



National Service in Montana



MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN MONTANA

More than 5,900 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in Montana. Serving at more than 860 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 \$10,180,000 to support Montana 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 \$6,360,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars.

AmeriCorps: This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 470 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across Montana. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Montana Commission on 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 8,800 Montana residents have served more than 8.5 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$20,020,000.

Senior Corps: More than 5,400 seniors in Montana 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 6,500 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 520 groups across Montana.

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 Montana, 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 more than \$180,000 in expanding the impact of 1 nonprofit in Montana.

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.

Montana At a Glance

AmeriCorps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants ¹	Education Scholarships ²	Program Funding
AmeriCorps National	2	26	30	\$350,781	\$277,912 ³
AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects	1	1	10	-	- ⁴
AmeriCorps State Competitive	3	26	297	\$1,020,431	\$2,266,126
AmeriCorps State Formula	4	41	48	\$270,960	\$626,000
AmeriCorps VISTA	4	74	85	\$483,055	\$1,382,950
AMERICORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	14	168	470	\$2,125,227	\$4,552,988
Senior Corps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	5	126	368	-	\$1,116,264
RSVP	14	524	4,870	-	\$1,175,948
Senior Companion Program	3	48	241	-	\$781,228
SENIOR CORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	22	698	5,479	-	\$3,073,440
Social Innovation Fund	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Nonprofit Subgrantees	1	-	-	-	\$186,152
SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	1	-	-	-	\$186,152
Other Funding	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$250,000
OTHER FUNDING TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	1	-	-	-	\$250,000
PROGRAM TOTALS	38	866 ⁵	5,949	\$2,125,227	\$8,062,580
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)					\$10,187,807
TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)					\$6,362,777 ⁶
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT					\$16,550,583

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 Montana. 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.
- Montana is served by the AmeriCorps NCCC campus located in McClellan, California. In the past year, AmeriCorps NCCC teams have served on projects in Butte, Virginia City, Great Falls, Kalispell, Billings, Roundup.
- 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 Montana Conservation Corps (MCC) continues to serve as a cost-effective program that makes a significant impact on Montana-specific community needs. A total of 245 AmeriCorps members worked to create or improve 650 miles of trail so that Montanans can continue to enjoy over 30 million acres of state and federal lands. AmeriCorps members improved 54,881 acres of parks and public and tribal lands, including removing invasive species like large tamarisk and Eurasian Milfoil. Without the assistance of Montana Conservation Corps members, hundreds of miles of trail would be left unmaintained, thousands of acres of habitat would not receive critical protection, and parks would not receive needed restoration. Additionally, MCC has engaged 1,438 volunteers and completed eight projects in partnership with tribal entities. MCC members are currently weatherizing homes and educating homeowners and renters on energy efficiency practices on all seven Montana Indian Reservations in collaboration with local tribal housing authorities.

In Montana, AmeriCorps members are providing a cost-effective approach by implementing community-based solutions in state government. At the Justice for Montanans Project, members are serving through the Office of Consumer Protection and Victim Services in the Montana Department of Justice to help educate and protect consumers and businesses, prevent fraud, and assist victims through the justice system. At Montana State Parks AmeriCorps, members are assisting the State Parks division by increasing educational opportunities for children through the parks system while instilling a sense of volunteerism at a young age. Montana No Kid Hungry AmeriCorps is helping the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services support school feeding programs, and is working to eliminate childhood hunger in Montana. The Big Sky Watershed Corps has partnered closely with the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation on efforts to alleviate the impacts of drought on Montana and the rest of the nation where Montana's waters flow.

AmeriCorps VISTA

Montana Campus Compact AmeriCorps VISTA member Lori Clark developed a veteran's center to support the academic and campus life of veterans and military families at the University of Montana Western in Dillon, MT. Dillon is a small community with limited resources for the approximately 700 identified veterans and military family members in the area. The veteran population at UM-Western has risen, and prior to Lori's work, there were few dedicated resources or targeted services for these students. Within the first six months of service, Lori conducted an assessment of veteran and faculty needs surrounding veteran's issues. She developed a temporary on-campus veteran's center and then secured a permanent facility for the Veteran and Military Exchange (VMX), a resource for veterans both on and off campus. The VMX grand opening was on February 14th, 2014 and was attended by Lt. Governor John Walsh. The VMX now serves UM-Western students as a community to ease the transition into college life. Approximately 91 students who are either veterans or dependents of veterans have benefitted from the VMX.

