

At-A-Glance: National Service Assets in Times of Disaster

AmeriCorps State & National

AmeriCorps State and National supports a wide range of local service programs that engage thousands of Americans in intensive community service each year. CNCS provides grants to a network of local and national organizations and agencies committed to using national service to address critical community needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment.

AmeriCorps Disaster Response Teams (A-DRTs)

Capacity: 15 programs, approx. 3,000 members

Capability: Direct service activities; volunteer management; leadership; capacity building

Deployment: Under a Mission Assignment from the state or the federal government. In some instances, A- DRT's may deploy within their own state without a formal Mission Assignment.

Grantees (AmeriCorps State & National)

Capacity: Varies by state

Capability: Direct response activities; volunteer management; leadership; capacity building

Deployment: Programs which specialize in disaster response and recovery may choose to deploy.

State Service Commissions

Capacity: Every state

Capability: Volunteer Reception Centers; long term recovery

Deployment: In coordination with the State to provide local support

AmeriCorps NCCC

AmeriCorps NCCC strengthens communities and develops leaders through direct, team-based national and community service. In partnership with communities, members complete service projects throughout the region they are assigned.

AmeriCorps NCCC Traditional Teams

Capacity: 5 campuses, 1,200 members

Capability: Direct service activities; volunteer management; leadership

Deployment: Request from a qualified organization [i.e. government agency (any level), nonprofit, faith based organization, school, tribe]; under a Mission Assignment; assignment in partnership with American Red Cross.

FEMA Corps

Capacity: 5 campuses, 1,600 members

Capability: Emergency management coordination support; capacity building; assist with specific FEMA operational tasks

Deployment: FEMA identifies the need and coordinates assignment with the Disaster Services Unit, NCCC Headquarters staff, and Regional Campuses; only FEMA can request and deploy.

AmeriCorps VISTA

AmeriCorps VISTA members are passionate and committed to their mission to bring individuals and communities out of poverty. Members make a year-long, full-time commitment to serve on a specific project at a nonprofit organization or public agency. They focus their efforts to build the organizational, administrative, and financial capacity of organizations that fight illiteracy, improve health services, foster economic development, and otherwise assist low-income communities.

AmeriCorps VISTA

Capacity: Every state

Capability: Capacity building; long term recovery; indirect service

Deployment: May be redirected from their existing projects for a short amount of time if they are in the immediate impact area.

Senior Corps

Senior Corps connects today's 55+ with the people and organizations that need them most. Senior Corps helps them become mentors, coaches or companions to people in need, or contribute their job skills and expertise to community projects and organizations. Volunteers receive guidance and training so they can make a contribution that suits their talents, interests, and availability.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

Capacity: Every state

Capability: Direct service activities; leadership; capacity building; indirect service

Deployment: Service activities and work plans may be modified to add additional work plans to meet new community needs caused by disaster.

Foster Grandparents (FGP)

Capacity: Every state

Capability: Temporary reassignment to related work if unable to continue service due to disaster.

Deployment: Service activities and work plans may be modified to add additional work plans to meet the new community need caused by disaster.

Senior Companions (SC)

Capacity: Every state

Capability: Temporary reassignment to related work if unable to continue service due to disaster.

Deployment: Service activities and work plans may be modified to add additional work plans to meet the new community need caused by disaster.



CNCS Support and Activities

Regardless of the size of an event, there is at least one national service program that can meet key needs in the Response and Recovery phases:

RESPONSE	Volunteer coordination/ operations support	Operate base camps	Mass care: shelter and feeding operations	Community and public information outreach	Warehouse and donations support	Call center operations	Direct services: debris removal; mucking/gutting; blue roof tarping
AmeriCorps State/National	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
AmeriCorps NCCC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
FEMA Corps	No	No	Yes, under FEMA operations and guidance	Yes, under FEMA operations and guidance	Yes, under FEMA operations and guidance	Yes, under FEMA operations and guidance	No
AmeriCorps VISTA	Yes, through indirect service	No	No	Yes	Yes, through indirect service	Yes, through indirect service	No
Senior Corps	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

RECOVERY	Home Construction/ Repair	Public Facilities Renovation	Needs Assessment	Case Management	Disaster Recovery Center Support	Long-term Recovery Committees	Volunteer Reception Center Support
AmeriCorps State/National	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
AmeriCorps NCCC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
FEMA Corps	No	No	Yes, under FEMA operations and guidance	No			
AmeriCorps VISTA	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, through indirect service
Senior Corps	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

CNCS AmeriCorps Disaster Response Teams (A-DRT's)

(as of January 2014)

Program	Location
AmeriCorps St. Louis ERT	St. Louis, Missouri
California Conservation Corps	Sacramento, California
Coconino Environmental Corps	Flagstaff, Arizona
Conservation Corps of Minnesota and Iowa	St. Paul, Minnesota
Hoopla TCCC	Hoopla, California
Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service	Des Moines, Iowa
Montana Conservation Corps	Bozeman, Montana
Rocky Mountain Youth Corps	Ranchos de Taos, New Mexico
Southwest Conservation Corps	Durango, Colorado
St. Bernard Project	Chalmette, Louisiana
Student Conservation Association, Inc.	Various; Based out of Charlestown, New Hampshire
Texas Conservation Corps @ American YouthWorks	Austin, Texas
Utah Conservation Corps	Logan, Utah
Washington Conservation Corps	Olympia, Washington
YouthBuild USA	Various; Based out of Somerville, Massachusetts