# National Service in Maine 2023 INVESTMENT REPORT





### Maine by the Numbers









### **Meeting Needs in Maine**

Working hand in hand with local partners, AmeriCorps is investing more than \$11.7 million in federal funding to support cost-effective community solutions in Maine. This federal funding enables more than 1,950 Americans of all ages and backgrounds united to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and expand opportunity through national service in Maine.

AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers are preparing today's students for tomorrow's jobs, helping communities and families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, connecting veterans to services, fighting the opioid epidemic, helping seniors live independently, rebuilding communities after disasters, and leading conservation and climate change efforts.

AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serve at more than 200 locations across Maine, 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 \$3.9 million in outside resources from businesses, foundations, public agencies, and other sources in Maine last year. This local support strengthened community impact and increased the return on taxpayer dollars.

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AmeriCorps is the federal agency for national service and volunteerism. We provide opportunities for Americans of all backgrounds to serve their country, address the nation's most pressing challenges, improve lives and communities, and strengthen civic engagement.

#### o P<sup>⊥</sup> Bringing Out the Best in America

More than 200,000 AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serve each year, empowering millions more to meet needs in their communities. By bringing people together to serve communities, AmeriCorps is making service to others an indispensable part of the American experience.

# Segal AmeriCorps

After successful completion of service, AmeriCorps members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award to pay for qualified educational costs. Since 1994, more than 7,600 Maine residents have served approximately 11 million million hours and earned education awards totaling more than \$26.9 million. Higher education institutions and other organizations in Maine have received more than \$8.9 million in education award payments since 1994.



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

**AmeriCorps State and National** awards grants to organizations to engage individuals in sustained service to address local, regional, and national challenges. Thousands of opportunities exist 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 Volunteer Maine, the Governor-appointed State Service Commission, which in turn awards grants to organizations to respond to local needs.

**Public Health AmeriCorps** supports the recruitment, training, and development of the next generation of public health leaders who will be ready to respond to the nation's health needs. In partnership with the Centers for Disease Control, Public Health AmeriCorps advances more equitable health outcomes, creates pathways to quality careers, and recruits members who reflect the communities they serve.

**AmeriCorps VISTA** places individuals with nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and tribal governments to expand reach and deepen impact in making sustainable change that alleviates the impact of poverty. Through fundraising, volunteer recruitment, program development, and more, AmeriCorps 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 18-26-year-olds. Whether building homes for families in need or accelerating our nation's capacity to respond to a crisis, AmeriCorps NCCC members engage in a variety of community identified projects during their service term, while developing leadership, teamwork, and professional 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 aged 55 and older in providing one-on-one mentoring and academic support to children with special or exceptional needs. In 2022, Foster Grandparents in Maine served more than 1,240 young people with special needs.

**AmeriCorps Seniors Senior Companions** provides grants to organizations to engage low-income Americans aged 55 and older in providing supportive, individualized services to help homebound seniors and other adults maintain their dignity and independence. In 2022, Seniors Companions in Maine provided independent living support to more than 230 individuals.

**AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP** provides grants to organizations to engage Americans aged 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. It is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to deepen ties to communities, expand racial equity, and solidify service to others as a national commitment.

**9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance** 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 since Sept. 11, 2001.

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Service Locations



## **Program Funding**

|  | Projects      | Service Locations    | <b>Participants</b> | <b>Education Awards</b> | Federal Funding                |
|--|---------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| AmeriCorps National  | 4             | 5                    | 11                  | \$35,204                | \$76,221                       |
| AmeriCorps State   | 6             | 32                   | 117                 | \$485,739               | \$1,734,668                    |
| AmeriCorps VISTA   | 9             | 34                   | 56                  | \$285,405               | \$1,012,091                    |
| Public Health AmeriCorps   | 2             | 18                   | 144                 | \$674,578               | \$2,541,497                    |
| AmeriCorps Programs Subtotal   | 21            | 89                   | 328                 | \$1,480,926             | \$5,364,477                    |
|  |               |                      |                     |                         |                                |
|  | Projects      | Service Locations    | Participants        | Education Awards        | Federal Funding                |
| AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Program                            | Projects<br>2 | Service Locations 62 | Participants<br>120 | Education Awards        | Federal Funding<br>\$1,128,934 |
| AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Program<br>AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP |               |                      |                     |                         | -                              |
|  | 2             | 62                   | 120                 | -                       | \$1,128,934                    |
| AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP  | 2<br>4        | 62<br>37             | 120<br>1,463        | -                       | \$1,128,934<br>\$381,186       |

