



## National Service in Vermont



### MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN VERMONT

More than 2,400 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 450 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 \$6,090,000 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 \$4,230,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars. Nationwide, CNCS, its grantees, and project sponsors generated more than \$1.25 billion in outside resources from businesses, foundations, public agencies, and other sources in FY 2015.

**AmeriCorps:** This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 360 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 4,900 Vermont residents have served more than 7.3 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$16,860,000.

**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 440 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 280 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 250 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 \$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](http://NationalService.gov) or [Serve.gov](http://Serve.gov) or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

# Vermont At a Glance



<b>AmeriCorps</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants <sup>1</sup>	Education Scholarships <sup>2</sup>	Program Funding
AmeriCorps National	7	6	131	\$665,453	\$445,762 <sup>3</sup>
AmeriCorps State Competitive	4	50	109	\$525,892	\$1,146,658
AmeriCorps State Formula	4	9	88	\$193,478	\$559,678
AmeriCorps VISTA	2	77	41	\$235,020	\$669,571
<b>AMERICORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>\$1,619,842</b>	<b>\$2,821,669</b>
<b>Senior Corps</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	2	55	136	-	\$495,155
RSVP	4	251	1,803	-	\$513,224
Senior Companion Program	1	5	95	-	\$296,474
<b>SENIOR CORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>2,034</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,304,853</b>
<b>Social Innovation Fund</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Nonprofit Subgrantees	1	-	-	-	\$100,000
<b>SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>Other Funding</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$250,000
<b>OTHER FUNDING TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>
<b>PROGRAM TOTALS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>453 <sup>4</sup></b>	<b>2,403</b>	<b>\$1,619,842</b>	<b>\$4,476,522</b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (Including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)</b>					<b>\$6,096,364</b>
<b>TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)</b>					<b>\$4,238,145 <sup>5</sup></b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT</b>					<b>\$10,334,509</b>

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.

- <sup>1</sup> This figure represents the number of awarded positions available to be filled in the 2015 - 2016 program year. For AmeriCorps VISTA, this represents the actual number of VISTA members in active service.
- <sup>2</sup> 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.
- <sup>3</sup> 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.
- <sup>4</sup> The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple CNCS programs are operating.
- <sup>5</sup> 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 or other revenue used to support their programming activities across the state. Last year, CNCS, its grantees, and project sponsors generated more than \$1.25 billion in outside resources from businesses, foundations, public agencies, and other sources.

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# National Service Impact in Vermont



## State Commission

SerVermont, the Vermont Commission on National and Community Service, manages a portfolio of six AmeriCorps State programs with 200 AmeriCorps members, serving all 14 counties in Vermont. AmeriCorps members are addressing critical needs in the areas of education, cultural competency, health, environment, economic opportunity, disaster and capacity building. In the 2014-2015 program year, AmeriCorps members provided housing placement services to 1,327 economically disadvantaged Vermonters and served 105 veterans, 21 active duty military members, and 347 military family members. In addition, SerVermont manages an AmeriCorps VISTA Umbrella Project of 27 members, supports two AmeriCorps planning grantees, awards the Governor's Awards for Outstanding Community Service, and manages spontaneous volunteers during disasters.

## AmeriCorps State

The Vermont Housing & Conservation Board AmeriCorps program has 36 AmeriCorps members who serve in a statewide network of organizations to increase safe, affordable housing options and preserve Vermont's natural landscape. In the past year, AmeriCorps members have supported the major goals of Vermont's Plan to End Homelessness by filling service gaps, expanding affordable housing options, and increasing the economic security of low-income households. They gave housing placement services to 1,327 economically disadvantaged people, which helped 407 Vermonters move into safe, affordable homes. Members reached more than 20,000 people as they taught environmental programs to get people out into their community and the natural environment. In support of Vermont's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan to conserve and restore environmental assets, members provided forest and water management services covering 18,972 acres of at-risk ecosystems. They magnified their efforts by mobilizing 1,270 volunteers who gave 11,891 hours of service.

The Vermont Youth Development Corps AmeriCorps program has 36 AmeriCorps members serving at innovative, youth-focused organizations to address critical community issues and help youth thrive. In the past year, the members served across the state in both cities and rural communities. They developed cost-effective programs to support Vermonters' education and healthy futures, with a primary focus on rural, low-income, and New American youth. Last year, 3,980 youth benefited from the program's initiatives. A nutrition education program to promote healthy eating and community gardens reached 1,232 youth; and 96 percent of them increased their knowledge, 90 percent adopted healthy behaviors, and 942 had better access to healthy meals and snacks. Physical activity programs such as soccer, hiking, and yoga, had 1,058 participants, 87 percent of whom increased their knowledge and adopted healthy behaviors. The program supports more than 381 military and veterans' family members. The AmeriCorps members recruited and managed 680 community volunteers who gave 7,567 hours of service, at a value of \$165,793.

