

# National Service in Mississippi

## Year in Review

### MEETING NEEDS IN MISSISSIPPI

Last year more than 2,500 Americans of all ages and backgrounds met local needs, strengthened communities, and expanded economic opportunity through national service in Mississippi. The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) invested more than \$22.2 million in federal funding to support cost-effective community solutions, working hand in hand with local partners to empower citizens to solve problems. AmeriCorps members and Senior Corps volunteers are preparing today's students for tomorrow's jobs, reducing crime and reviving cities, connecting veterans to services, fighting the opioid epidemic, helping seniors live independently, and rebuilding communities after disasters.

National service participants served at more than 300 locations across Mississippi, including schools, food banks, homeless shelters, health clinics, youth centers, veterans' facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based organizations. Through a unique public-private partnership, CNCS, its grantees, and project sponsors generated more than \$5.2 million in outside resources from businesses, foundations, public agencies, and other sources in Mississippi in the last year. This local support strengthened community impact and increased the return on taxpayer dollars.

### AMERICORPS



Last year, more than 1,200 AmeriCorps members met pressing local needs across Mississippi, making a lasting impact in communities while gaining valuable skills and experience to advance their careers. AmeriCorps members serve in one of three programs:

- **AmeriCorps State & National** engages men and women in intensive service at thousands of locations across the country through nonprofits, schools, public agencies, tribes, and community and faith-based groups. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service, the Governor-appointed State Service Commission, which in turn awards grants to organizations to respond to local needs.
- **AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America)** taps the skills, talents, and passion of Americans of all ages to support community efforts to overcome poverty.
- **AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps)** is a full-time, team-based residential program for 18-24 year-olds. Members develop leadership skills by contributing to public safety, environment, and disaster projects. FEMA Corps, a unit of NCCC, focuses solely on disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.

In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award that can be used to pay for trade school, college, or graduate school; or to pay back qualified student loans. Since 1994, more than 16,000 Mississippi residents have served approximately 32 million hours and earned education awards totaling more than \$61.7 million.

### SENIOR CORPS



Senior Corps taps the skills, talents, and experience of Americans age 55 and over to meet a wide range of community challenges. Last year, more than 1,200 Mississippi seniors met critical community needs while contributing to their own health and well-being through one of three Senior Corps programs:

- **Foster Grandparents** serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to young people with exceptional needs.
- **Senior Companions** help 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.

Last year, Foster Grandparents tutored and mentored 2,150 young people, Senior Companions helped 390 seniors live independently, and RSVP volunteers strengthened the impact of 90 organizations across Mississippi.

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	Disaster Services
	Economic & Workforce Development
	Education
	Energy & Conservation
	Health & Aging
	Veterans and Military Families

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## At a Glance Report

AmeriCorps	Projects	Service Locations	Completed Participants	Education Scholarships	Federal Funding
AmeriCorps National	11	71	151	\$788,675	\$236,985
AmeriCorps NCCC	15	15	122	-	-
AmeriCorps NCCC Campus	-	-	488	\$2,888,960	\$9,729,535
AmeriCorps State	11	72	365	\$1,203,347	\$2,438,511
AmeriCorps VISTA	15	51	122	\$498,792	\$1,390,403
Federal Partnerships	3	3	4	\$23,260	-
<b>AMERICORPS TOTAL</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>1,252</b>	<b>\$5,403,034</b>	<b>\$13,795,434</b>
Senior Corps	Projects	Service Locations	Completed Participants	Education Scholarships	Federal Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	5	46	389	-	\$2,010,025
RSVP	6	98	826	-	\$211,067
Senior Companion Program	2	15	79	-	\$357,511
<b>SENIOR CORPS TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>1,294</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$2,578,603</b>
Other Funding	Projects	Service Locations	Completed Participants	Education Scholarships	Federal Funding
Martin Luther King Day	1	-	-	-	\$2,000
State Commission Investment Funds	1	-	-	-	\$239,119
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$265,000
<b>OTHER FUNDING TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$506,119</b>
<b>PROGRAM TOTALS</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>2,546</b>	<b>\$5,403,034</b>	<b>\$16,880,156</b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING</b> (including Education Scholarships)					<b>\$22,283,190</b>
<b>TOTAL LOCAL PROJECT SUPPORT</b> (Non-CNCS Resources)					<b>\$5,251,398</b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROJECT SUPPORT</b>					<b>\$27,534,588</b>

National service programs continue to improve lives and communities in Mississippi, with 376 AmeriCorps member and 1,038 Senior Corps volunteers currently serving.

