



National Service in Kansas



MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN KANSAS

More than 5,700 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in Kansas. Serving at more than 920 locations throughout the state, these citizens tutor and mentor children, support veterans and military families, provide health services, restore the environment, respond to disasters, increase economic opportunity, and recruit and manage volunteers.

This year, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) will commit more than \$7,290,000 to support Kansas communities through national service initiatives. CNCS invests in cost-effective community solutions--working hand in hand with local partners to improve lives, expand economic opportunity, and engage citizens in solving problems in their communities. Serving in many of the state's most impoverished communities, CNCS provides vital support to schools, food banks, homeless shelters, community health clinics, youth centers, veterans service facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based organizations at a time of growing demand for services. Through a unique public-private partnership, this federal investment will leverage an additional \$3,110,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars.

AmeriCorps: This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 410 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across Kansas. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Kansas Volunteer Commission, which in turn awards grants to nonprofit groups to respond to local needs. Most of the remainder of the grant funding is distributed by CNCS directly to multi-state and national organizations through a competitive grants process. Other individuals serve through AmeriCorps VISTA, whose members help bring individuals and communities out of poverty by serving full-time to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses, and increase housing opportunities, and AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps), a 10-month, full time residential program for men and women between the ages of 18 and 24. In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members earn an education award that can be used to pay for college or to pay back qualified student loans. Since 1994, more than 7,000 Kansas residents have served more than 8.7 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$19,300,000.

Senior Corps: More than 5,300 seniors in Kansas contribute their time and talents in one of three Senior Corps programs. Foster Grandparents serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to more than 8,100 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 740 homebound seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes. RSVP volunteers conduct safety patrols, renovate homes, protect the environment, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services through more than 610 groups across Kansas.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. CNCS annually engages more than five million Americans in service to meet local needs through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and national days of service; improves communities through the Social Innovation Fund, and leads President Obama's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. To learn more visit NationalService.gov or Serve.gov or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

Kansas At a Glance

	Projects	Service Locations	Participants ¹	Education Scholarships ²	Program Funding
AmeriCorps					
AmeriCorps National	7	6	213	\$457,015	\$149,188 ³
AmeriCorps State Formula	7	46	151	\$499,164	\$1,147,620
AmeriCorps VISTA	6	28	46	\$256,630	\$737,702
AMERICORPS TOTAL	20	80	410	\$1,212,809	\$2,034,510
Senior Corps					
Foster Grandparent Program	7	188	634	-	\$2,180,710
RSVP	18	616	4,460	-	\$882,793
Senior Companion Program	2	41	214	-	\$683,165
SENIOR CORPS TOTAL	27	845	5,308	-	\$3,746,668
Other Funding					
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$117,743
Volunteer Generation Fund	1	-	-	-	\$184,914
OTHER FUNDING TOTAL	2	-	-	-	\$302,657
PROGRAM TOTALS	49	925⁴	5,718	\$1,212,809	\$6,083,835
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)					\$7,296,644
TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)					\$3,112,887⁵
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT					\$10,409,532

- Notes: The data shown represents a snapshot in time. CNCS project sites, participants, and funding change throughout the year, so the data may not reflect current conditions.
- This figure represents the number of awarded positions available to be filled in the 2013 - 2014 program year. For AmeriCorps VISTA, this represents the actual number of VISTA members in active service.
 - This figure represents the maximum potential value of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards that can be earned by AmeriCorps members serving in Kansas. The award can be used in any state to pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay back student loans. The education award total is included in total CNCS funding.
 - AmeriCorps National figures may include national programs headquartered in the state and/or operating sites of national programs that are headquartered in other states. Funding reflects the estimated proportionate share of the national grant associated with operating sites in this report. Some national organizations do not report operating site data, or it was not available at time of publishing, so figures may not reflect current conditions.
 - The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple CNCS programs are operating.
 - As part of its public-private partnership approach, CNCS requires grantees to leverage additional resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on the federal investment. This figure reflects non-CNCS cash and in-kind resources that CNCS grantees and project sponsors have committed to raise to support their programming activities across the state.



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National Service Impact in Kansas

AmeriCorps

As part of a Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks initiative, the Kansas Outdoor AmeriCorps Action Team will leverage 65 AmeriCorps members across 24 state parks and wildlife areas during the 2013-2014 program year. These members will restore, develop and mitigate the loss of environmental resources; deliver environmental education programs for schools, civic groups and local government groups; respond to disasters and assist in the emergency management and the restoration process after a natural disaster. During the 2012-2013 program year, AmeriCorps members performed many duties, including: disaster response, cleaning up dead trees from years of drought and replacing trees due to flooding, conducting more than 300 environmental projects in 25 state park areas, delivering 196 education programs to more than 8,800 people, and building, re-routing and maintaining 82 miles of trails.

