# National Service in Vermont 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW





### Vermont by the Numbers







Members & Volunteers Service Locations Total Investment

### **Meeting Needs in Vermont**

Last year more than 1,900 Americans of all ages and backgrounds united to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and expand opportunity through national service in Vermont. AmeriCorps invested more than \$5.6 million in federal funding to support cost-effective community solutions, working hand in hand with local partners to empower individuals to help communities tackle their toughest challenges.

AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers are preparing today's students for tomorrow's jobs, helping communities and families impacted by COVID-19, reducing crime and reviving cities, connecting veterans to services, fighting the opioid epidemic, helping seniors live independently, and rebuilding communities after disasters.

AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers served at more than 400 locations across Vermont, 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, AmeriCorps and its partners generated more than \$4.7 million in outside resources from businesses, foundations, public agencies, and other sources in Vermont in the last year. This local support strengthened community impact and increased the return on taxpayer dollars.

### What is AmeriCorps?

AmeriCorps is the only federal agency tasked with elevating service and volunteerism in America. We provide opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to give their time and talent to strengthen communities across our country.

#### A Cornerstone of Our National Culture

By bringing people together to serve communities, AmeriCorps is making service to others an indispensable part of the American experience. We offer individuals and organizations flexible ways to make a local impact through our programs and initiatives.

#### Segal AmeriCorps Education Award

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 5,900 Vermont residents have served approximately 8.9 million hours and earned education awards totaling more than \$21.5 million.



#### **Our Programs and Initiatives**

**AmeriCorps State and National** matches individuals with organizations that see service as a solution to local, regional, and national challenges. There are thousands of opportunities in locations across the country to serve with nonprofits, schools, public agencies, tribes, and community and faith-based groups. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to SerVermont, the Governor-appointed State Service Commission, which in turn awards grants to organizations to respond to local needs.

**AmeriCorps VISTA** places individuals with organizations that fight poverty, to build capacity and make sustainable change. Through fundraising, grant writing, volunteer recruitment, and so much more, AmeriCorps VISTA members gain experience and leadership skills that put them on track for a life of service in the public, private, or nonprofit sector.

**AmeriCorps NCCC** is a full-time, team-based, residential program for 18-24-year-olds. Whether clearing trails for a national park or building homes for families in need, AmeriCorps NCCC members engage in a variety of projects in multiple communities while developing leadership and teamwork skills. AmeriCorps NCCC FEMA Corps serves communities, in coordination with FEMA, through disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.

**AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparents** provides grants to organizations to engage low-income Americans 55 and older in providing one-on-one mentoring and academic support to children with special or exceptional needs.

**AmeriCorps Seniors Senior Companions** provides grants to organizations to engage low-income Americans 55 and older in providing supportive, individualizes services to help older adults and adults maintain their dignity and independence.

**AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP** provides grants to organizations to engage Americans 55 and older in tutoring and mentoring youth, responding to natural disasters, supporting veterans and their families, and meeting other critical needs.

**Volunteer Generation Fund** supports voluntary organizations and state service commissions in boosting the impact of volunteers in addressing critical community needs.

**MLK Day of Service** is observed each year on the third Monday in January as "a day on, not a day off." MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities.

**9/11 Day of Service** calls Americans across the country to volunteer in their local communities in tribute to the individuals lost and injured in the attacks, first responders, and the many who have risen in service to defend freedom.