In 2013, 30 AmeriCorps VISTAs served on the Billings Metro VISTA Project, creating or expanding community-based programs, services, and systems that help to prevent and end homelessness. Nearly 2,400 people experience homelessness in Billings, Montana each year, at a cost in services that exceeds \$54 million annually. The VISTAs raised more than \$198,000 in cash and in-kind donations to support preventative programs that help offset and reduce this cost. Through their efforts, 5,182 new clients received services designed to ease poverty and eliminate homelessness, and more than 200 homeless families were housed. The VISTAs recruited and trained more than 2,500 community volunteers, who served over 3,500 hours on initiatives that impact that lives of individuals and families experiencing poverty. The VISTAs also helped create a Youth Count! Survey that is used to gauge how many youth experience poverty in the community and to identify the services they need. To increase access to nutritious, affordable food and supplement food deserts surrounding Billings, the VISTAs created gardens throughout the city and educated clients on proper garden maintenance.

AmeriCorps NCCC

An AmeriCorps NCCC team served with Musselshell Valley Community Foundation, where the team focused on flood recovery efforts. The team focused the majority of their efforts on aiding the Roundup Restoration Committee. The team spread new gravel on a playground and painted the interior walls of the local food bank, The Golden Thimble. The team also improved the appearance of three buildings along the main street of town. Silver Four spent time mowing, weed-eating and clearing a total of 2,034 pounds of brush from an acre and a half of a vacant lot. The team spent several days at the town's river walk, cleaning up debris that remained from the flood. Additional tasks that corps members completed around the town of Roundup include picking up debris from three additional vacant lots. Additionally, the team planted seventeen trees at a war memorial. Members of the team also spent time at the local museum cataloging 35 years' worth of artifacts. The team assisted the 4,665 residents of Roundup affected by disaster, by cleaning up and restoring areas of town that had been run down either due to previous disasters or lack of maintenance over time.

The Mission of the Montana Heritage Preservation and Development Commission (MHPDC) is to preserve and manage historic resources in Virginia City, Nevada City and Reeder's Alley and promote the appreciation of history through quality visitor experiences. During the summer of 2014, an AmeriCorps NCCC team served with MHPDC, where they preserved historical buildings and site maintenance. The renovations corps members completed included work on eighteen buildings, the construction of two roofs, and installation of a temporary floor. The team also relocated several historic Model-T car parts and other artifacts to a more secure facility. Members painted seven buildings and constructed 300 feet of fencing. Ground maintenance activities that the corps members completed included seventeen acres of landscaping and 5,500 pounds of debris and trash removal throughout the historical property.

Senior Corps Foster Grandparent Program

The Saint Vincent Health Care Foster Grandparent Program serves a large region in Southeast Montana that covers the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation and the cities of Lame Deer, Hardin, Belfry, Bridger, Fromberg, Billings, and Roundup. Targeting students who struggle academically in school, 41 Foster Grandparents served 38,373 hours during the 2013-14 school year, working one-on-one and with small groups of students at 30 volunteer stations. A total of 630 students were served, far exceeding the 245 expected. Of these students, 39 were identified by the schools as being homeless, 36 were in foster care, 56 had an incarcerated parent, and 18 had a parent in the military. Year-end results showed that 91 percent of those students improved academically, while 74 percent were deemed "at level" by site staff. According to the Executive Director of the Education Foundation for Billings Public Schools, "The Foster Grandparent Program is critical to the success of our students. Foster Grandparents provide needed support and stability in our students' lives through one-to-one tutoring, assistance in the classroom, and by being a constant person in a young child's life."

Senior Corps RSVP

The Keeping You Home RSVP pilot program, a partnership between St. Peter's Medical Group and Rocky Mountain Development Council, recruited and trained 30 RSVP volunteers to serve as peer health advocates for recently discharged, vulnerable senior patients. The partnership allows St. Peter's Hospital to pair patients aged 55 and up with volunteers of the same age for free home assessment and care. These patients are chosen by medical staff as being high-risk for re-admittance. The patients receive individual assistance in resource coordination to help them maintain independence in their own homes and stay out of the hospital. This program meets the requirements of Affordable Care Act mandates for reducing the amount of 30 day recidivism. The overall savings to the largest, local hospital is nearly \$500,000. So far, 52 clients have been served, 78 percent of whom are low-income and 11 percent veterans. The program's success rate (no re-admittance for the same diagnosis within 20 days) is 97 percent. RSVP volunteers in the program receive a high-level of training prior to serving patients, and have logged more than 1,200 hours of preparation, training, and service.