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7. Total local project support reflects non-CNCS cash and in-kind resources that CNCS grantees committed to raise in support of their completed grants. As part of its public-private partnership approach, CNCS grantees leverage additional resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on the federal investment.
8. Funding for the Social Innovation Fund was eliminated in FY 2017; projects shown operated under previously awarded grants.
9. Mississippi is home to the Southwest Region campus of AmeriCorps NCCC, located in Vicksburg. Members based at this campus perform service projects throughout Mississippi and AL, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, KY, LA, MA, MD, NC, NH, PR, RI, SC, TN, VA, VI, and WV.

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## Project Report

### AmeriCorps

City	Project Name Sponsor Organization	Program Type	Service Locations	Completed Participants	Education Scholarships	Federal Funding	Current Participants
Beechwood	WCHS Student and Campus Development Project (August 21 - October 5, 2018) Warren Central High School	AmeriCorps NCCC	1	10	-	-	-
Biloxi	Diocese of Biloxi University of Notre Dame	AmeriCorps National	3	5	\$29,075	\$2,528	3
Canton	Canton Housing Authority Canton Housing Authority	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	4	\$23,680	\$64,500	1
Canton	Madison County Citizens Services Agency Madison County Citizens Services Agency	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	4	\$23,680	\$64,500	1
Clarksdale	Spring Initiative Delta Regional Authority	Federal Partnerships	1	2	\$11,630	-	-
Cleveland	Delta Reads Partnership Center for Community Development, Delta State University	AmeriCorps State	8	18	\$52,335	\$119,986	-
Cleveland	Mississippi Delta Service Corps/AmeriCorps*VISTA Center for Community Development, Delta State University	AmeriCorps VISTA	3	6	\$34,890	\$99,924	-
Columbia	Rural Local Initiatives Support Corporation	AmeriCorps National	1	1	\$5,815	\$11,439	-
Columbus	Lowndes County "Healthy Living Initiative" Columbus Arts Council	AmeriCorps VISTA	9	14	\$82,670	\$226,808	-
Forest	SCA National Direct MS Student Conservation Association, Inc.	AmeriCorps National	-	-	-	-	2
Gautier	SCA MS Student Conservation Association, Inc.	AmeriCorps National	2	4	\$17,405	\$2,280	-
Gautier	SCA Veterans 2017-2018 Conservation Legacy	AmeriCorps National	1	3	\$4,615	\$9,603	-
Greenville	Rural Local Initiatives Support Corporation	AmeriCorps National	1	1	\$5,815	\$11,439	-
Grenada	The Grenada School District Grenada School District	AmeriCorps State	3	34	\$198,340	\$403,551	26
Gulfport	Alliance to End Hunger-Hunger Free Communities Network Alliance to End Hunger	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	1	\$5,920	\$16,125	-
Gulfport	Anti-Hunger and Opportunity Corps Hunger Free America	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	1	\$5,815	\$16,654	-
Gulfport	Habitat for Humanity International Habitat for Humanity International-2012	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	1	\$5,815	\$16,654	-
Gulfport	Mississippi Gulf Coast, Inc., HFH of the Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.	AmeriCorps National	-	-	-	-	2
Gulfport	Rural Local Initiatives Support Corporation	AmeriCorps National	1	1	\$5,815	\$11,439	-
Gulfport	Workforce Training Institute Climb Community Development Corporation	AmeriCorps State	1	27	\$40,621	\$89,744	2
Gulfport	YouthBuild Gulf Coast YouthBuild USA, Inc	AmeriCorps National	1	14	\$21,537	\$34,849	-
Hattiesburg	Campus Link University of Southern Mississippi	AmeriCorps State	8	65	\$136,502	\$320,875	26
Hattiesburg	TRIAD University of Southern Mississippi	AmeriCorps State	2	29	\$67,442	\$159,234	16

