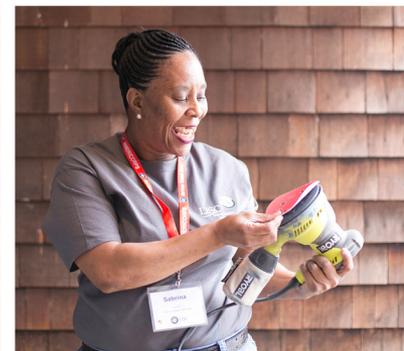




National Service 101

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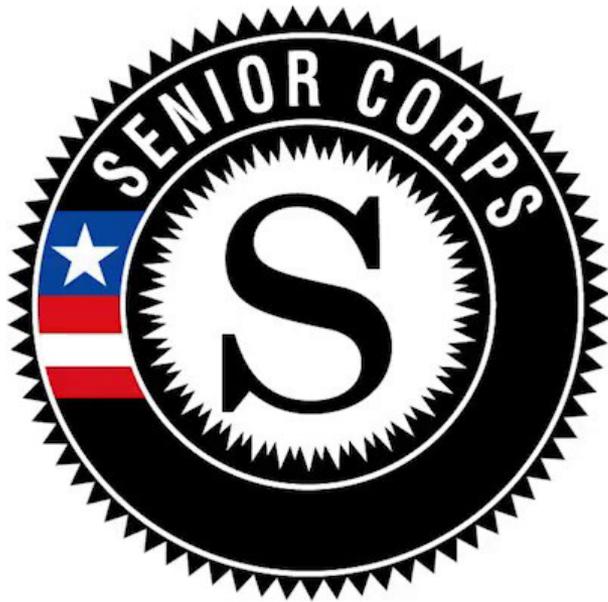
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Senior Corps



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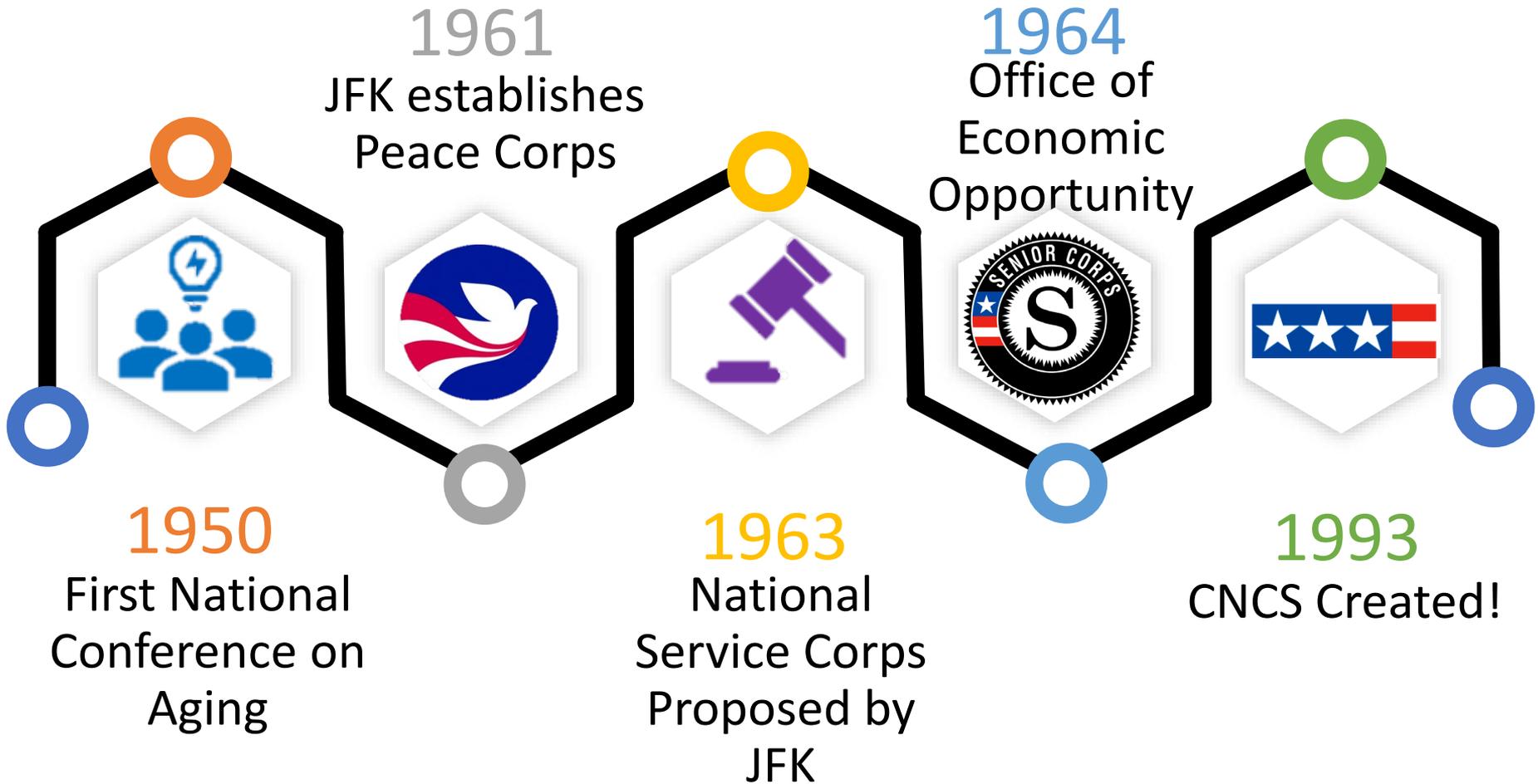
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What is Senior Corps?

