

National Service in West Virginia

Year in Review

MEETING NEEDS IN WEST VIRGINIA

Last year more than 3,400 Americans of all ages and backgrounds met local needs, strengthened communities, and expanded economic opportunity through national service in West Virginia. The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) invested more than \$11.6 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 500 locations across West Virginia, 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 \$6.5 million in outside resources from businesses, foundations, public agencies, and other sources in West Virginia in the last year. This local support strengthened community impact and increased the return on taxpayer dollars.

AMERICORPS



Last year, more than 900 AmeriCorps members met pressing local needs across West Virginia, 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 Volunteer West Virginia, 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 14,000 West Virginia residents have served approximately 20 million hours and earned education awards totaling more than \$35.5 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 2,400 West Virginia 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 670 young people, Senior Companions helped 140 seniors live independently, and RSVP volunteers strengthened the impact of 140 organizations across West Virginia.

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To see other reports about national service in West Virginia, please contact WV@cns.gov. The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. To learn more about the Corporation for National and Community Service, visit NationalService.gov or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

| Our Focus Areas | |
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|  Disaster Services |  Energy & Conservation |
|  Economic & Workforce Development |  Health & Aging |
|  Education |  Veterans and Military Families |

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At a Glance Report

| AmeriCorps | Projects | Service Locations | Completed Participants | Education Scholarships | Federal Funding |
|--|-----------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| AmeriCorps National | 4 | 8 | 29 | \$54,865 | \$76,116 |
| AmeriCorps NCCC | 9 | 9 | 67 | - | - |
| AmeriCorps State | 10 | 195 | 650 | \$1,486,643 | \$3,194,974 |
| AmeriCorps VISTA | 13 | 84 | 231 | \$869,319 | \$2,374,014 |
| AMERICORPS TOTAL | 36 | 296 | 977 | \$2,410,827 | \$5,645,104 |
| Senior Corps | Projects | Service Locations | Completed Participants | Education Scholarships | Federal Funding |
| Foster Grandparent Program | 4 | 134 | 344 | - | \$1,687,667 |
| RSVP | 10 | 147 | 1,968 | - | \$693,045 |
| Senior Companion Program | 1 | 16 | 118 | - | \$485,700 |
| SENIOR CORPS TOTAL | 15 | 297 | 2,430 | - | \$2,866,411 |
| Other Funding | Projects | Service Locations | Completed Participants | Education Scholarships | Federal Funding |
| State Commission Investment Funds | 1 | - | - | - | \$165,316 |
| State Commission Operations Support | 1 | - | - | - | \$265,000 |
| Training and Technical Assistance | 1 | - | - | - | \$39,440 |
| Volunteer Generation Fund | 1 | - | - | - | \$262,295 |
| OTHER FUNDING TOTAL | 4 | - | - | - | \$732,051 |
| PROGRAM TOTALS | 55 | 593 | 3,407 | \$2,410,827 | \$9,243,566 |
| TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Education Scholarships) | | | | | \$11,654,393 |
| TOTAL LOCAL PROJECT SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources) | | | | | \$6,571,958 |
| TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROJECT SUPPORT | | | | | \$18,226,351 |

National service programs continue to improve lives and communities in West Virginia, with 291 AmeriCorps member and 2,419 Senior Corps volunteers currently serving.

Since 1994, more than 14,000 West Virginia residents have served approximately 20 million hours through AmeriCorps, earning Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$35.5 million.

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2. The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple CNCS programs operated.
3. Completed participants reflects all AmeriCorps members who completed service in West Virginia between January 7, 2019 and January 6, 2020. For Senior Corps, this reflects all volunteers funded by grants completed during that same period.
4. The Education Scholarships figures represent the maximum potential value of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards that could be earned by AmeriCorps members who completed service in West Virginia. The award can be used in any state to pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay back student loans.
5. AmeriCorps State and National, Foster Grandparent, and Senior Companion federal funding reflects the estimated proportionate share of the federal grant associated with the participants in this report. For AmeriCorps VISTA, funding reflects the national average cost per participant. RSVP funding appears in the state where the project is based and reflects the full amount awarded to operate the completed grant.
6. Current participants reflects national service participants currently serving in West Virginia.
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.