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City	Project Name Sponsor Organization	Program Type	Service Locations	Completed Participants	Education Scholarships	Federal Funding	Current Participants
Jackson	America Reads-Mississippi Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning	AmeriCorps State	32	94	\$486,819	\$1,025,447	66
Jackson	American Red Cross Capacity Project American Red Cross of Mississippi	AmeriCorps VISTA	4	5	\$29,285	\$82,212	-
Jackson	Environmental and Energy Efficiency Assessments of Homes (March 31 - April 25, 2018) Center for Social Entrepreneurship	AmeriCorps NCCC	1	7	-	-	-
Jackson	Environmental Education Learning Environments (January 5 - February 6, 2018) Jackson Zoological Society	AmeriCorps NCCC	2	8	-	-	-
Jackson	FoodCorps, Mississippi FoodCorps, Inc.	AmeriCorps State	4	7	\$40,705	\$87,150	9
Jackson	Genesis & Light's Educational Assistance Mentoring Project Genesis and Light Center	AmeriCorps VISTA	2	28	\$53,435	\$147,992	7
Jackson	Harvest Against Hunger Rotary First Harvest	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	2	\$11,840	\$32,250	-
Jackson	Jackson Zoo Delta Regional Authority	Federal Partnerships	1	1	\$5,815	-	-
Jackson	Mississippi Center for Justice EOLC Equal Justice Works	AmeriCorps National	1	1	\$1,222	\$2,539	-
Jackson	Mississippi River Basin Model Clean Up (March 22 - April 25, 2018) Friends of Mississippi River Basin Model	AmeriCorps NCCC	1	8	-	-	-
Jackson	Nonprofits Database (March 13 - April 25, 2018) Mississippi Center for Nonprofits	AmeriCorps NCCC	1	6	-	-	-
Jackson	Operation: UPWARD Operation: UPWARD	AmeriCorps State	1	3	\$17,760	\$44,755	10
Jackson	Preparing New Site for Community Center (March 26 - April 18, 2018) Genesis and Light Center	AmeriCorps NCCC	1	7	-	-	-
Jackson	Public Allies Mississippi Public Allies, Inc.	AmeriCorps National	2	7	\$40,705	\$88,270	-
Jackson	Tougaloo College Community Health Corps VISTA Tougaloo College	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	1	\$5,920	\$16,125	-
Leland	Delta Health Alliance Delta Regional Authority	Federal Partnerships	1	1	\$5,815	-	-
Lexington	Community Students Learning Center Community Students Learning Center	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	3	\$17,445	\$49,962	-
Macon	Teach, Enrich, Assist & Repair (TEAR) Project (January 5 - February 6, 2018) Mennonite Service Center, Inc.	AmeriCorps NCCC	1	8	-	-	-
Madison	Beatification projects in MS communities (September 4 - September 28, 2018) Keep Mississippi Beautiful	AmeriCorps NCCC	1	10	-	-	-
Meridian	LCHFH Project Hope: Home repairs for veterans (January 5 - February 6, 2018) Habitat for Humanity- Lauderdale County	AmeriCorps NCCC	1	10	-	-	-

