



National Service in Puerto Rico



MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN PUERTO RICO

More than 1,700 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 160 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 \$8,700,000 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 \$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 320 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 5,400 Puerto Rico residents have served more than 11 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$16,310,000.

Senior Corps: More than 1,400 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 2,400 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 810 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 8 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	2	-	-	\$8,468	- ³
AmeriCorps State Formula	12	16	162	\$633,002	\$1,475,415
AmeriCorps VISTA	12	56	158	\$897,010	\$2,570,660
AMERICORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	26	72	320	\$1,538,479	\$4,046,075
Senior Corps					
Foster Grandparent Program	4	60	609	-	\$1,659,632
RSVP	2	8	425	-	\$120,490
Senior Companion Program	5	28	379	-	\$1,136,135
SENIOR CORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	11	96	1,413	-	\$2,916,257
Other Funding					
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$200,000
OTHER FUNDING TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	1	-	-	-	\$200,000
PROGRAM TOTALS	38	168 ⁴	1,733	\$1,538,479	\$7,162,332
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)					\$8,700,811
TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)					\$1,759,585 ⁵
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT					\$10,460,396

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 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

The Ana G. Mendez University System through the Turabo University's Job Opportunity Center serves as the intermediary organization of the "Alliance of Volunteers in Action and Service to Puerto Rico (VIAS-PR)." This alliance includes all university system campuses and PR Episcopal Social Services. The VIAS-PR AmeriCorps VISTA project is focused on the enhancement of the capacity building for their sponsors, promoting economic development, employment opportunities, school readiness, post-secondary education, food access, and access to care; activities aimed to fight poverty across the island. At VIAS-PR 25 AmeriCorps VISTAs are currently serving, impacting more than 27,000 people living in 49 different municipalities. VISTAs raised total of \$52,215 in resources from cash and in-kind. VISTAs helped create self-sufficiency through strengthening employability skills, facilitating interaction between the employer and the new employee; enhancing family relationships, and promoting education and healthy habits.

Consejo de Salud de PR, Inc./Med Centro® is a nonprofit organization in the south of Puerto Rico, and is part of the federal government health system serving under the provision of an integrated primary health care services. Med Centro began services as a community initiative of Isolina Ferré in early 1970. Currently, about 58,000 patients are seen at Med-Centro for health care services in the southern area of the island. AmeriCorps VISTA members were able to establish a program for easy access to health services in the towns of Ponce, Peñuelas, Juana Díaz, and Villalba, serving a population of more than 250,000 residents, including 500 students through a course about the importance of primary health services. VISTAs have identified and trained 125 leaders and other residents of the south about accessing primary health and prevention services. The implementation of these projects allows the prevention and reduction of health disparities by providing equal access to health care that is affordable and of high quality for those in need and with limited resources.

Senior Corps Foster Grandparent Program

La Corporación Regional de Guayama de Servicios a la Comunidad, Inc. (Guayama Community Services Regional Corporation, Inc.) currently engages 80 Foster Grandparent volunteers at 22 schools in the Guayama region. Foster Grandparents serve four hours daily. Last year, 61 Foster Grandparents were assigned to 17 elementary schools, supporting more than 180 students with tutoring, especially with reading skills. Nine members serving in middle schools helped 50 students in different content areas. Eight members serve in high schools, tutoring and mentoring senior students.

Senior Corps RSVP

The Municipality of San Juan-RSVP program engages more than 180 volunteers who offer 90,000 hours of volunteer service. Services provided by these members benefit many citizens, including veterans. RSVP volunteers serve in homeless shelters, support the elderly, help promote micro-enterprises, provide educational services, and tutoring in English for children, among other duties. These services are offered at 28 stations through the municipality.

Senior Corps Senior Companion Program

The Central Region Board on Elderly Affairs is a nonprofit organization serving since 1992. It has sponsored the Senior Companion Program for 20 years. The organization has given a sense of purpose to active elderly population interested in serving their peers in need. Up to 45 Senior Companion volunteers provide supportive services and companionship in the region of Caguas (with over 150,000 inhabitants). As of March 2014, Senior Companions served more than 46,000 volunteer hours, impacting more than 130 clients and their families.

