



National Service in Idaho



MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN IDAHO

More than 2,700 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 440 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 \$5,080,000 to support Idaho communities through national service and social innovation 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 \$3,030,000 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 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 hunger and illiteracy, improve health services, 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 5,600 Idaho residents have served more than 8.3 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$17,340,000.

Senior Corps: More than 2,500 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 970 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 350 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 270 groups across Idaho.

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 Idaho, 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 \$120,000 in expanding the impact of 4 nonprofits in 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 engages millions of 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 volunteer initiatives across the nation. To learn more visit NationalService.gov or Serve.gov or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

Idaho At a Glance



AmeriCorps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants ¹	Education Scholarships ²	Program Funding
AmeriCorps National	5	22	54	\$383,810	\$57,959 ³
AmeriCorps State Formula	4	31	112	\$422,572	\$985,598
AmeriCorps Tribes/Territories	1	-	-	-	\$31,867
AmeriCorps VISTA	15	46	51	\$295,205	\$786,981
AMERICORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	25	99	217	\$1,101,587	\$1,862,405
Senior Corps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	3	97	267	-	\$869,920
RSVP	6	274	2,150	-	\$448,473
Senior Companion Program	2	18	126	-	\$426,305
SENIOR CORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	11	389	2,543	-	\$1,744,698
Social Innovation Fund	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Nonprofit Subgrantees	4	-	-	-	\$127,866
SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	4	-	-	-	\$127,866
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	41	488 ⁴	2,760	\$1,101,587	\$3,984,969
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (Including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)					\$5,086,556
TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)					\$3,032,413 ⁵
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT					\$8,118,969

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 2016 - 2017 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 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.
- 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 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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State Commission

Serve Idaho, the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism, manages a portfolio of five AmeriCorps State programs with 136 AmeriCorps members serving in 13 counties addressing critical needs in the areas of education, health, environment, and veterans and military families. In the 2014-2015 program year, 207 veterans were placed in jobs as a result of AmeriCorps program efforts. In addition, AmeriCorps members improved 123 miles of trail and rivers in the Salmon-Challis National Forest. Additional programs include the Idaho's Brightest Star Awards and the annual Serve Idaho Conference.

AmeriCorps State

Idaho Healthcare for Children and Families AmeriCorps Program (IHCF) is housed in the Institute of Rural Health on the Idaho State University Campus in Pocatello, Idaho. Idaho ranks low in the nation for health access. IHCF's AmeriCorps program helps address this need in Idaho through 42 AmeriCorps members who are placed in six different counties who provide health screenings and health education to low-income and rural Idaho children and their families. During the 2014-2015 program year; 1,177 Idahoans reported improved health knowledge because of their participation in the health related services provided by the IHCF AmeriCorps program.

The SCA Idaho AmeriCorps program, has 20 AmeriCorps members serving at the Moyer Compound in the Salmon Challis wilderness in Idaho. AmeriCorps members help meet public land management needs in the state through various service activities including: wild land fire mitigation; trail, timber bridge and stone staircase construction; trail clearance; invasive species removal; planting trees; and conducting wildlife fisheries studies. During the 2014-2015 program year, SCA Idaho AmeriCorps members improved 2,960 acres of public land and 123 miles of trail and river in the state of Idaho.

AmeriCorps National

In the past year, two Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest AmeriCorps members teamed up to serve victims of domestic violence and sexual assault at Women's and Children's Alliance in Boise. As Outreach Coordinator, Madeline hosted community outreach events and created social media policies so that the Alliance could better reach clients who might need its services. With her supervisor, Madeline designed and implemented a capacity building project called the Women's and Children's Alliance Student Champion Program. The program helps students understand about dating abuse and teaches them the skills they need to maintain healthy boundaries and relationships. The students who are trained to be Student Champions act as advocates of change by talking their classmates and peers about dating abuse and healthy relationships and encouraging them to be the change-makers in their own lives. To help the program meet its goal of being sustainably student-run and student-led, Madeline created a collection of lesson plans, workshops, and presentations that instructors and students can use.

