of the Yazoo River Trail (October 24 - December 3, 2013) City of Greenwood	7	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Grenada	The Grenada School District AmeriCorps Program (Current) Grenada School District	29	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Gulfport	Building Capacity to End Poverty (Completed) United Way of South Mississippi	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Gulfport	Impact 2014 (Current) Boys and Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast	19	AmeriCorps State Formula
Gulfport	Workforce Training Institute AmeriCorps Gulf Coast (Current) Climb Community Development Corporation	69	AmeriCorps State Formula
Hattiesburg	Campus Link AmeriCorps (Completed) University of Southern Mississippi	65	AmeriCorps State Formula
Hattiesburg	Campus Link AmeriCorps Program (Current) University of Southern Mississippi	90	AmeriCorps State Formula
Hattiesburg	Staff a Volunteer Recovery Center and Conduct Neighborhood Need Assessments (March 12 - April 15, 2013) R3SM	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Hattiesburg	TRIAD AmeriCorps (Completed) University of Southern Mississippi	20	AmeriCorps State Formula
Jackson	1 Campus 1 Community (Current) Millsaps College	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Jackson	America Reads -Mississippi (Current) Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning	192	AmeriCorps State Formula
Jackson	America Reads-Mississippi (Completed) Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning	358	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Jackson	American Red Cross Capacity Project (Current) American Red Cross of Mississippi	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Jackson	AmeriCorps Capital City Rebuilds (Current) City of Jackson	20	AmeriCorps State Formula
Jackson	Conduct Beautification and Improvement Projects at Historic Sites (November 15 - December 4, 2013) Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH)	7	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Jackson	Diocese of Jackson (Completed) University of Notre Dame	3	AmeriCorps National

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Jackson	FoodCorps Mississippi (Current) FoodCorps, Inc.	10	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Jackson	Genesis & Light's Educational Assistance Mentoring Project (Current) Genesis and Light Center	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Jackson	Linking Individuals into Neighborhoods and Communities (Current) Living Independence For Everyone, Inc.	20	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Jackson	Metro Jackson, HFH (Completed) Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Jackson	Mississippi Industries for the Blind Foundation (Completed) MIB Foundation for the Blind and Visually Impaired	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Jackson	Mississippi Roadmap to Health Equity (Completed) FoodCorps, Inc.	7	AmeriCorps National
Jackson	Playworks Mississippi (Completed) Playworks Education Energized	5	AmeriCorps State Formula
Jackson	PRIYDE Fellow Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Network (Completed) PERICO Institute for Youth Development and Entrepreneurship	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Jackson	Support Troubled Youngsters While Conducting Repairs to Day School (March 12 - May 13, 2013) Mississippi Children's Home Services	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Jackson	Verify Database Information Provide Database Training and Conduct Outreach (August 20 - September 3, 2013) Disability Rights Mississippi	7	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Jackson	Veterans Planning Grant (Completed) Northtown CDC	-	AmeriCorps State Formula
Jackson	Veterans serving our Military Community (Current) Northtown CDC	20	AmeriCorps State Formula
Jackson	VISTA - Mississippi Senior Needs Project (Current) Division of Aging & Adult Service1	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Mayhew	Support Beautification Projects for a Public Community College (May 21 - June 9, 2013) East Mississippi Community College	-	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Mississippi State Univers	Maroon Volunteer Center (Current) Mississippi State University	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Ocean Springs	SCA AmeriCorps National Direct Mississippi (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Oxford	Teach For America - Mississippi (Current) Teach For America	301	AmeriCorps National
Oxford	Teach For America - Mississippi Delta (Completed) Teach For America	524	AmeriCorps National
Picayune	DOT USA TeachUp! (Completed) Digital Opportunity Trust USA	-	AmeriCorps National
Picayune	TeachUp! Mississippi (Completed) Digital Opportunity Trust USA	219	AmeriCorps National
Purvis	Hattiesburg, MS Community Relations (February 21 - March 23, 2013) FEMA- Joint Field Office- Purvis, MS	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Purvis	Hattiesburg, MS Logistics (February 25 - March 23, 2013) FEMA- Joint Field Office- Purvis, MS	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Purvis	Mississippi JFO Logistics (DR-4101-MS) (May 13 - May 22, 2013) FEMA-Joint Field Office-Mississippi	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Ridgeland	COOL Education Project (Current) Scientific Research (SR1)	38	AmeriCorps State Formula
Rolling Fork	Support Beautification Projects Around the City of Rolling Fork (November 16 - December 4, 2013) City of Rolling Fork	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Scooba	Support Beautification Projects for a Public Community College (May 21 - June 9, 2013) East Mississippi Community College	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Starkville	Veterans & Low-Income Outreach Program (Current) Oktibbeha/Starkville Emergency Response Volunteer Services	3	AmeriCorps VISTA