## AmeriCorps VISTA

The Vermont Youth Tomorrow AmeriCorps VISTA project, sponsored by the Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys and Girls Club, is a statewide national service program that places members at service agencies, municipalities, schools, and nonprofits across Vermont that provide services that help low-income youth and families escape the cycle of poverty. During the last full program year (August 2014 - August 2015), 27 AmeriCorps VISTA members strengthened the capacity of community-based organizations by raising more than \$149,421 in cash donations which were used to enhance member-supported programs and initiatives. Members also wrote or significantly contributed to 38 grant proposal resulting in \$99,231 in grants, procured more than \$35,920 worth of in-kind donations, and recruited or managed 1,824 volunteers who served more than 24,621 hours.

SerVermont, the State Service Commission, operates a statewide AmeriCorps VISTA project that fights poverty by increasing education and job-training opportunities, creating more food-secure communities, increasing housing, and serving veterans and military families. During the last full program year (April 2014 - April 2015), 25 AmeriCorps VISTA members recruited 644 community volunteers who served 1,680 hours and generated \$491,332 in cash, including one member serving through the Town of Waterbury who raised \$445,000 through writing several grants including a Downtown Transportation Grant, a Stiller Family Foundation Grants, and a HMGP Planning Grant. Members also leveraged \$56,400 worth of in-kind resources including supplies, space, goods and services, produce and other food items, gift donations for clients, household supplies for clients, and equipment.

## AmeriCorps NCCC

An AmeriCorps NCCC team partnered with the Franklin Watershed Committee to improve water quality at Lake Carmi and other bodies of water in the Franklin Watershed. The main goal of the Committee is to reduce the amount of nutrients and sediment that make it into Lake Carmi through runoff, as these substances contain phosphorus, which is responsible for the algae and cyanobacteria blooms that decrease water quality in Lake Carmi each summer. The primary service activity the team provided was lining drainage areas with stones to help slow the flow of runoff containing phosphorus, sediment, and various pollutants. More than 120 tons of stone was placed around the entries and exits of culverts and in the ditches that led to the lake. Members also planted grasses and shrubs in key areas to hold the soil and prevent erosion. By reducing the flow of runoff, nutrients are able to filter down into the soil and stay out of the lake, thus helping reduce these problems and improve the lake for everyone.

In service with the City of Barre, an AmeriCorps NCCC team assisted with flash flooding related muck outs and carry outs. In July 2015, the City of Barre suffered from severe flash flooding. This resulted in more than 30 homes in the region affected by excess moisture, mud, and debris. Due to heavy rains, the Gunner Brook jumped its banks, causing damage to approximately 20 houses in Barre City. The team was tasked with mucking out 15 of those homes. AmeriCorps NCCC members focused on assisting households where residents had been displaced and low-income and elderly households. The work that the team completed would have taken homeowners months to complete on their own or would have cost them thousands of dollars.

## Senior Corps Foster Grandparent Program

During the last full program year (July 2014 - July 2015), the Rutland Community Programs' Foster Grandparent Program engaged 64 volunteers serving an average of 15 hours a week providing one-to-one intervention to 356 at-risk children in Rutland, Addison and Bennington counties. Among other results, 82 percent of all children served by the Foster Grandparents during demonstrated gains in social and/or emotional development; and 90 percent of the students served by Foster Grandparents in mentoring or tutoring programs showed improvement in academics. The Foster Grandparents provided 65,589 hours of one-to-one service to at-risk children in Rutland, Addison and Bennington counties.

## Senior Corps RSVP

Chittenden County RSVP focuses on the areas of education, income (economic opportunities) and health, supporting the growing needs of the nonprofit sector. Last year, 234 RSVP volunteers provided valuable services including working with young children to promote pre-literacy skills in early childhood classrooms; tutoring in elementary, middle, and high school settings; delivering meals to homebound seniors, and providing emergency food assistance to individuals and families. The program reports that 93 percent of the 83 children served by the RSVP "Read to Me" demonstrated gains in literacy skills; and 99 percent of the 169 children served by the RSVP "School Buddies" showed improved academic performance in literacy or math. In addition, 71 percent of the 132 individuals served by Meals on Wheels RSVP volunteers felt this support helped them to remain living in their own home. RSVP volunteers also helped 235 individuals receive emergency food assistance from the food shelf over the reporting year.