AmeriCorps VISTA

The AmeriCorps VISTA members at Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Treasure Valley were instrumental in planning and executing an inaugural fundraising event, the Mentoring Matters Breakfast. The event resulted in over \$65,650 in pledges to support student and mentor matches that help at-risk students stay engaged in school and achieve academic success. The pledges nearly double what was budgeted for in 2015 and represents a successful kickoff to what is now one of the key pieces in the agency's long term fund development strategy.

The Cultivate Community Food Security in Idaho VISTA project at Idaho Hunger Relief Task Force seeks to engage and empower low-income individuals and families, service providers, and rural communities in identifying food system challenges, strengths and solutions appropriate to their family, constituents, and communities. Six AmeriCorps VISTA members contributed to the goals of the project by performing activities such as rural community and food system assessments and benefits training and education. VISTA member Rebecca Maguire successfully launched the 'Screen and Intervene' pilot project at the Family Medicine Residency of Idaho, a low-income health provider. The food insecurity screen has been incorporated into the patient intake process and the "Food is Medicine" prescription form has been placed in the Electronic Medical Records system. There have been 42 patient referrals to care navigators who followed up to provide focused individual food resource assistance. "I have been surprised by how many patients are screening positive for food insecurity. I am so glad we have some resources to provide follow-up to these families," says Dr. Gendler.

AmeriCorps NCCC

In service with Backyard Harvest in Moscow, an AmeriCorps NCCC team assisted the organization with gardening, trail work and invasive species removal. Backyard Harvest's mission is to provide better access to fresh, locally grown foods to low-income families and older adults in northern Idaho and eastern Washington. While Serving with Backyard Harvest, members started ten new gardens, installed and repaired drip irrigation, planted 2,000 seeds and starts, harvested strawberries, mixed greens, cherries, and removed unwanted vegetation. In addition to serving with Backyard Harvest, the team also served with the Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute. Members restored creek beds, installed, repaired and decommissioned trails, protected trees by installing cages to prevent Beaver Damage, coordinated volunteers, and cleared land of unwanted brush and weeds. The creation of ten new gardens will increase production which will be donated directly to food banks in Moscow, Pullman, Trinity and Albion. By restoring parts of Paradise Creek and decommissioning some trails, members restored habitats, and ensured cleaner drinking water.

An AmeriCorps NCCC team partnered with the Girl Scouts Eastern Washington & Northern Idaho to assist with camp opening and improvements, trail maintenance, and invasive species removal. Girl Scouts is a girl-focused organization committed to providing a safe environment where girls age 5–17 can grow in courage, confidence, and character. Members renovated the Girl Scout's Camp Four Echoes in Worley in preparation for the camp's summer season. Tasks included cleaning, checking structural stability, and creating a firebreak around 30 cabins in five campsites. Members installed energy efficient light bulbs, cleared and maintained hiking trails around the camp, and removed underbrush and unwanted vegetation around cabins. Members also restored picnic pavilions, repaired fencing, and installed informative signs around the camp. Lastly, the team led 35 volunteers from Liberty Mutual Insurance in cleaning cabins and removing debris from the camp. As a result of the team's efforts, Camp Four Echoes is a safe place for girls to spend their summer and make friends while gaining skills that they will carry with them for years to come.

Senior Corps Foster Grandparent Program

Foster Grandparents are meeting the needs of children in Southeast Idaho. According to results for the 2014-15 school year, nearly 100 percent of children served in Head Start programs reported moderate or substantial gains in school readiness, 86 percent of youth tutored at the Juvenile Corrections Center and State Hospital South reported moderate to substantial improvement in school engagement, and 98 percent of children tutored in elementary schools showed moderate to substantial gains in literacy or math.

Senior Corps RSVP

Thirty-five RSVP volunteers at the Washington-Idaho Volunteer Center serve in the Idaho Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advising program. This free insurance counseling service is located in the Senior Center in Lewiston. Seniors in the region know they can come to the Senior Center, not only for an affordable meal, but for insurance help. Last year 1,264 economically disadvantaged individuals received services for a collective savings of \$94,800. Due to the direct intervention of one RSVP volunteer adviser, one elderly gentleman is now saving over \$2,600 in prescription costs per year. This is money he now uses for food and housing.

