



National Service in Puerto Rico



MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN PUERTO RICO

More than 1,900 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in Puerto Rico. Serving at more than 120 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 \$7,380,000 to support Puerto Rico 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 \$2,070,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars.

AmeriCorps: This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 240 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across Puerto Rico. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Puerto Rico's Commission for Volunteerism and 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 5,200 Puerto Rico residents have served more than 11 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$15,300,000.

Senior Corps: More than 1,700 seniors in Puerto Rico 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 1,000 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 11 groups across Puerto Rico.

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.

Puerto Rico At a Glance

	Projects	Service Locations	Participants ¹	Education Scholarships ²	Program Funding
AmeriCorps					
AmeriCorps National	1	-	4	\$7,180	\$760 ³
AmeriCorps State Formula	10	15	152	\$602,761	\$1,442,504
AmeriCorps VISTA	14	16	89	\$494,045	\$1,427,293
AMERICORPS TOTAL	25	31	245	\$1,103,985	\$2,870,557
Senior Corps					
Foster Grandparent Program	4	57	602	-	\$1,659,632
RSVP	3	11	682	-	\$207,505
Senior Companion Program	5	24	444	-	\$1,339,818
SENIOR CORPS TOTAL	12	92	1,728	-	\$3,206,955
Other Funding					
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$200,000
OTHER FUNDING TOTAL	1	-	-	-	\$200,000
PROGRAM TOTALS	38	123⁴	1,973	\$1,103,985	\$6,277,512
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)					\$7,381,497
TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)					\$2,078,453 ⁵
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT					\$9,459,950

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 Puerto Rico. 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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AmeriCorps VISTA

ENLACE's mission is to coordinate and implement public policy regarding the rehabilitation of this economic disadvantaged area. This community social development organization serves approximately 30,000 people living in eight different communities located within the margins of the Caño Martín Peña. Since 2011, ENLACE has worked with 10 AmeriCorps VISTAs in different areas. VISTAs secured three grants totaling \$90,000, impacting environmental and public health issues, and the protection and restoration of el caño itself. VISTAs helped create community gardens, rescued vacant lots, created working committees for the proposed rehabilitation of structures, and secured computers, books, and other materials for a youth program.

Senior Corps

The Foster Grandparent Program-Esperanza para La Vejez has been in existence for more than 45 years. It currently supports 175 Foster Grandparents, who provide guidance and attention to children, especially those with special needs and early childhood development issues. They fill the void for these children, who may otherwise be deprived of a normal relationship at home. During the 2011-12 school year, Foster Grandparents volunteered more than 184,736 hours at 25 volunteer sites assisting children in correcting social and behavioral difficulties, and helping them to adjust to classroom activities and daily live chores. These children are nurtured, guided, and supported in order to succeed in school, and in turn these same skills help them build social capital that otherwise might not be available at home or around their community.

AmeriCorps in Puerto Rico



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	245	25
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	108	18

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Aguada	Aguada's AmeriCorps in Action (Current) Municipio de Aguada	33	AmeriCorps State Formula
Aguada	AmeriCorps Stregthening Rays of Hope Project (Completed) Programa De Apoyo y Enlace Comunitario, Inc.	11	AmeriCorps State Formula
Aguada	Programa de Apoyo y Enlace Comunitario, Inc. (Completed) Programa De Apoyo y Enlace Comunitario, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Aguada	VISTA- PAEC (Current) Programa De Apoyo y Enlace Comunitario, Inc.	8	AmeriCorps VISTA
Arecibo	American Cancer Society of P.R. (Current) American Cancer Society	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Arecibo	CSJ AmeriCorps Program (Current) Centro de Servicios a la Juventud, Inc	10	AmeriCorps State Formula
Caguas	Caguas Disaster Services AmeriCorps Project (Current) Municipality of Caguas-Self Help & Community Development	4	AmeriCorps State Formula
Caguas	Caguas Sustainable Food Initiative (Current) Municipality of Caguas - Strategic Planning Unit	5	AmeriCorps VISTA
Catano	Asociacion Pro Juventud y Com Bo Palmas (Current) Asociacion Pro Juventud y Comunidad del Barrio Palmas	12	AmeriCorps State Formula
Cidra	COSSMA (Completed) National Association of Community Health Centers, Inc.	8	AmeriCorps National
Cupey	VIDAS Servicios Sociales Episcopales (Completed) VIDAS Servicios Sociales Episcopales	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Guaynabo	Puerto Rico Youth At Risk, Inc. (Completed) Puerto Rico Youth At Risk, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Gurabo	SUAGM: UT Job Development and UNE CTC Initiatives (Current) Sistema Universitario Ana G. Mendez, Inc.	10	AmeriCorps VISTA
Hatillo	Centro de Integracion e Intervencion Paso a Paso (Current) Centro de Intervencion e Integracion Paso a Paso, Inc.	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Loiza	Evaluation Program (Completed) Taller Salud, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Loíza	Teaching Support Program (Completed) CENTRO ESPERANZA, INCORPORADO	3	AmeriCorps State Formula
Mayaguez	CHIPE -Community in Harmony Integrating People & Environment (Current) Municipio de Mayaguez	30	AmeriCorps State Formula
Mayaguez	Mayaguez Children's Library (Completed) Mayaguez Children's Library	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Ponce	Ponce NHS Capacity and Community Building (Completed) Ponce Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Ponce	Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico (Completed) Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Ponce	VISTA Health Service Campaign (Current) Consejo de Salud de Puerto Rico	5	AmeriCorps VISTA
Sabana Seca	Niños de Nueva Esperanza (Current) Niños de Nueva Esperanza Inc	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
San Juan	AmeriCorps VISTA Pathways Out of Poverty Program (Current) Fundacion Sila M. Calderon	8	AmeriCorps VISTA
San Juan	Cantera Capitals (Current) Cantera Peninsula Project	20	AmeriCorps State Formula
San Juan	Cantera Social Response (Completed) Cantera Peninsula Project	30	AmeriCorps State Formula
San Juan	Centro para Puerto Rico (Completed) Fundacion Sila M. Calderon	10	AmeriCorps State Formula
San Juan	Economic Opportunities for Low Income Communities in PR (Current) Instituto Socio-Economico Comunitario (INSEC), Inc.	10	AmeriCorps VISTA



