



National Service in Vermont



MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN VERMONT

More than 2,900 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in Vermont. 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 \$5,630,000 to support Vermont 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 \$2,860,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars.

AmeriCorps: This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 430 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across Vermont. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the SerVermont, 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 4,400 Vermont residents have served more than 6.6 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$14,940,000.

Senior Corps: More than 2,500 seniors in Vermont 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 1,600 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 330 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 380 groups across Vermont.

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 Vermont, 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 \$100,000 in expanding the impact of 1 nonprofit in Vermont.

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.

Vermont At a Glance

AmeriCorps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants ¹	Education Scholarships ²	Program Funding
AmeriCorps National	10	8	271	\$678,911	\$523,485 ³
AmeriCorps State Competitive	2	37	58	\$280,921	\$629,809
AmeriCorps State Formula	2	23	69	\$263,538	\$599,903
AmeriCorps VISTA	2	43	41	\$227,645	\$657,517
AMERICORPS TOTAL	16	111	439	\$1,451,015	\$2,410,714
Senior Corps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	2	22	136	-	\$495,155
RSVP	5	382	2,303	-	\$609,201
Senior Companion Program	1	-	95	-	\$296,474
SENIOR CORPS TOTAL	8	404	2,534	-	\$1,400,830
Social Innovation Fund	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Nonprofit Subgrantees	1	-	-	-	\$100,100
SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND TOTAL	1	-	-	-	\$100,100
Other Funding	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Disability Outreach	1	-	-	-	\$70,533
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$200,000
OTHER FUNDING TOTAL	2	-	-	-	\$270,533
PROGRAM TOTALS	27	515⁴	2,973	\$1,451,015	\$4,182,177
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)					\$5,633,192
TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)					\$2,869,561 ⁵
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT					\$8,502,753

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 Vermont. 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

Vermont Youth Development Corps places AmeriCorps members at youth organizations that offer positive skill-building opportunities for youth. AmeriCorps members provide social, recreational, cultural, and service programs for youth, who are included as partners and leaders. VYDC members develop solid community support systems for military and veteran families, create effective youth programs that promote health and civic engagement; and build the capacity of organizations to sustain these programs. In 2013, Vermont Youth Development Corps AmeriCorps members managed 565 volunteers providing 3,716 hours, raised \$44,489 in cash and \$34,434 in-kind, and forged more than 200 approaches to support active duty military and veteran families. Nearly 800 children and youth were engaged in physical education activities, reducing childhood obesity.

AmeriCorps NCCC

The mission of the Vermont State Park system is to conserve and interpret their natural, cultural, historic and scenic heritage on behalf of the people of Vermont, all while providing recreational opportunities and economic benefit. An AmeriCorps NCCC team constructed a 600-foot long fence to border the nature center and pavilion areas at Coolidge State Park. This project was significant since the fence followed the design of an original Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) fence, matching the character of the CCC-constructed park. AmeriCorps NCCC members also renovated three houses and refurbished 14 campsites.

AmeriCorps VISTA

Vermont Youth Tomorrow (VYT) places 30 AmeriCorps VISTAs at organizations serving low-income youth throughout the state. VYT AmeriCorps VISTAs mobilize resources to help youth succeed in school, develop job skills, and adopt healthy habits. VYT also promotes initiatives for youth in military families. AmeriCorps VISTAs managed 1,281 volunteers providing 25,382 hours, raised \$522,396 and forged 173 community collaborations. VISTA members implemented nutrition, exercise, tutoring, mentoring, job skills, education, and housing programs benefiting 11,382 youth directly and 51,233 indirectly. More than 1,000 low-income youth received employment training, 1,370 received housing assistance, 1,479 received free healthy meals, and more than 1,500 had nutritional counseling. Of those served in 2012, 1,338 were military youth or family members.

Senior Corps

According to the National Osteoporosis Foundation, 21,500 Vermont adults aged 50 and older have osteoporosis, a rate higher than the national average. The National Osteoporosis Foundation reports 90 percent of hip fractures are the result of falls, each estimated to cost \$90,000. Each year in Vermont, an estimated 470 people suffer hip fractures resulting in a cost of \$42,300,000. The Vermont RSVP Bone Builders project provides strength training and education to seniors statewide to prevent, reverse, and alleviate osteoporosis. This year, 326 RSVP volunteers from the state's RSVP programs served as exercise trainers serving 1,373 individuals at 94 sites resulting in a conservative health care savings of \$21,000,000. Functional capacity surveys show an average of 86 percent increases in the areas of strength, balance, flexibility, and DXA bone density testing confirmed these positive results.

