



AmeriCorps NCCC ■ Service Projects

*This fact sheet **does not apply** to FEMA Corps which solely works in conjunction with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on disaster response and emergency management related service deployments.

The NCCC accomplishes its mission by working with local community organizations and groups to help them meet needs that they have identified and that would not be fully addressed without additional assistance. Potential project sponsors are required to submit a project application that outlines project goals and activities. Approved project applications must meet the following criteria:

- Address compelling community needs
- Have clearly stated and well planned tasks and objectives
- Have demonstrable, measurable goals
- Engage all team members in meaningful service throughout the project
- Provide opportunities for member growth and development
- Involve the community throughout the project
- Have a plan for sustainability after the team completes its service

Projects are normally six to eight weeks in duration, but will vary depending on the requirements of the project. Projects must be capable of using at least one full team of 8 to 12 members effectively. Transportation and some basic tools are provided by the NCCC; however, project sponsors are required to provide materials, specialized tools, orientation, training, and technical supervision. When projects are beyond a reasonable driving distance between the campus and project site(s), the project sponsor works with the NCCC to help arrange housing, food, and other logistical needs.

Service projects address community needs in the following 5 program areas:

Natural and Other Disasters

Natural and Other Disaster projects address the needs of communities affected by floods, hurricanes, wildfires and other disasters. The focus is on preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery projects. Examples of projects include, but are not limited to: coordinating volunteers; managing distribution centers and shelters; preparing and distributing meals; clearing debris; enrolling victims into emergency-assistance databases; mucking and gutting; surveying community assets; distributing educational materials and preparedness kits; implementing disaster-preparedness curricula; mapping for improvements to community emergency response systems; and installing hurricane shutters.

Infrastructure Improvement

Infrastructure Improvement projects contribute to the safety and well being of community members through repairing and building structures. In addition, projects will improve basic facilities and services needed for the functioning of the community. Examples of projects include, but are not limited to: building wheelchair ramps; establishing community centers; assembling playgrounds; repairing and painting public facilities.

Environmental Stewardship and Conservation

In the tradition of the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s, Environmental Stewardship and Conservation projects help preserve and enhance a community's natural resources. Examples of projects include, but are not limited to: trail development and maintenance; planting trees; removing invasive plant species; cleaning up rivers, streams, and beaches; performing water quality assessments; and leading environmental education workshops and camps for youth.

Energy Conservation

Energy Conservation projects promote energy efficient practices with organizations, communities, families, or individuals. Examples of projects include, but are not limited to: providing energy efficiency assessments; assisting with installations of energy efficient appliances and light bulbs; developing recycling programs; performing home weatherization projects for low-income, disabled, and senior citizens; and providing and developing educational programming on sustainability and conservation practices.

Urban and Rural Development

Urban and Rural Development projects address the special needs of communities in ways that improve the quality of life for citizens and the success of whole communities. Examples of projects include, but are not limited to: supporting homeless shelters, food banks, youth and family service organizations; historical preservation; programming for seniors and special populations; renovating and constructing homes; leading neighborhood and community revitalization projects; and providing direct service to students, parents, and families through tutoring, one-on-one assistance, afterschool programming, employment counseling and health awareness.

