

At a time of great social need, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) engages millions of Americans in focused, sustained service to solve community problems, improve the lives of our nation's most vulnerable citizens, strengthen nonprofits and communities, and transform their own lives. Nationwide, CNCS:

- Engages more than **5 million Americans** in results-driven service through **70,000** community and faith-based organizations each year, supporting America's civic infrastructure of food banks, homeless shelters, youth centers senior homes, state service commissions, and volunteer centers at a time of increasing demand for services.
- Places **tens of thousands** of teachers, tutors, and mentors into America's lowest performing schools, helping children learn the skills they need to graduate and be successful in the 21st century economy.
- Leverages **\$800 million** in non-federal resources each year to strengthen impact on communities.
- Strengthens America's nonprofits by mobilizing more than 3 million community volunteers each year.
- Provides **tens of thousands** of young adults a living allowance, work skills, and educational support to help them graduate, go to college, and find work, saving taxpayer dollars.
- Supports Governor-appointed **State Service Commissions** in every state to engage citizens in solving critical problems.

## Impact in California

More than **340,000** citizens of all ages and backgrounds serve in CNCS programs Senior Corps, AmeriCorps or Learn and Serve America in California. Serving through **1,800** nonprofits, schools, public agencies or faith-based groups across the state, these citizens tutor and mentor at-risk youth, assist veterans and military families, provide health services, restore the environment, respond to disasters, build homes, and recruit and manage volunteers. This year CNCS is committing more than **\$87,860,000** to support 1,800 nonprofits and communities.

- **Senior Corps** engages more than **25,000** California seniors who annually contribute more than **7,270,050** hours valued at more than **\$155,288,310** through Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP. Last year they:
  - » Provided **3,400** frail seniors assistance to help them live independently in their own homes and gave respite services to **1,729** caregivers
  - » Tutored or mentored more than **10,000** children and youth with special or exceptional needs
  - » Helped more than **1,400** community organizations expand their reach and impact on community challenges
- **AmeriCorps**, including **VISTA** and **NCCC**, engages more than **8,500** California citizens in intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic and other pressing community needs. Last year they:
  - » Tutored or mentored more than **548,020** disadvantaged children and youth
  - » Provided more than **4,576,260** hours of service valued at more than **\$97,748,850**
  - » Recruited more than **130,490** volunteers
  - » Raised more than **\$66,640,000** in cash or in-kind resources for the organizations they serve
  - » Strengthened the reach and impact of **California** affiliates of the Habitat for Humanity, Teach for America, and other national nonprofits and state and local organizations including Boys & Girls Clubs of America, California Conservation Corps, Interval House Crisis Shelter and Hoopa Tribal Civilian Community Corps
    - » Sacramento is home to a campus of **AmeriCorps NCCC**, a residential team-based program for 18-24 year-olds who carry out disaster, environmental, and education projects across California and neighboring states.
    - » Since 1994, more than **100,000** California residents have served more than **110 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$267,770,000**.
- **The Social Innovation Fund (SIF)** mobilizes public and private resources to grow promising, innovative community-based solutions that have evidence of compelling impact in three areas of priority need: economic opportunity, healthy futures, and youth development.
  - » To date, the SIF has awarded **\$95 million** to **16** intermediary grantmakers in **10** states, which have made subgrants to nearly **150** subgrantees in **33** states and the District of Columbia, leveraging **\$250 million** in additional private and non-federal dollars in matching funds.
    - » In California, REDF has received **\$6 million** in SIF funding to support community nonprofit organizations in California and across the country. In addition, **34** organizations have received SIF subgrants totaling more than **\$8.6 million**.

## California Project Highlights

- The CalVet Corps is a statewide effort that ensures veterans have the support needed to transition from military to civilian life through a collaboration of multiple state agencies that provide resources and services to veterans. The program is designed to reach veterans as they leave the armed forces and return to their communities. 30 **AmeriCorps** members provide veterans with information on benefits, services, and programs. In 2010-11, 6,285 veterans were connected with federal, state, and other benefits, services, and resources and 61% increased their usage of these resources. 2,835 military families took advantage of opportunities and 44% successfully participated or completed services such as counseling, legal, substance abuse, and healthcare.
- GRID Alternatives installs solar electric systems for low income families throughout California with the help of volunteers and job trainees. In 2011, GRID's nine AmeriCorps **VISTA** members helped expand services into three new service territories and helped double installation results. VISTA support in community outreach, volunteer recruitment, and fundraising has enabled GRID Alternatives to grow from helping a few dozen families in 2006 to now having installed over 1600 solar electric systems for low income families across the state. Collectively, these services are saving families \$41 million dollars in energy costs over the systems' lifetimes while preventing over 120,000 tons of CO2 emissions. GRID has also provided hands-on training to 8,000 volunteers and job trainees in the field of solar electric system installation.
- In 2011, ten volunteers from the Conejo Valley **RSVP** in Thousand Oaks, California helped assemble and ship 50 to 60 care packages each month to active duty military serving in Iraq and Afghanistan through the "Hugs from Home" program. Packages contained requested food and toiletry items, special requests and even phone cards during the holidays. The project also worked with Chaplains to distribute the packages to troops who were not receiving support from home. Volunteers shopped for items, knitted hats, sewed cool ties, packaged boxes, collected donations, prepared customs forms, delivered boxes to post office, and helped raise over \$15,000 to support the program. A total of 615 boxes- each supplying at least three grateful soldiers- were sent overseas in 2011.
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (**NCCC**) has completed over 1,660,000 hours of service in California since 2000. Among other accomplishments, NCCC has planted 467,627 trees, contained or suppressed fires on 161,015 acres of land, restored or protected 66,875 feet of riverbanks, and assisted 39,790 families in disaster areas. Recent project highlights include partnering with TreePeople, an environmental nonprofit that unites the power of trees, people and technology to grow a sustainable future for Los Angeles. NCCC teams have assisted with restoration work in the Santa Monica Mountains, including work at Malibu Creek State Park, which was impacted by wildfires. Teams have assisted with tree planting, tree care, invasive species removal, and native seed collection.
- **Learn and Serve America** provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofit groups to engage more than 330,000 California students in community service linked to academic learning and the development of civic skills. One example is the STEM SQUARED initiative, which promotes student success in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) disciplines. Grant activities include demonstration projects at five California State University campuses including Chico, Fresno, Monterey Bay, San Marcos and Sonoma. The CSU hosts curriculum development institutes and provides small sub-grants to all campuses to encourage service-learning in STEM disciplines. The grant also replicates a program called Coyote Careers which provides academic support, career skills training and networking opportunities that enable students to succeed in their chosen STEM careers. Overall 40 faculty members worked with 1,000 student participants in the program.