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Meridian	Tornado Recovery work in Meridian, MS (April 18 - April 25, 2018) Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service (MCVS)	AmeriCorps NCCC	1	7	-	-	-
Mississippi State	Maroon Volunteer Center Mississippi State University	AmeriCorps VISTA	6	13	\$76,330	\$212,799	11
Oxford	Teach For America - Mississippi Teach For America	AmeriCorps National	9	9	\$53,280	\$4,500	89
Oxford	Teach For America - Mississippi Delta Teach For America	AmeriCorps National	47	103	\$598,945	\$51,500	-
Quitman	Clarkco/NCCC Partner (October 23 - November 14, 2018) Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks- Clarkco State Park	AmeriCorps NCCC	1	7	-	-	-
Ridgeland	COOL Education Project Scientific Research (SR1)	AmeriCorps State	7	19	\$67,762	\$147,931	21
Ridgeland	My Brother's Keeper, Inc. My Brother's Keeper, Inc.	AmeriCorps State	1	4	\$14,800	\$28,834	21
Rolling Fork	Delta NF Forest Health and Improvement Project (October 23 - October 31, 2018) U.S. Forest Service- Delta Ranger District	AmeriCorps NCCC	1	10	-	-	-
Shelby	Anti-Hunger and Opportunity Corps Hunger Free America	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	1	\$5,815	\$16,654	-
Starkville	Veterans & Low-Income Outreach Program Oktibbeha/Starkville Emergency Response Volunteer Services	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	1	\$5,815	\$16,654	-
University	North Mississippi VISTA Project at UM University of Mississippi	AmeriCorps VISTA	17	37	\$110,437	\$310,590	19
University	UM College Corps University of Mississippi	AmeriCorps State	5	65	\$80,261	\$11,005	34
Vanceleve	American Red Cross Mississippi Region Points of Light Foundation	AmeriCorps National	1	1	\$2,908	\$6,404	-
Vicksburg	Affiliate Stewards Conservation Legacy	AmeriCorps Affiliate	-	-	-	-	1
Vicksburg	CL Environmental Stewards The Corps Network	AmeriCorps National	1	1	\$1,538	\$195	-
Vicksburg	Fall Housing Rehab Project with City of Vicksburg (January 5 - February 6, 2018) City of Vicksburg	AmeriCorps NCCC	2	8	-	-	-
Vicksburg	Members at the Southern Region campus of AmeriCorps NCCC perform service projects throughout AL, CT, DC, FL, GA, KY, LA, MA, MD, MS, NC, NJ, RI, SC, TN, VA, WV, USVI and PR.	AmeriCorps NCCC Campus	-	488	\$2,888,960	\$9,729,535	-
Vicksburg	Park Assistance (January 7, 2019 - Current) National Park Service - Vicksburg National Military Park	AmeriCorps NCCC	-	-	-	-	9
Vicksburg	Restoring Historic Resources in a National Park (March 12 - April 25, 2018) National Park Service - Vicksburg National Military Park	AmeriCorps NCCC	1	8	-	-	-
Vicksburg	Structural Improvements and Beautification of Homes in the Community (November 14 - December 14, 2018) City of Vicksburg	AmeriCorps NCCC	3	8	-	-	-
<b>AMERICORPS TOTAL</b>			<b>216</b>	<b>1,252</b>	<b>\$5,403,034</b>	<b>\$13,795,434</b>	<b>376</b>

### Senior Corps

City	Project Name Sponsor Organization	Program Type	Service Locations	Completed Participants	Education Scholarships	Federal Funding	Current Participants
Biloxi	RSVP of Mobile County Mobile County Commission	RSVP	1	3	-	-	3
Clarksdale	Coahoma Opportunities RSVP Coahoma Opportunities Inc.	RSVP	11	120	-	\$40,000	108
Ellisville	Foster Grandparent Program of the Pine Belt Laurel-Jones County Council on Aging	Foster Grandparent Program	4	98	-	\$538,960	98
Gulfport	Harrison County RSVP Harrison County Human Resource Agency	RSVP	37	250	-	\$61,531	250
Gulfport	Harrison County Senior Companion Program Harrison County Human Resource Agency	Senior Companion Program	12	41	-	\$179,403	41
Hattiesburg	FGP of Hattiesburg Area Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District, Inc.	Foster Grandparent Program	4	40	-	\$179,544	35
Hernando	DeSoto RSVP Porter Leath Children Center	RSVP	10	44	-	-	35
Indianola	Ms River Delta FGP Save the Children Field Office (AR)	Foster Grandparent Program	3	20	-	\$118,175	17
Meridian	Lauderdale County FGP Multi-County Community Service Agency	Foster Grandparent Program	-	115	-	\$474,351	-
Meridian	RSVP Meridian/Lauderdale County United Way of East Mississippi	RSVP	23	184	-	\$63,690	184
Oxford	Lafayette County FGP Oxford/Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce	Foster Grandparent Program	14	64	-	\$384,192	84
Oxford	Lafayette County RSVP Oxford Park Commission	RSVP	16	225	-	\$45,846	45
Pascagoula	MDHS Jackson County Senior Companion Program Division of Aging & Adult Service1	Senior Companion Program	3	38	-	\$178,107	38
Pearl	Foster Grandparent Program of the Capital Area Mental Health Association of the Capital Area	Foster Grandparent Program	21	52	-	\$314,803	52
Waveland	Hancock County RSVP City of Waveland1	RSVP	-	-	-	-	48
<b>SENIOR CORPS TOTAL</b>			159	1,294	-	\$2,578,603	1,038

### Other Funding

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Jackson	Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service	State Commission Investment Funds	-	-	-	\$239,119	-
Jackson	Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service	State Commission Operations Support	-	-	-	\$265,000	-
Jackson	MS Nonprofit Resource Hubs Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service	Volunteer Generation Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Starkville	Black Girls Rock of MS, Inc. Youth Service America	Martin Luther King Day	-	-	-	\$2,000	-
<b>OTHER FUNDING TOTAL</b>			-	-	-	\$506,119	-
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