Senior Corps Senior Companion Program

Depression filled Lee Hendrickson's life after a stroke eight years ago. She needed a purpose, a way to care for others and not dwell on her own health. That's when she found the Senior Companion Program, run by the Panhandle Health District. Now Lee doesn't have time for depression. She's too busy visiting homebound seniors who need a friend. Her visits allow caretakers, often spouses or other family members, to have a break whether it's to run errands, have lunch with a friend or go to a doctor's appointment. Since 1987, the Senior Companion Program at Panhandle Health District has served approximately 200 clients each year with 55 active volunteers in Idaho's five northern counties. The volunteers range in age from 55 to 93 years old, providing care and supporting community members who are close to their own age.

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. University of Utah Policy Innovation Lab is exploring ways public and private investments can measurably improve lives of at-risk individuals and families in communities around the country, specifically in the Intermountain West region of the United States. These projects aim to address gaps in early childhood education, homelessness, and prison recidivism in their respected communities. The Social Innovation Fund is investing \$147,000 in expanding the impact of three nonprofits in Idaho.

AmeriCorps in Idaho



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of February 10, 2017)	217	25
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	103	16

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Blackfoot	SRJH/BCC Consortium (Completed) Blackfoot Community Center	40	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Boise	Agency for New Americans (Completed) Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society	1	AmeriCorps National
Boise	At-Risk Youth Culinary Arts Job Training (Current) Life's Kitchen	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Boise	Big Brothers Big Sisters of SW Idaho (Current) Big Brothers Big Sisters of SW Idaho	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Boise	Camp Improvements (April 24 - May 24, 2016) Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council - Idaho	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Boise	Community Based Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Initiative (Current) Idaho Children's Trust Fund	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Boise	Creating Community Food Security. (Current) West Central Highlands Resource Conservation & Development Council Inc.	6	AmeriCorps VISTA
Boise	Emergency Rent and Mercy Assistance (Current) The Jesse Tree of Idaho	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Boise	FACS Healthy Futures VISTA Project (Completed) ID Dept of H & W - FACS - 211 NAVIGATION	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Boise	Family Programs Regional Information Acquisition (Completed) Idaho National Guard - Family Programs	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Boise	Future in Action AmeriCorps (Current) Idaho Department of Labor	20	AmeriCorps State Formula
Boise	Idaho (Current) Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest	4	AmeriCorps National
Boise	Idaho Afterschool Network (Current) Jannus	5	AmeriCorps VISTA
Boise	IRC in Boise (Current) International Rescue Committee HQ	1	AmeriCorps National
Boise	Jannus (Current) University of Maryland	20	AmeriCorps National
Boise	Junior Achievement of Idaho (Completed) Junior Achievement of Idaho	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Boise	Opportunities for Refugees in Idaho (Current) Jannus/Global Gardens	5	AmeriCorps VISTA
Boise	St. Alphonsus - Boise (Completed) Trinity Health	2	AmeriCorps National
Boise	Teach For America - Idaho (Current) Teach For America	28	AmeriCorps National
Boise	The Idaho Foodbank (Current) The Idaho Foodbank	8	AmeriCorps VISTA
Boise	US Fish & Wildlife (July 30 - August 12, 2016) US Fish & Wildlife Service - Northeast Fire Management	7	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Boise	Veterans Serving Veterans AmeriCorps Program (Completed) Idaho Department of Labor	12	AmeriCorps State Formula
Boise	VISTAs Inspiring Futures (Current) Idaho Department of Labor	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Coeur D Alene	Better Futures for Idaho Youth (Current) United Way of Kootenai County	6	AmeriCorps VISTA
Coeur d' Alene	Idaho Association of Area Agencies on Aging (Completed) Idaho Association of Area Agencies on Aging	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Eagle	LEAP Charities (Current) LEAP Charities	1	AmeriCorps VISTA

AmeriCorps in Idaho



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CURRENT (as of February 10, 2017)	217	25
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	103	16