- Nation's largest group of older American volunteers
- One of the oldest programs in the national service family
- A set of three programs that empower older Americans to serve their communities
 - RSVP
 - Foster Grandparent Program
 - Senior Companion Program



Community Impact

150,000

Children tutored and mentored*

365,000

Frail, elderly or individuals with disabilities reporting increased social support*

300,000

Veterans receiving CNCS-supported assistance**



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* May 2019
** FY 2018 Senior Corps Fast Facts



Senior Corps Volunteers



6

Average years of service
for FGP/SCP volunteer

8

Average years of service
for RSVP Volunteer

73

Average age of Senior
Corps volunteer

* May 2019
** FY 2018 Senior Corps Fast Facts

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SC Grants

\$14,000

Smallest grant (excludes
\$0 grants)

\$184,718

Median Grant

\$1.9 M

Largest Grant



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Longitudinal Study



- Senior Corps Volunteers Feel Healthier
- Senior Corps Volunteers are Less Depressed, Less Isolated
- Senior Corps provides access, structure, financial support to keep folks engaged over time
- Senior Corps Works!

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Senior Corps Programs



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Foster Grandparent Program (FGP)



- Volunteers serve at thousands of local organizations
- Service Activities Include:
 - Teaching Native language and traditions
 - One-on-one tutoring
 - Mentoring troubled teenagers and young mothers
 - Help Children who have been abused or neglected

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Senior Companion Program

- Volunteers serve with local organizations who set matches, mostly via in home placement
- Objectives:
 - Independent Living
 - Respite for Caregivers



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RSVP



- RSVP volunteer address a variety of community needs.
- Volunteers do not receive a stipend, but may be reimbursed for meals, mileage, and other costs related to their service

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How Senior Corps Works?



- CNCS makes grants to eligible organizations
- Grantees (often called “sponsors”)
 - Place volunteers in own program and/or
 - Place volunteers in programs at community partners (often called “stations”)
- Grantees are responsible for volunteer recruitment compliance, financial management, other duties
- Community partners responsible for on-site assignment, supervision, safety and support, data collection, and record-keeping

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2020 Funding Opportunities

- FY20 RSVP Competition
 - Applications due- September 25
 - www.nationalservice.gov/rsvpcompetition
- FGP/SCP Replacement Competition
 - NOFA Opens- October 1, 2019
 - Application Due- December 6, 2019



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Partner with Senior Corps Projects



25 YEARS of NATIONAL SERVICE

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NCCC

National Civilian Community Corps

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NCCC Mission

A group of AmeriCorps NCCC members and a child are walking on a path outdoors. In the foreground, a young girl in a brown shirt and purple skirt is pushing a wheelbarrow. To her right, a man in a green long-sleeved shirt and khaki pants is also pushing a wheelbarrow. Other members in grey hoodies and khaki pants are visible in the background, some pushing wheelbarrows. The path is covered with fallen leaves, and the background shows trees with yellowing foliage, suggesting an autumn setting.

The mission of AmeriCorps NCCC is to strengthen communities and develop leaders through direct, team-based national and community service.

AmeriCorps NCCC

AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps



Diverse teams of **18-24 year-olds** (No age limit for Team Leaders) travel the U.S. for 10 months, completing multiple service projects in partnership with non-profits, municipalities, governments, parks, Indian tribes and schools.