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Tougaloo	Community Health Corps (Current) Tougaloo College	4	AmeriCorps VISTA
Tupelo	Participate in Prescribed Fire Implementation (October 24 - November 14, 2013) National Park Service Natchez Trace Parkway	6	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
University	North Mississippi VISTA Project at UM (Current) University of Mississippi	15	AmeriCorps VISTA
University	UM College Corps (Current) University of Mississippi	74	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Vancleave	Support Various Environmental Restoration Projects (June 13 - July 30, 2013) The Nature Conservancy- Vancleave, MS	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Vicksburg	Members at the Southwest Region campus of AmeriCorps NCCC perform service projects throughout MS, AL, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, and WV.	160	AmeriCorps NCCC Campus
Vicksburg	Support in a One Week Home Revitalization Blitz for Low Income Families (June 14 - June 27, 2013) Service Over Self	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Whitfield	MSH Community Services Employment Program (Current) Mississippi State Hospital	2	AmeriCorps VISTA

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.
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Senior Corps in Mississippi



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	2,871	18
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	1,533	6

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Clarksdale	Coahoma Opportunities RSVP (Current) Coahoma Opportunities Inc.	364	RSVP
Columbus	Lowndes County RSVP (Completed) Lowndes County Council On Aging Inc.	160	RSVP
Ellisville	Foster Grandparent Program of the Pine Belt (Current) Laurel-Jones County Council on Aging	168	Foster Grandparent Program
Gulfport	Harrison County RSVP (Completed) Harrison County Human Resource Agency	250	RSVP
Gulfport	Harrison County RSVP (Current) Harrison County Human Resource Agency	250	RSVP
Gulfport	Harrison County Senior Companion Program (Current) Harrison County Human Resource Agency	61	Senior Companion Program
Hattiesburg	FGP of Hattiesburg Area (Current) Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District, Inc.	50	Foster Grandparent Program
Indianola	Sunflower/Humphreys/Bolivar Counties SCP (Current) Sunflower-Humphreys Counties Progress, Inc.	101	Senior Companion Program
Jackson	MDHS/Jackson County Senior Companion Program (Current) Division of Aging & Adult Service1	56	Senior Companion Program
Jackson	RSVP of Hinds, Madison and Rankin Counties (Current) Hinds County Human Resource Agency	145	RSVP
Kosciusko	Attala County RSVP (Completed) City of Kosciusko	200	RSVP
Kosciusko	Attala County RSVP (Current) City of Kosciusko	207	RSVP
Laurel	Laurel-Jones County RSVP (Current) Laurel-Jones County Council on Aging	160	RSVP
Meridian	Lauderdale County Foster Grandparent Program (Current) Multi-County Community Service Agency	143	Foster Grandparent Program
Meridian	RSVP Meridian/Lauderdale County (Current) United Way of East Mississippi	187	RSVP
Natchez	RSVP Adams Co (Current) City of Natchez	286	RSVP
Natchez	RSVP Adams County (Completed) City of Natchez	363	RSVP
Oxford	Lafayette County FGP (Completed) Oxford/Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce	130	Foster Grandparent Program
Oxford	Lafayette County Foster Grandparent Program (Current) Oxford/Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce	122	Foster Grandparent Program
Oxford	Lafayette County RSVP (Current) Oxford Park Commission	212	RSVP
Tupelo	Lee County RSVP (Completed) Lift Inc.	430	RSVP
Waveland	Hancock County RSVP (Current) City of Waveland1	215	RSVP
Whitfield	FGP of the Capital Area (Current) Mental Health Association of the Capital Area	99	Foster Grandparent Program
Yazoo City	Yazoo County Foster Grandparent Program (Current) Yazoo County Board of Supervisors	45	Foster Grandparent Program

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

Nonprofit Subgrantees in Mississippi

Program HQ Location	Nonprofit Subgrantee Name <i>Intermediary</i>	Description
Jackson, MS	Delta Workforce Funding Collaborative/Foundation for Mid-South Jobs for the Future, Inc.	The Delta Workforce Funding Collaborative is providing services to 500 job seekers and 125 incumbent workers, including training and education in health care and manufacturing trades.