AmeriCorps in Puerto Rico



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of March 12, 2015)	320	26
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	5	5

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Aguada	Aguada's AmeriCorps in Action (Current) Municipio de Aguada	31	AmeriCorps State Formula
Aguada	VISTA- PAEC (Current) Programa De Apoyo y Enlace Comunitario, Inc.	14	AmeriCorps VISTA
Arecibo	American Cancer Society of P.R. (Completed) American Cancer Society	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Arecibo	CSJ AmeriCorps Program (Current) Centro de Servicios a la Juventud, Inc	6	AmeriCorps State Formula
Arecibo	Oficina Promocion y Desarrollo Humano (Current) Oficina para la Promocion y el Desarrollo Humano	4	AmeriCorps State Formula
Caguas	Caguas Disaster Services AmeriCorps Project (Current) Municipality of Caguas-Self Help & Community Development	6	AmeriCorps State Formula
Caguas	Caguas Sustainable Food Initiative (Current) Municipality of Caguas - Strategic Planning Unit	5	AmeriCorps VISTA
Carolina	Respiro Comunitario (Current) Municipality of Carolina	18	AmeriCorps State Formula
Catano	Asociacion Pro Juventud y Com Bo Palmas (Current) Asociacion Pro Juventud y Comunidad del Barrio Palmas	12	AmeriCorps State Formula
Gurabo	SUAGM: UT Job Development and UNE CTC Initiatives (Current) Sistema Universitario Ana G. Mendez, Inc.	24	AmeriCorps VISTA
Mayaguez	CHIPE -Community in Harmony Integrating People & Environment (Current) Municipio de Mayaguez	26	AmeriCorps State Formula
Ponce	VISTA Health Service Campaign (Completed) Consejo de Salud de Puerto Rico	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Rio Grande	SCA AmeriCorps National Direct Puerto Rico (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Sabana Seca	Niños de Nueva Esperanza (Completed) Niños de Nueva Esperanza Inc	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
San Juan	AmeriCorps VISTA Pathways Out of Poverty Program (Current) Fundacion Sila M. Calderon	15	AmeriCorps VISTA
San Juan	Cantera Capitals (Current) Cantera Peninsula Project	20	AmeriCorps State Formula
San Juan	Department of Community Social Development (Current) Department of Community Social Development	5	AmeriCorps State Formula
San Juan	Economic Opportunities for Low Income Communities in PR (Completed) Instituto Socio-Economico Comunitario (INSEC), Inc.	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
San Juan	Environmental Stewardship as a Tool for Social Change (Current) Corporacion del Proyecto ENLACE del Cano Martin Pena	10	AmeriCorps State Formula
San Juan	Fundacion Chana Goldstein y Samuel Levis (Current) Fundacion Chana Goldstein y Samuel Levis	9	AmeriCorps VISTA
San Juan	Nature for People; People for Nature (Completed) Puerto Rico Conservation Trust Fund	5	AmeriCorps State Formula
San Juan	Productive and Social Engagement Project (Current) Instituto Psicopedagogico de PR	14	AmeriCorps State Formula
San Juan	Programa de Voluntarios (Current) The Salvation Army	13	AmeriCorps VISTA
San Juan	Puerto Rico Youth At Risk, Inc. (Current) Puerto Rico Youth At Risk, Inc.	12	AmeriCorps VISTA
San Juan	Re-ACE (Current) Red de Ayuda Comunal de Emergencias, Inc.	13	AmeriCorps VISTA
San Juan	Restoring the Caño (Current) Corporacion del Proyecto ENLACE del Cano Martin Pena	15	AmeriCorps VISTA
San Juan	SCA Puerto Rico (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National



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San Juan	SMCF AMERICORPS CAPACITY BLDG. PROGRAM (Current) Fundacion Sila M. Calderon	10	AmeriCorps State Formula
San Juan	The Corporation for the Conservation of the San Juan Bay II (Current) The Corporation for the Conservation of the San Juan Bay	9	AmeriCorps VISTA
San Juan	University of the Sacred Heart VISTA Project (Current) University of the Sacred Heart	10	AmeriCorps VISTA
Yabucoa	Coalition Pro-Homeless of the Eastern Area of Puerto Rico (Current) Coalition Pro-Homeless of the Eastern Area	19	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 12, 2015)	1,413	11
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	305	1

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.	63	Senior Companion Program
Mercedita	Consejo de Salud de Puerto Rico, Inc. (Current) Consejo de Salud de Puerto Rico	41	Senior Companion Program
San Juan	Alzheimer's SCP (Current) Puerto Rico Office of the Ombudsman for the Elderly	101	Senior Companion Program
San Juan	Municipality of San Juan FGP (Current) Municipality of San Juan	148	Foster Grandparent Program
San Juan	OPPTE-Ponce's FGP (Current) PR Office of the Ombudsman for the Elderly (OPPEA)	111	Foster Grandparent Program
San Juan	RSVP Admin for Families & Children (Completed) 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	250	RSVP

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