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Project Report

AmeriCorps

| City | Project Name Sponsor Organization | Program Type | Service Locations | Completed Participants | Education Scholarships | Federal Funding | Current Participants |
|---------------|---|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Beckley | Conservation Legacy Conservation Legacy | AmeriCorps VISTA | 2 | 20 | \$105,385 | \$287,626 | 19 |
| Charleston | AmeriCorps on the Frontline of School Success The Education Alliance | AmeriCorps State | 22 | 39 | \$88,154 | \$222,041 | 27 |
| Charleston | DreamStarters Step by Step, Inc. | AmeriCorps State | 5 | 18 | \$47,642 | \$111,074 | 7 |
| Charleston | Earned Income Tax Credit Program (February 12 - March 13, 2019) United Way of Central WV | AmeriCorps NCCC | 2 | 10 | - | - | - |
| Charleston | Family Libraries Project (April 8 - April 24, 2019) Step By Step WV | AmeriCorps NCCC | 1 | 9 | - | - | - |
| Charleston | Legal Aid of West Virginia Equal Justice Works | AmeriCorps National | 1 | 3 | \$8,426 | \$17,755 | - |
| Charleston | LifeBridge AmeriCorps United Way of Central West Virginia | AmeriCorps State | 28 | 50 | \$286,438 | \$609,714 | 42 |
| Charleston | LifeBridge, Inc. United Way Central West Virginia | AmeriCorps VISTA | 15 | 19 | \$113,355 | \$309,270 | 12 |
| Charleston | Step by Step, Inc. Step by Step, Inc. | AmeriCorps VISTA | 7 | 25 | \$121,095 | \$330,481 | 8 |
| Charleston | The Education Alliance The Education Alliance | AmeriCorps VISTA | 7 | 9 | \$54,330 | \$148,599 | 6 |
| Charleston | West Virginia Strong WV Commission for National and Community Service | AmeriCorps VISTA | 4 | 5 | \$29,600 | \$80,625 | - |
| Cheat Lake | Renovation of Ridgeway Farm (October 23 - December 17, 2019) The Human Animal Bond Inc | AmeriCorps NCCC | 2 | 7 | - | - | - |
| Crum | Notre Dame AmeriCorps - Cincinnati Notre Dame Mission Volunteers Program, Inc. | AmeriCorps National | 1 | 1 | \$5,920 | \$9,674 | 2 |
| Elkins | AFHA - Enhancing Assets to Benefit Communities Appalachian Forest Heritage Area | AmeriCorps State | 21 | 44 | \$244,234 | \$528,186 | 38 |
| Elkins | Clinical Community Health Workers Washington County Commissioners | AmeriCorps State | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Elkins | Preserve WV AmeriCorps Preservation Alliance of West Virginia | AmeriCorps State | 17 | 23 | \$97,680 | \$232,753 | 21 |
| Elkins | YouthBuild Elkins, WV YouthBuild USA, Inc | AmeriCorps National | 1 | 19 | \$29,729 | \$47,302 | 10 |
| Fairmont | FIRST AmeriCorps VISTA FIRST | AmeriCorps VISTA | 1 | 1 | \$5,920 | \$16,125 | - |
| Glenville | Clinical Community Health Workers Washington County Commissioners | AmeriCorps State | 1 | 2 | \$11,840 | \$29,864 | - |
| Harpers Ferry | CL Environmental Stewards The Corps Network | AmeriCorps National | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Hillsboro | High Rocks: Educating Youth, Enriching Communities High Rocks Educational Corporation | AmeriCorps State | 14 | 35 | \$136,833 | \$346,646 | 22 |
| Huntington | Cities of Service City Hall Love Your Block Fund for Cities of Service Inc. | AmeriCorps VISTA | 1 | 2 | \$11,840 | \$32,250 | 2 |
| Huntington | Community Health Workers in West Virginia Marshall University Research Corporation | AmeriCorps VISTA | 5 | 6 | \$36,220 | \$99,066 | 4 |