Senior Corps Senior Companion Program

A 102 year-old Montana Senior Companion client with Action for Eastern Montana reported that without her Senior Companion, she would have to live in a nursing home, costing taxpayers \$64,800 in Medicare and Medicaid contributions. By providing this client a companion at the federal cost of \$875, taxpayers saved \$63,925. These savings have a huge impact when projected across the state. In Montana, 191 Senior Companions served 303,841 hours with 1015 at-risk seniors, of which 836 (or 82 percent) retained independence, delaying use of Medicaid funds for nursing home placement. The average cost of nursing home care in Montana is \$70,263 annually, of which residents pay approximately 32 percent, Medicaid pays 61 percent, and Medicare pays 7 percent. For those 836 seniors, the cost would have been \$58,739,868. The annual cost to operate three Senior Corps programs in Montana is \$806,193 (CNCS funds) and \$244,960 (local funds) totaling \$1,051,153. This means a total cost savings of over \$57 million. In 2030, Montana is expected to rank fifth in the nation in its percentage of residents age 65 and older, making this overall savings all the more crucial.

Social Innovation Fund

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CURRENT (as of March 12, 2015)	470	14
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	984	23

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Billings	Billings Metro VISTA Project (MVP) (Completed) City of Billings - Community Development	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Billings	Billings, MT Public Assistance R08-072-MT-PAS-PAS (April 28 - May 18, 2014) FEMA- National Guard Facility- Billings, MT	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Billings	City of Billings - Community Development (Current) City of Billings - Community Development	29	AmeriCorps VISTA
Billings	Montana (Current) Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest	25	AmeriCorps National
Billings	MT - Montana State University Billings (Completed) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	160	AmeriCorps National
Billings	MT - Rocky Mountain College (Completed) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	24	AmeriCorps National
Billings	YVC of Yellowstone County (Completed) Youth Volunteer Corps	1	AmeriCorps National
Bozeman	Big Sky Watershed Corps (Current) Montana Conservation Corps, Inc.	20	AmeriCorps State Formula
Bozeman	Montana Conservation Corps (Current) Montana Conservation Corps, Inc.	259	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Bozeman	MT - Montana State University Bozeman (Completed) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	229	AmeriCorps National
Butte	Affordable home construction (June 3 - July 16, 2014) Habitat for Humanity of Southwest Montana	7	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Butte	FoodCorps Montana (Current) FoodCorps, Inc.	10	AmeriCorps State Formula
Butte	Montana Energy Corps (Current) National Center for Appropriate Technology	13	AmeriCorps State Formula
Butte	MT - Montana Tech of the University of Montana (Completed) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	96	AmeriCorps National
Dillon	MT - University of Montana Western (Completed) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	3	AmeriCorps National
Great Falls	MT - Great Falls College Montana State University (Completed) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	54	AmeriCorps National
Great Falls	MT - Montana State University College of Nursing Great Falls (Completed) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	39	AmeriCorps National
Great Falls	MT - University of Great Falls (Completed) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	3	AmeriCorps National
Great Falls	RDI Tax Preparation (January 14, 2015 - Current) Rural Dynamics Inc	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Great Falls	Rural Dynamics Inc. (Current) Rural Dynamics Inc.	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Great Falls	Tax Help Montana (January 15 - March 21, 2014) Rural Dynamics Inc	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Havre	MT - Montana State University Northern (Completed) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	45	AmeriCorps National
Helena	Justice for Montanans Project (Current) Montana Legal Services Association	18	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Helena	Montana Legal Services Association (Completed) Montana Legal Services Association	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Helena	Montana No Kid Hungry (DPHHS) (Current) Montana No Kid Hungry (DPHHS)	5	AmeriCorps State Formula
Helena	Montana State Parks AmeriCorps (Current) Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks	20	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Helena	MT - Helena College University of Montana (Completed) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	-	AmeriCorps National



