



National Service in Vermont



MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN VERMONT

More than 2,300 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 380 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 \$5,870,000 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 \$2,830,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars.

AmeriCorps: This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 300 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 4,700 Vermont residents have served more than 6.9 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$15,940,000.

Senior Corps: More than 2,000 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 1,300 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 340 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 210 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 more than \$88,000 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	8	5	140	\$751,285	\$660,351 ³
AmeriCorps State Competitive	2	31	50	\$259,670	\$576,809
AmeriCorps State Formula	2	33	60	\$266,868	\$598,638
AmeriCorps VISTA	2	52	51	\$288,405	\$829,770
AMERICORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	14	121	301	\$1,566,228	\$2,665,568
Senior Corps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	2	48	136	-	\$495,155
RSVP	4	215	1,803	-	\$511,224
Senior Companion Program	1	5	95	-	\$296,474
SENIOR CORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	7	268	2,034	-	\$1,302,853
Social Innovation Fund	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Nonprofit Subgrantees	1	-	-	-	\$88,889
SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	1	-	-	-	\$88,889
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	23	389 ⁴	2,335	\$1,566,228	\$4,307,310
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)					\$5,873,538
TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)					\$2,831,601 ⁵
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT					\$8,705,139

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.

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple CNCS programs are operating.
- 5 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

There are no military bases in Vermont, and the challenges for families are magnified because they may be experiencing the stress of military life for the first time. Their communities often do not understand the stresses of deployment and reintegration. Vermont Youth Development Corps AmeriCorps members have provided assistance to more than 217 individual military and veterans' family members, including 197 youth. Through Operation Military Kids, children who experience parental deployment and reintegration partake in free vacation and summer camps for military youth. AmeriCorps members provided outreach to military families and collaborated with the Vermont National Guard and local armories to reach military families and inform them of available community services and programs. They also assisted Operation Military Kids with Yellow Ribbon Reintegration efforts. Military youth participated in community-based programs supported by AmeriCorps members including nutrition, physical activity, community gardens, and healthy meals.

Through the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board AmeriCorps program, 1,278 economically disadvantaged individuals received housing placement services. More than 1,000 of these individuals were homeless or near-homeless. Seventy-six veterans received housing placement services and 383 individuals transitioned into affordable housing. Fifty-four homes were purchased with the assistance of members and 305 housing units were developed, repaired, or otherwise made available for low-income individuals.

AmeriCorps VISTA

The Vermont Youth Tomorrow AmeriCorps VISTA program, sponsored by the Washington County Youth Service Bureau Boys & Girls Club, supports VISTAs at community-based organizations, schools, and municipalities throughout the state that help low-income youth and families escape the cycle of poverty. The VISTA members increase academic success through mentoring and tutoring programs; build job skills through training and internship initiatives; promote healthy lifestyle choices through nutrition classes, physical activity programs, and community gardens; and support veteran and military families.

In 2014, the team of 28 VISTA members:

- Raised more than \$443,124 through grants, fundraising, and in-kind donations
- Recruited and managed more than 1,761 community volunteers (including mentors and tutors) who gave more than 33,314 hours to their communities
- Developed programs that benefitted 375 military youth and families and provided housing and basic needs to 409 youth and adults
- Developed, enhanced, or implemented 153 program curricula or events that engaged 1,102 youth in structured physical activities.

SerVermont is the Service Commission in Vermont that promotes, supports, and recognizes volunteerism and community service statewide. SerVermont operates a statewide AmeriCorps VISTA project that fights poverty in Vermont by increasing education and job-training opportunities, creating more food-secure communities, increasing housing, and serving veterans and military families. During the program year that ended in April 2014, 22 VISTA members:

- Recruited 321 community volunteers who served 986 hours
- Developed \$46,919 of cash and \$9,741 of in-kind (non-cash) financial resources
- Implemented, developed, or enhanced 31 new systems as a result of capacity-building services including manuals, data tracking mechanisms, databases for volunteers, recruitment strategies for new programs, style guides for outreach materials, and social media pages.

AmeriCorps NCCC

The Vermont State parks requested an AmeriCorps NCCC team to help complete a 46 acre tree harvest at Fort Dummer State Park. The mission of the Vermont State Park system is to conserve and interpret on behalf of the people of Vermont their natural, cultural, historic and scenic heritage, and while so doing provide recreational opportunities and economic benefit. Prior to the NCCC team arrival, Vermont State Parks had cut down 4,600 acres of trees. When the NCCC team arrived, they cleared tree debris from the road, a picnic area, parking lot and raked off 61 campsites clear of leaves and pine needles. Members also put numbered posts into the ground to identify the campgrounds. The felling of trees and clearing of debris was done to create a sunny, dry, warm camping and picnic area. By cutting down the trees the campsites had a chance to let in more sun. Removing trees throughout the park also benefitted the forest by reducing the canopy and allowing understory trees to develop.