AmeriCorps

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|-------------------------|--|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Kincaid | Southern Appalachian Labor School Southern Appalachian Labor School | AmeriCorps VISTA | 2 | 14 | \$46,365 | \$126,769 | 6 |
| Mercersville | SCA WV Student Conservation Association, Inc. | AmeriCorps National | 5 | 6 | \$10,791 | \$1,385 | 2 |
| Morgantown | Energy Express AmeriCorps West Virginia University Research Corp | AmeriCorps State | 86 | 416 | \$521,211 | \$1,020,387 | 1 |
| Morgantown | Providing Outdoor Recreation Access, Opportunities, & Improvements (September 21 - October 15, 2019) West Virginia Land Trust | AmeriCorps NCCC | 3 | 7 | - | - | - |
| Morgantown | VISTA Collaborative West Virginia University Research Corp | AmeriCorps VISTA | 3 | 13 | \$77,310 | \$210,783 | 12 |
| Morgantown | West Virginia University Collaborative Direct West Virginia University Research Corp | AmeriCorps State | 1 | 10 | \$12,529 | - | 9 |
| Mount Hope | Learn visitor services techniques used in national parks (March 21 - April 24, 2019) National Park Service - New River Gorge National River | AmeriCorps NCCC | 1 | 5 | - | - | - |
| Nutter Fort | WV Community Development Hub WV Community Development Hub | AmeriCorps VISTA | 2 | 4 | \$24,205 | \$66,237 | 8 |
| Oak Hill | National Coal Heritage Area Authority National Coal Heritage Area Authority | AmeriCorps VISTA | 3 | 3 | \$17,760 | \$48,375 | 5 |
| Ranson | West Virginia's Promise WV Commission for National and Community Service | AmeriCorps VISTA | 32 | 110 | \$225,935 | \$617,808 | 19 |
| Richwood | 2016 Flood Recovery (October 23 - November 20, 2019) West Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster | AmeriCorps NCCC | 1 | 7 | - | - | - |
| Sutton | Sutton Revitalization (March 23 - April 24, 2019) Sutton Community Development Corporation | AmeriCorps NCCC | 1 | 7 | - | - | - |
| Teays Valley | Camp Appalachia Infrastructure Improvements (August 19 - September 16, 2019) Camp Appalachia | AmeriCorps NCCC | 1 | 7 | - | - | - |
| Teays Valley | Camp Appalachia Infrastructure Restoration (January 7 - February 5, 2019) Camp Appalachia | AmeriCorps NCCC | 1 | 8 | - | - | - |
| Wheeling | Grow Ohio Valley Grow Ohio Valley | AmeriCorps State | 1 | 13 | \$40,082 | \$94,308 | 7 |
| AMERICORPS TOTAL | | | 301 | 977 | \$2,410,827 | \$5,645,104 | 291 |

Senior Corps

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|------------|---|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Charleston | Foster Grandparent Program of United Way United Way of Central WV | Foster Grandparent Program | 41 | 99 | - | \$459,656 | 99 |
| Charleston | RSVP of United Way of Central WV LifeBridge, Inc. | RSVP | 20 | 732 | - | \$213,161 | 808 |
| Follansbee | Brooke/Hancock/Ohio/Marshall RSVP Brooke County Committee on Aging | RSVP | 25 | 174 | - | \$99,138 | 194 |
| Huntington | COAD RSVP 1 Corporation For Ohio Appalachian Development (COAD) | RSVP | 1 | 6 | - | - | 6 |

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| Parkersburg | Mid Ohio Valley FGP Mid Ohio Valley Regional Council | Foster Grandparent Program | 40 | 96 | - | \$513,967 | 96 |
| Parkersburg | Mid Ohio Valley RSVP Mid Ohio Valley Regional Council | RSVP | 21 | 400 | - | \$57,026 | 280 |
| Parkersburg | MOVRC-Senior Companion Program Mid Ohio Valley Regional Council | Senior Companion Program | 16 | 118 | - | \$485,700 | 110 |
| Parkersburg | RSVP Washington County Washington County Commissioners | RSVP | 2 | 4 | - | - | 4 |
| Petersburg | Foster Grandparent Program Region 8 Planning and Development Council | Foster Grandparent Program | 32 | 87 | - | \$402,217 | 87 |
| Petersburg | Region Eight Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Region 8 Planning and Development Council | RSVP | 20 | 77 | - | \$77,179 | - |
| Petersburg | Retired Senior Volunteer Service Programs Region 8 Planning and Development Council | RSVP | - | - | - | - | 84 |
| Summersville | Braxton and Pocahontas RSVP Summersville Baptist Church | RSVP | 4 | 75 | - | \$75,500 | 82 |
| Summersville | Fayette/Greenbrier/Nicholas/Webster RSVP Summersville Baptist Church | RSVP | 44 | 200 | - | \$81,894 | 207 |
| Welch | Council of the Southern Mts' FGP Council of the Southern Mountains | Foster Grandparent Program | 21 | 62 | - | \$311,827 | 62 |
| Welch | Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Council of the Southern Mountains | RSVP | 9 | 300 | - | \$89,147 | 300 |
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| Charleston | Volunteer West Virginia | State Commission Operations Support | - | - | - | \$265,000 | - |
| Charleston | WV Commission for National and Community Service | State Commission Investment Funds | - | - | - | \$165,316 | - |
| Charleston | FY 2019 CHC Surge Funding WV Commission for National and Community Service | Training and Technical Assistance | - | - | - | \$39,440 | - |
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