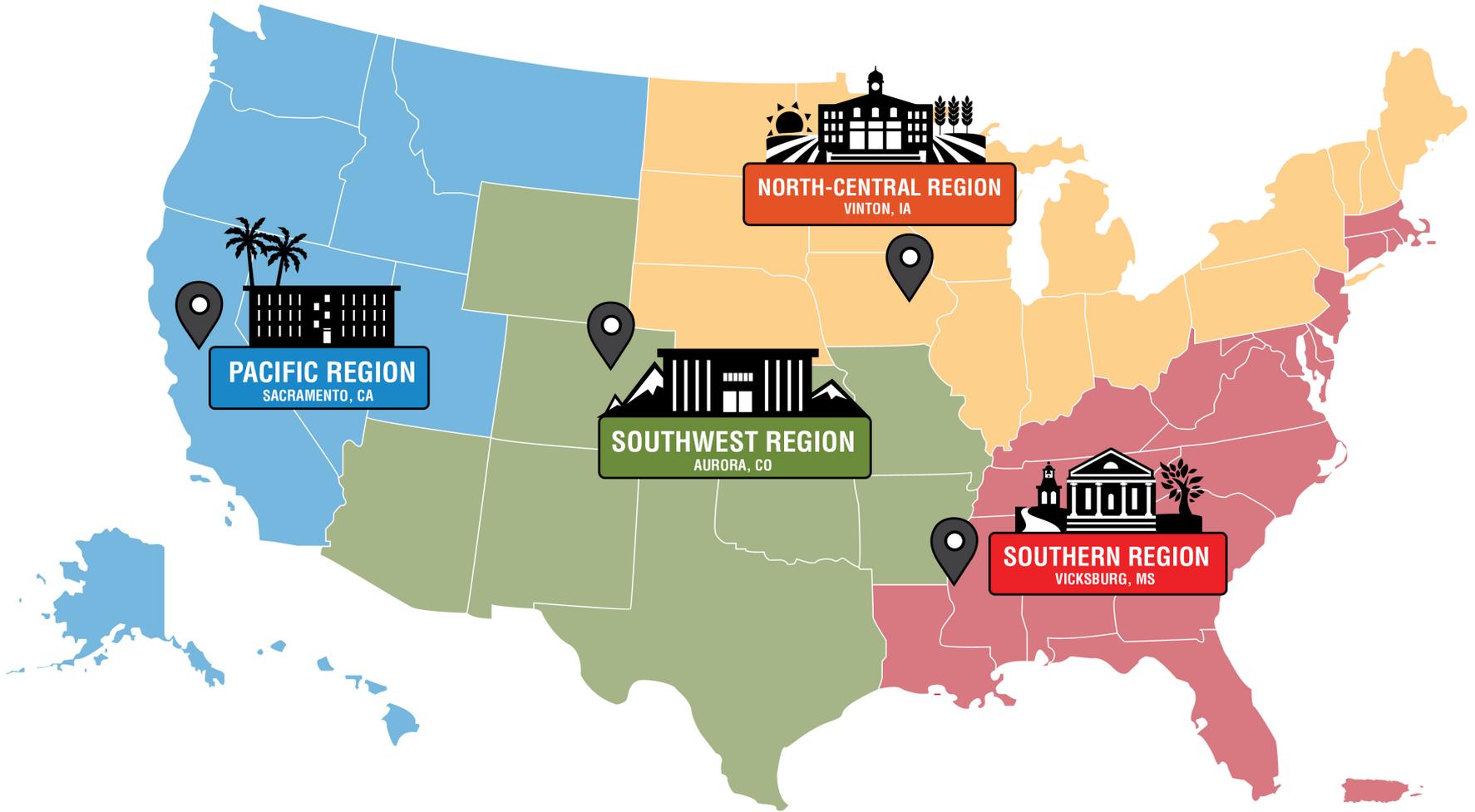
A team-based, residential service program: **all** program expenses (lodging, meals, travel) are provided in addition to a modest living allowance.



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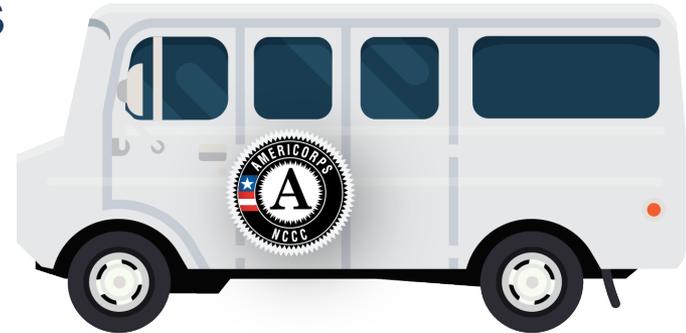
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AmeriCorps NCCC

