



National Service in Idaho



MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN IDAHO

More than 4,400 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in Idaho. Serving at more than 240 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 \$5,960,000 to support Idaho 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 \$1,750,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars.

AmeriCorps: This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 210 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across Idaho. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Serve Idaho, 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 5,100 Idaho residents have served more than 7.6 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$15,790,000.

Senior Corps: More than 4,200 seniors in Idaho 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 1,800 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 1,100 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 64 groups across Idaho.

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.

AmeriCorps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants ¹	Education Scholarships ²	Program Funding
AmeriCorps National	4	17	51	\$407,828	\$371,634 ³
AmeriCorps State Competitive	1	-	30	\$107,255	\$248,291
AmeriCorps State Formula	4	29	78	\$240,196	\$524,141
AmeriCorps VISTA	13	33	55	\$313,195	\$894,850
AMERICORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	22	79	214	\$1,068,474	\$2,038,916
Senior Corps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	4	93	378	-	\$1,233,961
RSVP	11	64	3,716	-	\$869,946
Senior Companion Program	2	13	167	-	\$538,061
SENIOR CORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	17	170	4,261	-	\$2,641,968
Other Funding	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$214,484
OTHER FUNDING TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	1	-	-	-	\$214,484
PROGRAM TOTALS	40	249 ⁴	4,475	\$1,068,474	\$4,895,368
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)					\$5,963,842
TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)					\$1,758,586 ⁵
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT					\$7,722,429

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 2014 - 2015 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 Idaho. 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 State

The Idaho Department of Labor Veterans Serving Veterans program engages military veterans as AmeriCorps members to assist returning veterans in southwestern Idaho with employment services such as resume help and job search assistance. They also are creating a veterans' service directory, making referrals to other agencies, and working on community service projects. AmeriCorps member Mike Storm was recognized for his contributions at a recent Boise State University football game.

AmeriCorps member Amanda Argona serving with the Idaho Healthcare for Children and Families AmeriCorps Program is partnering with the University of Idaho Sustainability Center and Campus dietician to provide college students with tips and tools to live a healthy lifestyle. She has assisted the program in teaching students how to food shop on a budget, and how to cook healthy low cost meals.

AmeriCorps VISTA

AmeriCorps VISTA members helped bring about some major accomplishments at the STEP UP Educational Center, a volunteer-run program at Corpus Christi House, a daytime homeless shelter in Boise. The Center assists clients with furthering their education and finding employment. VISTAs strengthened programming by starting a resume writing and interview preparation curriculum and mobilized community volunteers to help clients navigate the Internet, create email accounts, apply for jobs, and write resumes. With VISTA support, the Center now helps clients with interview skills and connects them with resources, such as professional attire and transportation. VISTAs also contributed to sustainability efforts by securing a \$25,000 donation for the STEP UP Center. In 2014, 12 STEP UP participants secured permanent employment and 46 students earn their GED. Five of the GED-recipients currently attend college and continue to receive tutoring and support from the STEP UP Program.

The Idaho Food bank places AmeriCorps VISTA members around the state, where they to help the food bank meet the needs of feed hungry Idahoans. VISTA members cultivate new partnerships; generate funds; set up USDA food compliance policies; and increase attendance to the Cooking Matters, a cooking-based nutrition education program. Through the Cooking Matters, individuals that receive food boxes from local pantries, attend classes to learn how to cook nutritious meals using the items obtained at the food bank. VISTA members recruit volunteer culinary instructors and nutrition experts to classes throughout Idaho. They also coordinate classes, obtain donations, and help expand the program to serve more people in need. The Idaho Food Bank also manages a robust and collaborative VISTA Summer Associate program. Working with the Idaho Commission on Libraries, the food bank placed 25 VISTA Summer Associates at the summer feeding program, Picnic in the Park. In the 10-week program, Summer Associates helped serve 56,036 meals at 27 locations to 1,397 children each week. More than 9,000 children with limited access to reading materials received 3,546 books at 49 library outreach sites.

AmeriCorps NCCC

The mission of the Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council (SSC) is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. An AmeriCorps NCCC team served with the Girl Scouts of SSC, where they worked on camp infrastructure projects at their Camp Alice Pittenger in McCall, Idaho. At the camp, the team removed old flooring from the dining lodge and installed new flooring. The team built 15 kayak racks, over thirty tables, a deck measuring 846 square feet and refurbished a total of nine campsites. Additional tasks that the team completed include grinding 120 square feet of a cement patio, fitting 20 electrical sockets in the dining lodge, and maintaining a ropes course by leveling the ground. The team also repaired three environmental education facilities through these activities. The team also spent time in Boise, Idaho serving at the Girl Scouts Administrative Office. At the administrative office in Boise, corps members cleared 500 pounds of brush, planted a dozen plants, and painted a storage shed. The team was also able to write a manual detailing the camp's opening procedures for use by future AmeriCorps NCCC teams.