### Other Funding

|  | Projects | Service Locations | Participants | <b>Education Awards</b> | Federal Funding |
|--|----------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| AmeriCorps State Planning Grant                  | 4        | 3                 | -            | -                       | \$125,546       |
| Research Grants                                  | 1        | -                 | -            | -                       | \$1,847,150     |
| State Commission Investment Funds                | 1        | -                 | -            | -                       | \$406,471       |
| State Commission Operations Support              | 1        | -                 | -            | -                       | \$404,199       |
| Subtotal   | 7        | 3                 |              | -                       | \$2,783,366     |
| Total Program Funding                            |          |                   |              |                         | \$10,176,707    |
| Total AmeriCorps Funding Including Education Awa | ards     |                   |              |                         | \$11,657,633    |
| Total Local Project Support (Non-AmeriCorps Resc | ources)  |                   |              |                         | \$3,895,736     |
| Total AmeriCorps Funding + Total Local Project   | Support  |                   |              |                         | \$15,553,369    |

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# **Program Funding**

| -                |   |                     |                      |              |                     |                    |
|------------------|---|---------------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| City             | Project Name<br>Sponsor Organization  | Program Type        | Service<br>Locations | Participants | Education<br>Awards | Federal<br>Funding |
| Bar Harbor       | CCAC College of the Atlantic<br>Campus Compact  | AmeriCorps National | 1                    | 4            | \$11,273            | \$37,459           |
| Milbridge        | SCA ME<br>THE STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION,<br>INC.   | AmeriCorps National | 2                    | 2            | \$12,424            | \$384              |
| Orono            | CCAC University of Maine<br>Campus Compact  | AmeriCorps National | 1                    | 4            | \$8,059             | \$26,888           |
| South Portland   | CCAC Southern Maine Community College<br>Campus Compact   | AmeriCorps National | 1                    | 1            | \$3,448             | \$11,490           |
| Augusta          | Maine Conservation Corps AmeriCorps Program<br>AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION & FORESTRY,<br>MAINE DEPARTMENT OF | AmeriCorps State    | 20                   | 81           | \$267,081           | \$891,020          |
| Augusta          | Maine AmeriCorps Mentors for Success<br>Education, Maine Department Of                                      | AmeriCorps State    | -                    | 8            | \$38,612            | \$161,280          |
| Belfast          | I KNOW ME/AmeriCorps Mentor Program<br>Maine Youth Alliance   | AmeriCorps State    | 2                    | 4            | \$27,580            | \$115,200          |
| Ellsworth        | DCP Energy Equity AmeriCorps<br>Downeast Community Partners   | AmeriCorps State    | -                    | 2            | \$776               | \$3,168            |
| Milford          | Penobscot Nation Energy Efficency Program<br>Penobscot Nation Housing Dept.                                 | AmeriCorps State    | -                    | 10           | \$68,950            | \$288,000          |
| Portland         | AmeriCorps Resilience Corps II<br>Greater Portland Council of Governments                                   | AmeriCorps State    | 10                   | 12           | \$82,740            | \$276,000          |
| Augusta          | Ending Hunger Corps<br>AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION & FORESTRY,<br>MAINE DEPARTMENT OF                         | AmeriCorps VISTA    | 9                    | 10           | \$71,450            | \$258,160          |
| Augusta          | Fighting Poverty with Library Resources<br>Maine State Library  | AmeriCorps VISTA    | 1                    | 1            | \$7,395             | \$29,042           |
| Biddeford        | Campus Compact AmeriCorps*VISTA<br>Campus Compact   | AmeriCorps VISTA    | 1                    | 1            | \$6,895             | \$22,590           |
| East Millinocket | Pir2Peer's Strengthening Community Resilience<br>Project<br>PIR2PEER  | AmeriCorps VISTA    | 1                    | 2            | \$13,790            | \$45,180           |
| Gorham           | Goodwill's VISTA Partnership<br>Goodwill Industries of Northern New England                                 | AmeriCorps VISTA    | 18                   | 37           | \$150,900           | \$537,717          |
| Kittery          | Portsmouth Naval Shipyard<br>Portsmouth Naval Shipyard  | AmeriCorps VISTA    | 1                    | 1            | \$6,895             | \$22,590           |
| Lewiston         | Campus Compact AmeriCorps*VISTA<br>Campus Compact   | AmeriCorps VISTA    | 1                    | 1            | \$6,895             | \$22,590           |
| Waterville       | PAARI Recovery Corps<br>Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative                                   | AmeriCorps VISTA    | 1                    | 1            | \$7,395             | \$29,042           |