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San Juan	Environmental Stewardship as a Tool for Social Change (Current) Corporacion del Proyecto ENLACE del Cano Martin Pena	12	AmeriCorps State Formula
San Juan	Iniciativa Comunitaria AmeriCorps Project (Completed) Iniciativa Comunitaria de Investigacion, Inc.	8	AmeriCorps State Formula
San Juan	Meeting Intellectual Disability Social & Recreational Needs (Completed) Instituto Psicopedagogico de PR	15	AmeriCorps State Formula
San Juan	Nature for People; People for Nature (Current) Puerto Rico Conservation Trust Fund	5	AmeriCorps State Formula
San Juan	Productive and Social Engagement Project (Current) Instituto Psicopedagogico de PR	16	AmeriCorps State Formula
San Juan	Programa de Voluntarios (Current) The Salvation Army	9	AmeriCorps VISTA
San Juan	Puerto Rico Youth At Risk, Inc. (Current) Puerto Rico Youth At Risk, Inc.	7	AmeriCorps VISTA
San Juan	Re-ACE (Completed) Red de Ayuda Comunal de Emergencias, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
San Juan	Restoring the Caño (Current) Corporacion del Proyecto ENLACE del Cano Martin Pena	9	AmeriCorps VISTA
San Juan	SCA Puerto Rico (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	4	AmeriCorps National
San Juan	SMCF AMERICORPS CAPACITY BLDG. PROGRAM (Current) Fundacion Sila M. Calderon	10	AmeriCorps State Formula
San Juan	University of Sacred Heart (Completed) Tufts University/MA Campus Compact	23	AmeriCorps National
San Juan	University of the Sacred Heart (Completed) University of the Sacred Heart	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
San Juan	University of the Sacred Heart VISTA Project (Current) University of the Sacred Heart	4	AmeriCorps VISTA
Utuaado	Strengthening Community Leadership Skills (Completed) Path Stone Corporation	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Yabucoa	Coalition Pro-Homeless of the Eastern Area of Puerto Rico (Current) Coalition Pro-Homeless of the Eastern Area	10	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 Puerto Rico



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	1,728	12
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	0	0

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Bayamon	Hope for the Aged FGP (Current) Hope for the Aged Inc.	246	Foster Grandparent Program
Caguas	Senior Companion Program / Programa Amigos Acompañantes (Current) Central Region Board on Elderly Affairs	63	Senior Companion Program
Cayey	Cayey FGP (Current) Corp Reg De Guayama De Srvs Comunidad	104	Foster Grandparent Program
Juncos	Senior Companion Program -Juncos (Current) Hope for the Aged Inc.	84	Senior Companion Program
Mercedita	Consejo de Salud de Puerto Rico, Inc. (Current) Consejo de Salud de Puerto Rico	53	Senior Companion Program
San Juan	Alzheimer's SCP (Current) Puerto Rico Office of the Ombudsman for the Elderly	133	Senior Companion Program
San Juan	Municipality of San Juan FGP (Current) Municipality of San Juan	141	Foster Grandparent Program
San Juan	OPPTE-Ponce's FGP (Current) PR Office of the Ombudsman for the Retirees and the Elderly (OPPTE)	111	Foster Grandparent Program
San Juan	RSVP Admin for Families & Children (Current) Admin. for Families & Children-Dept. of Family	305	RSVP
San Juan	RSVP Municipality of San Juan (Current) Municipality of San Juan	175	RSVP
San Juan	SCP San Juan (Current) Board of Community Service-Hope for the Aged Inc.	111	Senior Companion Program
Yabucoa	Corporacion Gericola RSVP (Current) Gericulture Corp. Humacao Region	202	RSVP

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