- Based out of four regional campuses

- Pacific Region—Sacramento, California
- Southwest Region—Denver, Colorado
- North-Central Region—Vinton, Iowa
- Southern Region—Vicksburg, Mississippi



- Complete 3-4 weeks of training upon arrival

- Travel to multiple project locations during their 10-month term

- Project length varies, on average last 6-8 weeks

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NCCC Members

- Members are 18-24 years of age
- Work as teams of 8-12 members
- Apply to the program from across the U.S.
- Represent a wide variety of socio-economic, cultural, geographic, and educational backgrounds
- Variable work experiences, consider them generalists
- Sign up for 10 months of service!
- Have passed a background check



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NCCC- Traditional

- Hands-on, direct service
- Five focus areas
 - Natural and Other Disasters
 - Infrastructure Improvement
 - Environmental Stewardship
 - Energy Conservation
 - Urban and Rural Development
- State Partnerships



NCCC- FEMA Corps



- Works directly alongside FEMA
- Increases the capacity to prepare for and respond to disasters
- Members gain professional emergency management experience
- Work varies from logistical support, disaster survivor assistance, administrative, and more!

NCCC Project Sponsors

** Non-profits, including faith-based organizations * Federal, state, and local governments * Public schools and universities * Tribal communities **

NCCC Provides

- Team Leader
- 15-Passenger Van
- Uniforms/Personal Protective Equipment
- Food and Laundry Budget
- Worker's Compensation and Liability Coverage
- Health Insurance for Members

Sponsor Provides

- Orientation to Organization, Project, and Community
- Training – Initial and Ongoing
- Work Site Supervision – Min. of 20 Hours
- Project Materials, Tools, and Supplies
- Housing for Team
- Context

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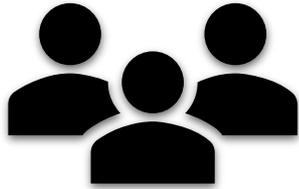
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NCCC in Numbers



1,917 Members



1,522 Graduates



608 Sponsors

For Class 24 (Sept 2017 – April 2019)

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VISTA

Volunteers in Service to America

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Today's Speakers - VISTA



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Volunteers in Service to America

“Your pay will be low; the conditions of your labor will often be difficult. But you will have the satisfaction of leading a great national effort, and you will have the ultimate reward which comes to those who serve their fellow man.”

Lyndon B. Johnson, Dec. 12, 1964

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VISTA Core Principles

- Anti-Poverty Focus
- Community Empowerment
- Capacity Building
- Sustainability



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VISTA Structure



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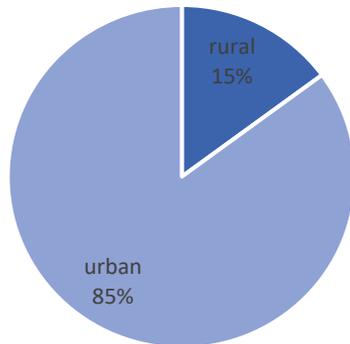
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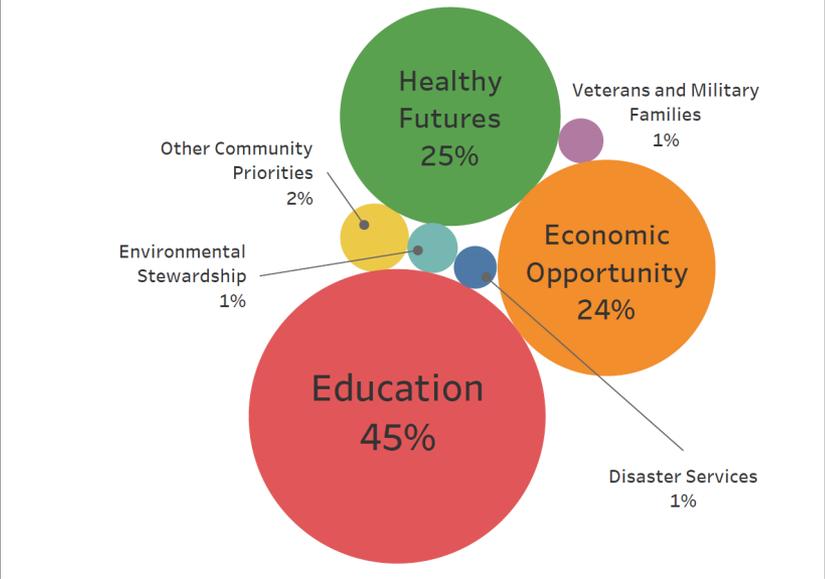
VISTA Program Data

- Total Number of Sponsoring Organizations: 832
- Total Number of Approved Sites: 5,816

Count of Full-Year VISTAs Serving on June 1, 2019, by rurality of service site



What was the primary Focus Area of FY2018 AmeriCorps VISTA Members?