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|-----------------|---|--|----------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| York Harbor     | Up2Us VISTA: Poverty Alleviation through Youth<br>Sports<br>Up2Us, Inc                    | AmeriCorps VISTA                                 | 1                    | 2            | \$13,790            | \$45,180           |
| Gorham          | GoodwillNNE Public Health AmeriCorps<br>Goodwill Industries of Northern New England       | Public Health AmeriCorps                         | -                    | 116          | \$435,010           | \$1,891,999        |
| Portland        | GoodwillNNE Public Health AmeriCorps Maine<br>Goodwill Industries of Northern New England | Public Health AmeriCorps                         | 18                   | 28           | \$239,569           | \$649,497          |
| AmeriCorps Prog | grams Subtotal  |  | 89                   | 328          | \$1,480,926         | \$5,364,477        |
| City            | Project Name<br>Sponsor Organization  | Program Type                                     | Service<br>Locations | Participants | Education<br>Awards | Federal<br>Funding |
| Bangor          | Penquis Community Action Program FGP<br>PENQUIS CAP INC                                   | AmeriCorps Seniors Foster<br>Grandparent Program | 27                   | 45           | -                   | \$399,717          |
| Portland        | Cumberland/York FGP<br>THE OPPORTUNITY ALLIANCE   | AmeriCorps Seniors Foster<br>Grandparent Program | 35                   | 75           | -                   | \$729,217          |
| Augusta         | RSVP Kennebec and Somerset<br>Catholic Charities Maine                                    | AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP                          | 3                    | 165          | -                   | \$107,500          |
| Bangor          | UMaine Center on Aging RSVP<br>University of Maine System                                 | AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP                          | 15                   | 119          | -                   | \$101,702          |
| Oak Hill        | RSVP of Southern Maine<br>Southern Maine Agency on Aging                                  | AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP                          | 7                    | 300          | -                   | \$90,309           |
| Presque Isle    | Aroostook RSVP<br>AROOSTOOK AREA AGENCY ON AGING INC                                      | AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP                          | 12                   | 879          | -                   | \$81,675           |
| Bangor          | University of Maine Senior Companion Program<br>University of Maine System                | AmeriCorps Seniors Senior<br>Companion Program   | 8                    | 52           | -                   | \$375,310          |
| Portland        | Senior Companion Program<br>THE OPPORTUNITY ALLIANCE                                      | AmeriCorps Seniors Senior<br>Companion Program   | 5                    | 16           | -                   | \$143,434          |
|                 |   |  |                      |              |                     |                    |

# **Other Funding**

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|-----------------|---|------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Augusta         | KVCAP/ECM and DOE-CDS First4 AmeriCorps<br>Kennebec Valley Community Action Program | AmeriCorps State Planning<br>Grant | 3                    | -            | -                   | -                  |
| Augusta         | Maine Prisoner Re-Entry Network<br>Maine Prisoner Re-Entry Network                  | AmeriCorps State Planning<br>Grant | -                    | -            | -                   | \$42,000           |
| Bar Harbor      | AmeriCorps Planning Grant: ACTT<br>A CLIMATE TO THRIVE                              | AmeriCorps State Planning<br>Grant | -                    | -            | -                   | \$41,459           |
| Southwest Harbo | or AmeriCorps Planning Grant: Haystack Fab Lab<br>Haystack Mountain School          | AmeriCorps State Planning<br>Grant | -                    | -            | -                   | \$42,087           |

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|----------------|---|--|----------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Orono          | Virtual Volunteerism Among Older Adults<br>University of Maine System | Research Grants                        | -                    | -            | -                   | \$1,847,150        |
| Augusta        | Community Service, Maine Commission for                               | State Commission<br>Investment Funds   | -                    | -            | -                   | \$406,471          |
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| Total Program  | n Funding   |  | 204                  | 1,979        | \$1,480,926         | \$10,176,707       |
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