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Garden City	Giraffe Laugh Inc. (Completed) Giraffe Laugh Inc.	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Hagerman	SCA Idaho (Completed) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	16	AmeriCorps National
hayden	Idaho Falls Area, HFH (Completed) Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.	1	AmeriCorps National
Lapwai	Lapwai Community Infrastructure Improvements (March 23 - May 24, 2016) Nez Perce Tribe - Lapwai, Idaho	7	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Lapwai	Nez Perce Tribe (Current) Nez Perce Tribe	-	AmeriCorps Indian Tribes
Lewiston	Lewis-Clark Service Corps (Current) Lewis-Clark State College	28	AmeriCorps State Formula
Lewiston	Work Scholars Program Lewis-Clark State College (Current) Lewis-Clark State College	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Moscow	Food gleaning & environmental stewardship (June 2 - July 13, 2016) Backyard Harvest	7	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
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Moscow	Palouse-Clearwater Environmental AmeriCorps Program (Current) Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute	12	AmeriCorps State Formula
Pocatello	Idaho Healthcare for Children and Families (IHCF) AmeriCorps (Current) Idaho State University	52	AmeriCorps State Formula
Pocatello	Improving Access to Adult Basic Education in Southeastern Id (Current) Idaho State University	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Post Falls	BGCKC - College Bound VISTA Project (Current) Boys & Girls Club of Kootenai County	4	AmeriCorps VISTA
Salmon	Food Insecurity in Lemhi County, Idaho (Current) Salmon Valley Stewardship	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Twin Falls	College of Southern Idaho Refugee Programs (Current) U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants	1	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 Idaho



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS

PARTICIPANTS

PROGRAMS

CURRENT (as of February 10, 2017)

2,543

11

COMPLETED (within last 12 months)

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Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Blackfoot	South East Idaho FGP (Current) FGP of South East Idaho, Inc.	97	Foster Grandparent Program
Boise	The Foster Grandparent Program of the Treasure Valley (Current) Jannus1	106	Foster Grandparent Program
Boise	Treasure Valley R.S.V.P. (Current) Jannus1	420	RSVP
Coeur D Alene	North Idaho Area Agency on Aging R.S.V.P. (Current) North Idaho College Aging & Adult Services	491	RSVP
Coeur D'Alene	SCP of North Idaho (Current) Panhandle Health District	81	Senior Companion Program
Idaho Falls	Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership (Current) Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership	220	RSVP
Lewiston	RSVP of Southeast WA and North Central Idaho (Current) Washington-Idaho Volunteer Center, Inc.	274	RSVP
Pocatello	SEICAA-RSVP (Current) Southeast ID Community Action Agency	345	RSVP
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

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 Idaho

Program HQ Location	Nonprofit Subgrantee Name <i>Intermediary</i>	Description
Boise, ID	CATCH, Inc. University of Utah Sorenson Impact Center	Using a Housing First approach, CATCH, Inc. works with residential property managers to secure housing for families experiencing homelessness, and provide short-term rental assistance paired with progressively intensive case management to identify and address the root causes of that family's homeless episode. Families are paired with a case manager that works closely with these families to set goals and take the necessary steps to achieve these goals as well as identify the best route to financial stability for each individual family.
Boise, ID	City of Boise, ID University of Utah Sorenson Impact Center	Boise, Idaho is developing a feasibility study exploring the potential for a Pay for Success approach to chronic homelessness generally and recidivism among previously incarcerated individuals experiencing homelessness specifically. On any given day, the City of Boise estimates that 500-700 are homeless and that 50-100 of those are chronically homeless.
Boise, ID	Lee Pesky University of Utah Sorenson Impact Center	The Lee Pesky Learning Center (LPLC) is a Boise, ID based non-profit providing professional development for teachers P-12, and psychoeducational evaluation, academic and counseling interventions to students 6-18, at-risk for or with high incidence disabilities. In Idaho, 1 in 2 kindergarteners enters school without the basic early literacy skills they need to become successful readers. When children enter school without these foundational skills, they struggle to develop grade level reading proficiency, which negatively impacts their learning and places them at risk for a host of negative outcomes, including special education referral, increased risk of drop out and a host of other negative outcomes.
Nampa, ID	Terry Reilly Health Services University of Utah Sorenson Impact Center	Terry Reilly is a Boise, Idaho based nonprofit providing integrated primary care and behavioral health services to individuals experiencing limited access to financial and health care resources within Ada County, Idaho. Terry Reilly has strong partnerships with other stakeholders in the homelessness service provider community, creating a dynamic referral process, which integrates Terry Reilly's intervention into those of fellow providers.

Other Programs in Idaho



Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Program Type
Boise	Administrative Grant (Current) Serve Idaho The Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism	State Commission Operations Support