VISTA Focus Areas



Education



Economic Opportunity



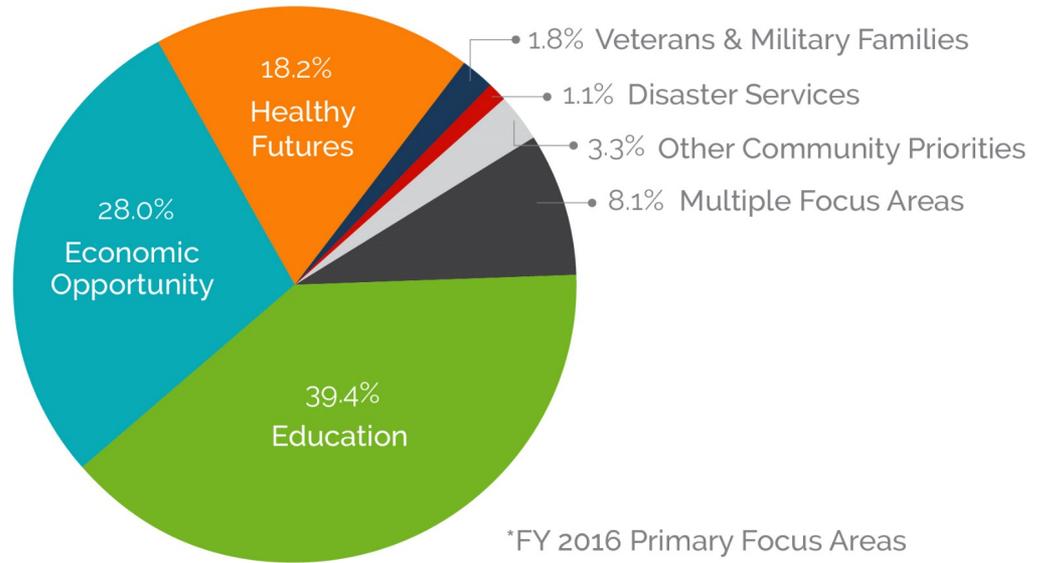
Healthy Futures



Veterans & Military Families



Disaster Services



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AmeriCorps VISTA Impact

ANNUAL IMPACT OF
AMERICORPS VISTA

- 1 8,000+ *Members Serving*
- 2 4,500+ *Locations Across the U.S.*
- 3 720,000+ *Volunteers Leveraged*
- 4 \$195M *Raised from Other Sources*
- 5 220,000 *Members Since 1965*

Updated March 2019



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AmeriCorps VISTA Members

Who Can Serve?

- Eligibility
 - At least 18 years of age
 - Citizen, national, or legal permanent resident alien
 - Candidates must pass criminal background check
- Willing to make a full-time, one year commitment
 - Live at the level of the community they serve
- Have the specific skills or experience to successfully complete their assignment
- Other requirements (e.g., education level) set by VISTA sponsor



VISTA Member Activities

- Build volunteer recruitment, training, and management systems
- Research and apply for new funding sources, including grants
- Establish and cultivate new partnerships
- Create templates for outreach and event planning



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VISTA Members DO NOT



- Provide direct service
- Serve part-time
- Supervise employees or volunteers, including other national service participants
- Manage or apply for other CNCS resources
- Perform political or religious activities
- Provide administrative functions
- Displace paid staff

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VISTA Sponsor Responsibilities

- Develop and implement project plan and performance measures
- Document achievements through Project Progress Reports
- Design VISTA Assignment Descriptions
- Recruit and place VISTA members



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VISTA Sponsor Responsibilities

- Provide work necessities
- Conduct orientation and training
- Assist with community entry
- Provide supervision
- Conduct performance appraisals and track leave
- Reimburse travel



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VISTA Project:

From Coal Miners to Coders



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Applying to be a VISTA Sponsor

- 2 part application process
- Non-competitive
- Contact your CNCS Program Officer
 - Information on timelines
 - Available resources
 - Cost Share
 - Existing programs, including intermediaries



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Comparisons: What do VISTA and State and National have in common?

- Engage service members (AC = human resource)
- Community-driven service
- Intensive, time-bound service
- Post-service education award for members



Contrasts: What are the differences between VISTA and State and National?

- Direct (State and National) versus Indirect (VISTA)
- All VISTAs serve full-time
- AmeriCorps grants are awarded competitively

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What questions do you have?



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Thank you!