An AmeriCorps NCCC team served with Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho, through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), a program of the Internal Revenue Service, which is a major federal anti-poverty program supporting the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Program. This program offers direct financial support to low to moderate wage earners and is one of the most successful anti-poverty programs. The team performed outreach to spread awareness of the free tax sites, distributing over 1,500 flyers. Corps members completed 119 returns in three different communities; returning \$198,139 dollars back to tax payers. The team also served with United Way's Bank On initiative, a program developed to increase financial literacy for community members by teaching budgeting and smart money managing. Corps Members also did outreach via phone with thirteen non-profit organizations to introduce the Bank On initiative. The team also served at a Community Day with The Idaho Department of Fish and Game, where they recruited 75 volunteers to plant Sage brush and Bitter brush to repopulate the burnt hills with vegetation for wildlife.

Senior Corps Foster Grandparent Program

The Southeast Foster Grandparent Program in Blackfoot serves 16 rural and frontier counties in the southern region of Idaho. In spite of the isolated service area, the Foster Grandparent Program provides a significant service to both at risk youth and the "grandparents" who serve them. The program has 89 Foster Grandparents who serve 790 children. In the past year volunteers have provided 49,495 hours of service to elementary schools, the state hospital, and juvenile detention center. One young person residing at the juvenile detention center was about to be released and wrote the following letter, "Dear Grandpa and Grandma, Thank you so much for coming and being such a nice and loving persons to my group and me. Even though this is probably the last time I will see you, I will always remember and honor all the things you have taught me. I am so grateful to have had you be my grandma and grandpa. That is just one thing no one else could give me." The Foster Grandparents in Southeast Idaho are teaching life lessons and making impacts on the lives of children and youth each and every day.

Senior Corps RSVP

The Area Agency on Aging of North Idaho's RSVP program boasts a robust volunteer program that makes real impact in the communities it serves. Volunteers in Kootenai County alone have given 163,092 hours of service this year, which is equivalent to 79 years of full-time employment and has an economic impact of \$3.25 million. One of the program's volunteers, Catherine Owen of Silverton, received the Governor's Brightest Star award for her service through the RSVP program. Catherine volunteers to ensure that seniors residing in independent, assisted living and long-term care facilities have access to a friendly visitor on a regular basis. She reads and visits with seniors who do not have a family support system. Catherine is 99 years old and credits her longevity to helping other seniors as it gives her a sense of purpose.

Senior Corps Senior Companion Program

Senior Corps volunteers who serve with the Senior Companion Program make a real difference to individuals, nonprofits, and community organizations in southern Idaho. Senior Companion Donna Lamp is one of them. She has devoted more than 388 hours and driven more than 3,000 miles to help elderly residents in her community. Donna is assigned to eight elderly and homebound people in Buhl, Twin Falls, and surrounding communities and helps them shop for groceries or get to doctor's appointments. Pat Simmons of Twin Falls is one of Donna's clients. Besides getting where she needs to go, Simmons said, she enjoys just sitting and talking with Lamp. "I just enjoy her friendship," said Simmons, whose husband died in 2012. "I enjoy seeing her come to the door." The Senior Companion Program in southern Idaho has 28 volunteers and helps over 150 clients live with dignity in their own homes.



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of March 12, 2015)	214	22
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	68	13