## Senior Corps Senior Companion Program

Central Vermont Council on Aging sponsors the statewide Vermont Senior Companion Program. During the last full program year (July 2014 - July 2015), the program engaged 68 volunteers serving an average of 15 hours a week providing services to assist other seniors to allow them to continue living independently. The program reported that 100 percent of the individuals served by a Senior Companion indicated they experienced increased social support; 59,845 total hours of independently living services were provided to 312 individuals, including 56 veterans and military family members. The program currently has two former Senior Companions now receiving the services of a Senior Companion themselves. This cyclical relationship illustrates the way service can be paid forward and allows the former volunteer to accept assistance knowing that they had served previously.

## Social Innovation Fund

The Social Innovation Fund (SIF) transforms lives by using evidence to find what works and make it work for more people. The SIF Classic and SIF Pay for Success programs harness the expertise of grant-making intermediaries to identify, evaluate and expand effective nonprofits serving low-income communities across America. Champlain Housing Trust is working in the area of increasing economic opportunities through affordable housing for residents. The Social Innovation Fund is investing \$100,000 in expanding the impact of one nonprofit in Vermont.

# AmeriCorps in Vermont



## AMERICORPS TOTALS

## PARTICIPANTS

## PROGRAMS/PROJECTS

CURRENT (as of February 22, 2016)

369

17

COMPLETED (within last 12 months)

73

9

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Barre	Capstone Community Action, Inc. (Current) Capstone Community Action, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps State Formula
Barre	City of Barre (July 29 - August 12, 2015) City of Barre	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Burlington	CEDOs CHOICE AmeriCorps State Program (Current) Community And Economic Development Office	22	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Burlington	Pathways to Employment (Current) The University of Vermont and State Agricultural College	-	AmeriCorps State Formula
Burlington	YouthBuild Burlington, VT (Current) YouthBuild USA, Inc	43	AmeriCorps National
Colchester	Vermont Campus Compact Pathways Program (Current) Vermont Higher Education Council	50	AmeriCorps State Formula
East Charleston	Northwoods Stewardship Center (July 7 - August 14, 2015) Northwoods Stewardship Center	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Franklin	Franklin Watershed Committee (August 3 - August 14, 2015) Franklin Watershed Committee	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Hardwick	Camphill VT (Current) Camphill Association of North America, Inc.	2	AmeriCorps National
Hardwick	Heartbeet Lifesharing (Current) Camphill Association of North America, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Jericho	Maynard, MA Graphic Information System R01-1463-MA-GIS-GIS (August 18 - November 20, 2015) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - Region I Regional Response Center	-	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Lyndonville	Lyndon Economic opportunity AmeriCorps Program (LEAP) (Current) Lyndon State College	38	AmeriCorps State Formula
Lyndonville	Northeast Kingdom Initiative AmeriCorps Program (Completed) Lyndon State College	25	AmeriCorps State Formula
Montpelier	Cross Vermont (September 7 - September 18, 2015) Cross Vermont Trail Association	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Montpelier	ECO Vermont (Current) Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation	25	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Montpelier	Vermont Housing and Conservation Board AmeriCorps (Current) Vermont Housing and Conservation Board	36	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Montpelier	Vermont Youth Development Corps (Current) Washington County Youth Service Bureau / Boys and Girls Club	26	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Montpelier	Vermont Youth Tomorrow A*VISTA Program (Current) Washington County Youth Service Bureau / Boys and Girls Club	24	AmeriCorps VISTA
Montpelier	VT Youth Tomorrow A*VISTA Program (Completed) Washington County Youth Service Bureau / Boys and Girls Club	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Richmond	OYSI - Vermont Youth CC (Current) The Corps Network	58	AmeriCorps National
Richmond	Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (Current) The Corps Network	8	AmeriCorps National
Springfield	Vermont State Park (July 6 - August 7, 2015) Vermont State Parks - Region 2	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Waterbury	Vermont Umbrella VISTA Project (Current) Vermont Commission on National and Community Service	17	AmeriCorps VISTA
Waterbury Center	Green Mountain Club (Current) The Corps Network	14	AmeriCorps National
White River Junction	White River Junction VA Medical Center (Completed) Partners in Care Foundation	4	AmeriCorps National

# AmeriCorps in Vermont



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of February 22, 2016)	369	17
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	73	9

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Woodstock	SCA Vermont (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	6	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 February 22, 2016)

2,034

7

COMPLETED (within last 12 months)

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0

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
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
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.



# Other Programs in Vermont



Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Program Type
Montpelier	State Administrative Grant (Current) Vermont Commission on National and Community Service	State Commission Operations Support