Senior Corps Foster Grandparent Program

Last year the United Way of Chittenden County's Foster Grandparent Program volunteers devoted an average of 15 hours per week providing one-to-one intervention to 334 at-risk children in the four counties of Chittenden, Franklin, Grand Isle, and Washington. Teachers identified students needing additional support to achieve reading, math, social and behavioral goals. Of children assisted by Foster Grandparent volunteers this year, 94 percent were reported to have increased enjoyment of learning, 97 percent increased interest in learning, 95 percent increased self-confidence about learning, and 98 percent increased productivity. Even more encouraging is that 83 percent of elementary school children served by a Foster Grandparent fully achieved teacher-defined goals in reading, math, or behavioral/social domains.

Senior Corps RSVP

The RSVP Program of Rutland/Addison Counties sponsored by Rutland Community Program, Inc. engages volunteers to serve in many capacities including healthy futures, education, and other community needs. In the most recent program year, 789 RSVP volunteers served a cumulative total of 139,973 hours. RSVP volunteers had especially significant impacts working with elementary school students and seniors at-risk for osteoporosis. Ninety-seven RSVP volunteers served 873 elementary school children with 100 percent of teachers and school personnel indicating that the RSVP volunteers made a significant impact towards educational goals, literacy goals, and/or general well-being needs of their students. A total of 286 RSVP volunteers served 952 participants in Bone Builder classes that met weekly in Rutland and Addison Counties. According to the results of the Functional Capacity Survey, 85 percent of the program participants reported an increase in strength, 82 percent reported an increase in flexibility, and 90 percent reported improved overall well-being.

Senior Corps Senior Companion Program

Central Vermont Council on Aging, sponsor of the statewide Vermont Senior Companion Program, successfully engages Senior Companion volunteers to assist other seniors to keep living independently. Last fiscal year, a total of 66 Senior Companion volunteers served 57,847 hours assisting 449 seniors statewide. Additionally, 84 clients received in-home respite care by a Senior Companion.

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AmeriCorps in Vermont



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of March 12, 2015)	301	14
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	75	8

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Burlington	Burlington, VT Individual Assistance R01-026-VT-IAA-XXX (April 28 - May 28, 2014) FEMA- American Red Cross- Logistics Center- Burlington, VT	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Burlington	CEDOs We All Belong AmeriCorps State Program (Current) Community And Economic Development Office	24	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Burlington	YouthBuild Burlington, VT (Current) YouthBuild USA, Inc	44	AmeriCorps National
Guilford	Fort Dummer State Park (April 20 - April 30, 2014) Vermont State Parks - Region 1	7	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Hardwick	Camphill VT (Current) Camphill Association of North America, Inc.	5	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	11	AmeriCorps National
Lyndonville	Northeast Kingdom Initiative (Completed) Lyndon State College	44	AmeriCorps State Formula
Lyndonville	Northeast Kingdom Initiative AmeriCorps Program (Current) Lyndon State College	25	AmeriCorps State Formula
Manchester Center	Digital Wish (Completed) Goodwill Industries of Northern New England	2	AmeriCorps National
Middlebury	Middlebury College (Completed) Goodwill Industries of Northern New England	-	AmeriCorps National
Montpelier	Vermont Housing and Conservation Board AmeriCorps (Current) Vermont Housing and Conservation Board	35	AmeriCorps State Formula
Montpelier	Vermont Youth Development Corps (Current) Washington County Youth Service Bureau / Boys and Girls Club	26	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Montpelier	VT Youth Tomorrow A*VISTA Program (Current) Washington County Youth Service Bureau / Boys and Girls Club	27	AmeriCorps VISTA
Orleans	Lake Region Union High School (Completed) Goodwill Industries of Northern New England	1	AmeriCorps National
Richmond	OYSI - Vermont Youth CC (Current) The Corps Network	44	AmeriCorps National
Richmond	Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (Current) The Corps Network	25	AmeriCorps National
Springfield	Fort Dummer State Park (April 20 - April 30, 2014) Vermont State Parks - Region 1	-	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Waterbury	Vermont Umbrella VISTA Project (Current) Vermont Commission on National and Community Service	24	AmeriCorps VISTA
Waterbury Center	Green Mountain Club (Current) The Corps Network	16	AmeriCorps National
White River Junction	White River Junction VA Medical Center (Current) Partners in Care Foundation	4	AmeriCorps National
Woodstock	SCA Vermont (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	2	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.

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Senior Corps in Vermont



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
CURRENT (as of March 12, 2015)	2,034	7
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	1,030	2

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Barre	Central Vermont & Northeast Kingdom RSVP (Completed) Central Vermont Council on Aging	430	RSVP
Barre	RSVP for Central Vermont and NEK (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 (Completed) 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
Rutland	Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging RSVP 2014 (Current) Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging	600	RSVP
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 <i>Intermediary</i>	Description
Burlington, VT	Champlain Housing Trust Capital Impact Partners	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.