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Bellevue	Blaine County Hunger Coalition (Current) Blaine County Hunger Coalition	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Blackfoot	SRJH/BCC Consortium (Current) Blackfoot Community Center	30	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Boise	Big Brothers Big Sisters of SW Idaho (Current) Big Brothers Big Sisters of SW Idaho	4	AmeriCorps VISTA
Boise	Camp Improvements (April 1 - May 23, 2014) Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Boise	Catholic Charities of Idaho (Completed) Catholic Charities of Idaho	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Boise	Community Based Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Initiative (Current) Idaho Children's Trust Fund	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Boise	Corpus Christi House STEP UP Program (Current) Corpus Christi House	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Boise	FACS Healthy Futures VISTA Project (Current) ID Dept of H & W - FACS - 211 NAVIGATION	8	AmeriCorps VISTA
Boise	Family Advocates Program, INC (Current) Family Advocates Program, INC	8	AmeriCorps VISTA
Boise	Family Programs Regional Information Acquisition (Current) Idaho National Guard - Family Programs	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Boise	Girl Scout In-School Programs and Volunteer Coordinator (Completed) Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Boise	Idaho (Current) Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest	4	AmeriCorps National
Boise	Idaho AmeriCorps KinCare Project (Current) ID Dept of H & W - FACS - 211 NAVIGATION	14	AmeriCorps State Formula
Boise	Idaho Commission for Libraries (Completed) Idaho Commission for Libraries	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Boise	Idaho Foodbank Community VISTA projects (Current) The Idaho Foodbank	5	AmeriCorps VISTA
Boise	Idaho State Department of Education (Completed) State Department of Education	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Boise	IDHW - 211/Navigation (Completed) ID Dept of H & W - FACS - 211 NAVIGATION	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Boise	Mountain States Group, Inc. (Completed) Mountain States Group Inc.	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Boise	Mountain States Group, Inc. (Current) University of Maryland Center on Aging	20	AmeriCorps National
Boise	SCA Idaho AmeriCorps (Completed) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	20	AmeriCorps State Formula
Boise	Veterans Serving Veterans AmeriCorps Program (Current) Idaho Department of Labor	12	AmeriCorps State Formula
Boise	VITA Tax Assistance (January 15 - March 21, 2014) Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Coeur d' Alene	Idaho Association of Area Agencies on Aging (Current) Idaho Association of Area Agencies on Aging	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Garden City	Cultivate Community Food Security in Idaho (Current) Sage Community Resources	6	AmeriCorps VISTA
Garden City	Idaho Hunger Relief Task Force (Completed) Sage Community Resources	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Hagerman	SCA Idaho (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	6	AmeriCorps National
hayden	Idaho Falls Area, HFH (Completed) Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.	1	AmeriCorps National



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Lewiston	Lewis Clark Service Corps (Current) Lewis-Clark State College	7	AmeriCorps VISTA
Lewiston	Lewis-Clark Service Corps (Completed) Lewis-Clark State College	30	AmeriCorps State Formula
Moscow	Idaho 4-H Youth Programs (Current) Idaho 4-H Youth Programs	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Moscow	Palouse-Clearwater Environmental AmeriCorps Program (Current) Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute	10	AmeriCorps State Formula
Nampa	Main Street Nampa (Completed) City of Nampa	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Pocatello	Idaho Healthcare for Children and Families (IHCF) AmeriCorps (Current) Idaho State University	42	AmeriCorps State Formula
Pocatello	Institute of Rural Health-Idaho State University (Current) National Association of Community Health Centers, Inc.	21	AmeriCorps National
Salmon	Food Insecurity in Lemhi County, Idaho (Current) Salmon Valley Stewardship	3	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 Idaho



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
CURRENT (as of March 12, 2015)	4,261	17
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	0	0

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Blackfoot	South East Idaho FGP (Current) FGP of South East Idaho, Inc.	144	Foster Grandparent Program
Boise	The Foster Grandparent Program of the Treasure Valley (Current) Mountain States Group Inc.	85	Foster Grandparent Program
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Boise	Treasure Valley R.S.V.P. (Current) Mountain States Group Inc.	391	RSVP
Boise	Treasure Valley R.S.V.P. (Current) Mountain States Group Inc.	420	RSVP
Coeur D Alene	North Idaho Area Agency on Aging R.S.V.P. (Current) North Idaho College Aging & Adult Services	400	RSVP
Coeur D Alene	North Idaho Area Agency on Aging R.S.V.P. (Current) North Idaho College Aging & Adult Services	491	RSVP
Hayden	SCP of North Idaho (Current) Panhandle Health District	122	Senior Companion Program
Idaho Falls	Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership (Current)	220	RSVP
Idaho Falls	RSVP of Eastern Idaho (Current) Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership	185	RSVP
Lewiston	RSVP of Southeast WA and North Central Idaho (Current) Washington-Idaho Volunteer Center, Inc.	274	RSVP
Lewiston	Washington-Idaho Volunteer Center RSVP (Current) Washington-Idaho Volunteer Center, Inc.	245	RSVP
Pocatello	SEICAA-RSVP (Current) Southeast ID Community Action Agency	345	RSVP
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Twin Falls	College of Southern Idaho FGP (Current) College of Southern Idaho	64	Foster Grandparent Program
Twin Falls	RSVP of the Magic Valley (Current) College of Southern Idaho	400	RSVP
Twin Falls	The College of Southern Idaho Senior Companion Program (Current) College of Southern Idaho	45	Senior Companion Program

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