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Helena	Prevention Resource Center (Current) Prevention Resource Center - MT DPHHS	27	AmeriCorps VISTA
Kalispell	Affordable Housing Construction (November 6 - December 19, 2014) Habitat for Humanity of Flathead Valley	11	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Kalispell	MT - Flathead Valley Community College (Completed) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	101	AmeriCorps National
Kalispell	Mutial Self-Help Housing Construction (January 15 - March 21, 2014) Community Action Partnership of Northwest Montana	7	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Missoula	Montana Campus Compact (Current) University of Montana - Montana Campus Compact	26	AmeriCorps VISTA
Missoula	MT - University of Montana Missoula (Completed) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	149	AmeriCorps National
Missoula	SCA Montana (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	5	AmeriCorps National
Pablo	MT - Salish Kootenai College (Completed) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	19	AmeriCorps National
Roundup	Musselshell Flood Recovery (June 3 - July 16, 2014) Musselshell Valley Community Foundation	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Virginia City	Historical Site Preservation and Support (June 3 - July 16, 2014) Montana Heritage Preservation and Development Commission	10	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.

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Senior Corps in Montana



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
CURRENT (as of March 12, 2015)	5,479	22
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	0	0

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Billings	RSVP Yellowstone County (Current) Yellowstone County Council on Aging	450	RSVP
Billings	St. Vincent Healthcare Foster Grandparent Program (Current) St. Vincent Hospital & Health Center	75	Foster Grandparent Program
Bozeman	RSVP of Southwest Montana 09 (Current) Human Resource Development Council District IX, Inc.	525	RSVP
Butte	Butte School No. 1 - RSVP (Current) Butte School District #1	200	RSVP
Glendive	Dawson/Wibaux RSVP (Current) Dawson County Commissioners	300	RSVP
Glendive	Eastern Montana SCP (Current) Action For Eastern Montana	59	Senior Companion Program
Great Falls	Cascade County FGP (Current) Cascade County Commissioners	69	Foster Grandparent Program
Great Falls	Cascade County RSVP dba: North Central MT RSVP (Current) Cascade County Commissioners	612	RSVP
Hamilton	Area VI RSVP (Current) Western Montana Area VI on Aging	286	RSVP
Helena	Helena FGP (Current) Rocky Mountain Development Council, Inc.	102	Foster Grandparent Program
Helena	Helena SCP (Current) Rocky Mountain Development Council, Inc.	140	Senior Companion Program
Helena	Tri-County RSVP (Current) Rocky Mountain Development Council, Inc.	350	RSVP
Kalispell	RSVP of Flathead County (Current) Flathead County Commissioners	365	RSVP
Miles City	Miles City RSVP (Current) City of Miles City	230	RSVP
Miles City	RSVP Fallon/Carter County (Current) City of Miles City	59	RSVP
Missoula	Missoula FGP (Current) Missoula Aging Services, Inc.	53	Foster Grandparent Program
Missoula	RSVP of Missoula (Current) Missoula Aging Services, Inc.	425	RSVP
Missoula	SCP Missoula (Current) Missoula Aging Services, Inc.	42	Senior Companion Program
Polson	Polson FGP (Current) Western Montana Area VI on Aging	69	Foster Grandparent Program
Roundup	South Central Montana RSVP (Current) Area II Agency on Aging	368	RSVP
Sidney	Richland and McCone RSVP (Current) Richland County Health Department	400	RSVP
Sidney	Roosevelt, Daniels, & Sheridan County RSVP (Current) Richland County Health Department	300	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 Montana

Program HQ Location	Nonprofit Subgrantee Name	Description
	<i>Intermediary</i>	
Missoula, MT	Partnership Health Center The John A. Hartford Foundation	<p>The John A. Hartford Foundation plans to disseminate the IMPACT model of depression treatment through community health clinics as subgrantees to serve low-income, rural communities in Wyoming, Washington, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho. The IMPACT model is a collaborative care approach in which a primary care provider (PCP) and care manager team, along with a psychiatric consultant, provide treatment for depression. The care managers and PCPs retain primary responsibility for treatment and receive advice from the psychiatric consultant when patients are not improving. The key anticipated outcomes for the SIF IMPACT evaluation include the following: 1) Increased access to effective depression treatment for low-income patients in rural areas; 2) Decreased depression and improved social and occupational functioning among these patients; and 3) Improved economic well-being of individuals and families served including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Reduction of costs related to health care expenditures; b) Improvements in employment and related income; and c) Reduction in care-related costs for depression that are borne by family members.