#### Learn More

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**422** Service Locations



**\$10,375,569** Total Investment

## **Program Funding**

	Projects	Service Locations	Completed Participants	Education Awards	Federal Funding
AmeriCorps National	5	9	94	\$196,665	\$390,525
AmeriCorps NCCC	2	2	13	-	-
AmeriCorps State	8	81	186	\$717,450	\$1,670,386
AmeriCorps VISTA	4	38	46	\$281,770	\$780,522
AmeriCorps Programs Subtotal	19	130	339	\$1,195,886	\$2,841,433
	Projects	Service Locations	Completed Participants	Education Awards	Federal Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	2	37	83	-	\$533,263
RSVP	5	249	1,533	-	\$531,924
Senior Companion Program	1	6	-	-	-
AmeriCorps Seniors Programs Subtotal	8	292	1,616		\$1,065,187

## **Other Funding**

	Projects	Service Locations	<b>Completed Participants</b>	Education Awards	Federal Funding
State Commission Investment Funds	1	-	-	-	\$278,794
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$265,000
Subtotal	2		÷	÷	\$543,794
Total Program Funding					\$4,450,414
Total AmeriCorps Funding Including Education	\$5,646,300				
Total Local Project Support (Non-AmeriCorps	\$4,729,269				
Total AmeriCorps Funding + Total Local Pr		\$10,375,569			

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Notes: All data shown represents national service activity completed between January 15, 2020 and January 13, 2021. 1. Projects may be headquartered in other states. 2. The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple AmeriCorps programs operated. 3. Completed participants reflects all AmeriCorps members who completed service in Vermont between January 15, 2020 and January 13, 2021. For AmeriCorps Seniors, this reflects all volunteers funded by grants completed during that same period. 4. The Education Awards figures represent the maximum potential value of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards that could be earned by AmeriCorps members who completed service in Vermont. 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 VIISTA, 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 Vermont. 7. Total local project support reflects non-AmeriCorps cash and in-kind resources that AmeriCorps grantees committed to raise in support of their completed grants. As part of its public-private partnership approach, AmeriCorps grantees leverage additional resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on the federal investment.



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# **Program Funding**

City	Project Name Sponsor Organization	Program Type	Service Locations	Completed Participants		Federal Funding	Current Participants
Barre	Conservation Legacy Stewards VISTA Program Conservation Legacy	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	1	\$6,195	\$17,571	-
Burlington	Campus Compact for NH Campus Compact for NH VISTA	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	1	\$6,095	\$16,704	2
Burlington	Connect AmeriCorps State Program VT Community And Economic Development Office	AmeriCorps State	10	13	\$58,080	\$139,425	-
Burlington	YouthBuild Burlington, VT YouthBuild USA, Inc	AmeriCorps National	1	14	\$38,059	\$66,031	14
Burlington	YouthBuild VISTA Initiative YouthBuild USA, Inc	AmeriCorps VISTA	-	-	-	-	1
Cambridge	The DREAM Program (September 16 - November 7, 2020) The DREAM Program, Inc.	AmeriCorps NCCC	1	5	-	-	-
Hinesburg	Anti-Hunger Corps Hunger Free America	AmeriCorps VISTA	-	-	-	-	1
Lyndonville	Lyndon Economic opportunity AmeriCorps Program (LEAP) Lyndon State College	AmeriCorps State	9	38	\$108,516	\$323,913	11
Middlebury	Campus Compact for NH Campus Compact for NH VISTA	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	1	\$6,095	\$16,704	1
Montpelier	City of Montpelier (August 17 - October 16, 2020) City of Montpelier	AmeriCorps NCCC	3	8	-	-	-
Montpelier	ECO Vermont Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation	AmeriCorps State	20	23	\$137,138	\$314,833	23
Montpelier	Vermont Housing and Conservation Board Vermont Housing and Conservation Board	AmeriCorps State	24	37	\$175,825	\$374,477	25
Montpelier	Vermont Youth Development Corps Washington County Youth Service Bureau / Boys and Girls Club	AmeriCorps State	15	20	\$92,715	\$190,019	16
Montpelier	Vermont Youth Tomorrow A*VISTA Program Washington County Youth Service Bureau / Boys and Girls Club	AmeriCorps VISTA	14	17	\$104,415	\$290,904	13
Richmond	Community Impact: Conservation and Agriculture AmeriCorps Vermont Youth Conservation Corps	AmeriCorps State	1	21	\$54,558	\$111,062	-
Richmond	OYSI19 - Vermont Youth CC The Corps Network	AmeriCorps National	1	30	\$38,698	\$95,238	-
South Burlington	DREAM VT The DREAM Program, Inc.	AmeriCorps National	4	45	\$97,439	\$211,935	10
South Burlington	Green Mountain HFH Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.	AmeriCorps National	1	1	\$6,095	\$15,192	-
South Burlington	ReSOURCE Resource	AmeriCorps State	1	30	\$85,459	\$211,472	13