Social Innovation Fund

Champlain Housing Trust (CHT) is one of the oldest and largest community land trusts in the country, with over 500 limited equity homes in its portfolio. They were selected by Social Innovation Fund (SIF) intermediary NCB Capital Impact to receive an initial subgrant of \$130,000 per year, which they will match dollar-for-dollar. With SIF support, CHT anticipates adding another 42 new shared equity units over the next five years and managing the resale of 15 to 30 homes per year. Measureable outcomes include creating new capital sources, developing a statewide database of affordable homes and model stewardship tools, expanding partnerships to increase production of permanently affordable homes, making progress towards equitable and consistent property taxation for owners of CLT homes, and developing documentation to facilitate replication by other agencies. CHT has a well-demonstrated ability to do long-term evaluation of its portfolio and is a national leader in this effort.

AmeriCorps in Vermont



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	439	16
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	68	4

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Barre	Neighbor to Neighbor (Completed) Central Vermont Council on Aging	18	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Brattleboro	Southeast Vermont Irene Long Term Recovery Committee (April 29 - May 31, 2013) Southeast Vermont Irene Long Term Recovery Committee	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Burlington	CEDOs We All Belong AmeriCorps State Program (Current) Community And Economic Development Office	26	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Burlington	YouthBuild Burlington, VT (Current) YouthBuild USA, Inc	93	AmeriCorps National
Hardwick	Camphill VT (Current) Camphill Association of North America, Inc.	12	AmeriCorps National
Hardwick	Heartbeet Lifesharing (Current) Camphill Association of North America, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Johnson	Johnson State Upward Bound (Completed) Goodwill Industries of Northern New England	14	AmeriCorps National
Lyndonville	Lyndon State College (Completed) Lyndon State College	28	AmeriCorps State Formula
Lyndonville	Northeast Kingdom Initiative (Current) Lyndon State College	44	AmeriCorps State Formula
Manchester Center	Digital Wish (Current) Goodwill Industries of Northern New England	3	AmeriCorps National
Montpelier	Vermont Housing and Conservation Board AmeriCorps (Current) Vermont Housing and Conservation Board	32	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Montpelier	Vermont Youth Development Corps (Current) Washington County Youth Service Bureau / Boys and Girls Club	25	AmeriCorps State Formula
Montpelier	VT Youth Tomorrow A*VISTA Program (Current) Washington County Youth Service Bureau / Boys and Girls Club	26	AmeriCorps VISTA
Orleans	Lake Region Union High School (Current) Goodwill Industries of Northern New England	2	AmeriCorps National
Richmond	OYSI - Vermont Youth CC (Current) The Corps Network	28	AmeriCorps National
Richmond	Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (Current) The Corps Network	67	AmeriCorps National
Waterbury	Vermont Umbrella VISTA Project (Current) Vermont Commission on National and Community Service	15	AmeriCorps VISTA
Waterbury Center	Green Mountain Club (Current) The Corps Network	37	AmeriCorps National
White River Junction	White River Junction VA Medical Center (Current) Partners in Care Foundation	6	AmeriCorps National
Woodstock	SCA Vermont (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	23	AmeriCorps National

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 Vermont



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	2,534	8
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	0	0

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Barre	Central Vermont & Northeast Kingdom RSVP (Current) Central Vermont Council on Aging	430	RSVP
Barre	Vermont SCP (Current) Central Vermont Council on Aging	95	Senior Companion Program
Bennington	Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center (Current) Green Mountain Community Network, Inc.	600	RSVP
Rutland	Green Mountain FGP (Current) Rutland Community Programs Inc.	90	Foster Grandparent Program
Rutland	RSVP Rutland/Addison County (Current) Rutland Community Programs Inc.	500	RSVP
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South Burlington	Tri-County FGP (Current) United Way of Chittenden County (VT)	46	Foster Grandparent Program
South Burlington	United Way of Chittenden County RSVP (Current) United Way of Chittenden County (VT)	273	RSVP

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 Vermont

Program HQ Location	Nonprofit Subgrantee Name	
	Intermediary	Description
Burlington, VT	Champlain Housing Trust NCB Capital Impact	Champlain Housing Trust (CHT) is one of the oldest and largest community land trusts in the country, with over 500 limited equity homes in its portfolio. CHT anticipates adding another 42 new shared equity units over the next 5 years and managing the resale of 15 to 30 homes per year Champlain Housing Trust is building capacity for post-purchase stewardship, exploring options for expanded partnerships to add homes to its portfolio, and developing a suite of best practices and tools for Community Land Trusts.