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\$1,065,187

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City	Project Name Sponsor Organization	Program Type	Service Locations	Completed Participants	Education Awards	Federal Funding	Current Participants
South Burlington	Sustainable National and State Afterschool Programs & Networ Afterschool Alliance	AmeriCorps VISTA	-	-	-	-	1
Waterbury	Vermont Umbrella VISTA Project Vermont Commission on National and Community Service	AmeriCorps VISTA	21	26	\$158,970	\$438,639	31
White River Junction	n Anti-Hunger Corps Hunger Free America	AmeriCorps VISTA	-	-	-	-	1
Winooski	Next Steps AmeriCorps Program Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania	AmeriCorps State	1	4	\$5,160	\$5,185	-
Woodstock	SCA VT Student Conservation Association, Inc.	AmeriCorps National	2	4	\$16,374	\$2,129	2
AmeriCorps Progra	ams Subtotal		132	339	\$1,195,886	\$2,841,433	165
City	Project Name Sponsor Organization	Program Type	Service Locations	Completed Participants	Education Awards	Federal Funding	Current Participants
Barre	RSVP for Central Vermont and NEK Central Vermont Council on Aging	RSVP	34	320	-	\$149,834	454
Barre	Vermont SCP Central Vermont Council on Aging	Senior Companion Program	6	-	-	-	120
Brattleboro	Monadnock RSVP Monadnock Family Services Inc	RSVP	-	-	-	-	1
Burlington	Coos County RSVP Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc.	RSVP	1	19	-	-	-

Foster Grandparent 23

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**AmeriCorps Seniors Programs Subtotal** 

Green Mountain FGP

Northwest Vermont FGP

Rutland Community Programs Inc.

Rutland Community Programs Inc.

United Way of Northwest Vermont

United Way of Northwest Vermont

United Way of Northwest Vermont

Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging RSVP

Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging

RSVP Rutland/Addison County

### **Other Funding**

Rutland

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South Burlington

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Montpelier	Vermont Commission on National and Community Service	State Commission Investment Funds	-	-	-	\$278,794	-
Montpelier	Vermont Commission on National and Community Service	State Commission Operations Support	-	-	-	\$265,000	-
Subtotal			-	-	-	\$543,794	-
Total Program Funding		424	1,955	\$1,195,886	\$4,450,414	2,083	
Total AmeriCorps Funding Including Education Scholarships						\$5,646,300	



Total Local Project Support (Non-AmeriCorps Resources)

Total AmeriCorps Funding + Total Local Project Support

\$4,728,812 \$10,375,112

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Notes: With the exception of the Current Participants column, data shown represents national service activity completed between January 15, 2020 and January 13, 2021. 1. Projects operate in cities throughout the state. Please review the Service Location report for a complete listing of all Vermont cities with national service. For AmeriCorps Seniors projects where 2020 service location data is unavailable, service locations associated with the project from the previous year are represented. Projects may be headquartered in other states. 2. The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple AmeriCorps programs operated. 3. Completed participants reflects all AmeriCorps seniors projects where 2020 service location data is unavailable, service locations success the during that same period. 4. The Education Awards figures represent the maximum potential value of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards that could be earned by AmeriCorps members who completed service in Vermont. 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 services participants currently serving in Vermont. These participants are not included in the federal funding reflects the reflects numbers who completed service is based and reflects the full amount awarded to operate the completed grant 6. Current participants reflects national service participants currently serving in Vermont. These participants are not included in the federal funding on education award numbers in this report. 7. Total l