AmeriCorps NCCC

The City of Junction City and the Helland Park Community Committee were committed to establishing a natural park on land donated to Junction City. AmeriCorps NCCC members cleared and established two miles of new hiking trails and cleared 15 acres of 22,000 pounds of underbrush. The local community has greatly benefited from this project, as citizens now have access to natural walking trails. The city's local high school, within easy walking distance, now uses the park as a biological study area and exercise path for students with disabilities.

AmeriCorps VISTA

AmeriCorps VISTA member Johnna Godinez, along with Washburn University's Kansas Youth Empowerment Academy VISTA project in Topeka, raised \$1,600 for the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, \$9,500 for the Empower Me Challenge, Disability Mentoring Day and a Student Advocacy Conference, \$5,000 for the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, and \$1,300 for the Justin Cosco Scholarship. Johnna's fundraising supports programming which encourages youth to seek employment training and leadership opportunities, refine life goals, secure access to resources, and mentoring opportunities. AmeriCorps VISTA member Janet Sutton along with Washburn University's Dress for Success raised \$7,360 while utilizing a committee of six board members. As a result, there has been an increase from 22 to 38 women using the Career Center, and five volunteers have been recruited to provide resume writing and employment preparation.

Senior Corps

RSVP volunteers in Finney County assisted and counseled 1,057 seniors—low-income, non-English speaking or disabled individuals—in preparing their 2012 tax returns. Many individuals are unable to afford a tax preparer or do not understand the tax forms. As a result, some may send incorrect information or opt not to file a tax return, which results in lost refunds. Certified RSVP Tax Volunteers are required to complete the Tax Counseling for the Elderly Standard of Conduct code and basic, intermediate, and advanced tax courses. Compared to last year, RSVP volunteers helped 36 percent more clients file timely and accurate tax returns. The returns generated \$314,781 in refunds for seniors, low-income, non-English speaking or disabled individuals in Finney County.

Volunteer Generation Fund

In 2013, the Kansas Volunteer Commission and the Volunteer Generation Fund strengthened the volunteer infrastructure in the state of Kansas. A total of \$188,059 was granted to 16 volunteer-connector organizations and other organizations to help expand their efforts in recruiting, managing and supporting Kansans who serve in high quality volunteer roles. To maximize the impact in participating communities, this investment leveraged more than \$200,000 in local resources. In addition to financial support, the Kansas Volunteer Commission delivered 11 volunteer management trainings to more than 480 individuals throughout Kansas. Topics included implementing a volunteer engagement initiative, effective tactics for volunteer recruitment, principles of supervising volunteers, and keeping volunteers engaged over time.



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	410	20
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	60	9

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Coffeyville	Boys & Girls Club of Coffeyville (Current) Unified School District No. 445, Coffeyville	8	AmeriCorps State Formula
Emporia	AdventureCorps at Camp Alexander (Current) Camp Alexander	18	AmeriCorps State Formula
Kansas City	Healthy Kids Initiative (Completed) Hartwig Legacy Foundation dba KC Healthy Kids	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Kansas City	Hillcrest Transitional Housing (Current) Hillcrest Transitional Housing of Kansas	6	AmeriCorps VISTA
Kansas City	Joint Kansas Project (Current) Metropolitan Lutheran Ministry	4	AmeriCorps VISTA
Kansas City	Rosedale Healthy Kids (Current) Rosedale Development Association	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Kansas City	Teacher Assistant/Tutoring Program (Current) Kansas City Kansas Public School District	18	AmeriCorps State Formula
Kansas City	YouthBuild Kansas City Kansas (Completed) United Way of Wyandotte County	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Kansas City	YouthBuild Kansas City, KS (Current) YouthBuild USA, Inc	25	AmeriCorps National
Lawrence	Boys & Girls Club After-School Program (Current) Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence	21	AmeriCorps State Formula
Lawrence	Communities In Schools AmeriCorps Program (Completed) Communities In Schools of Kansas	4	AmeriCorps State Formula
Lawrence	United Way of Douglas County (Current) United Way of Douglas County	18	AmeriCorps State Formula
Manhattan	Kansas Campus Compact Serve 2 Succeed Corps (Completed) Kansas State University, Kansas Campus Compact	35	AmeriCorps State Formula
Newton	Mennonite Mission Network (Current) Catholic Volunteer Network	79	AmeriCorps National
Overland Park	YVC of Greater Kansas City (Current) Youth Volunteer Corps	1	AmeriCorps National
Parsons	Medication Assistance Program (Current) Labette County Medical Center	3	AmeriCorps State Formula
Pleasanton	SCA Kansas (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	12	AmeriCorps National
Prairie Village	Boys Hope Girls Hope Links of Kansas (Completed) Boys Hope Girls Hope	-	AmeriCorps National
Pratt	Kansas Outdoor AmeriCorps Action Team (Current) Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks	65	AmeriCorps State Formula
Salina	Catholic Charities of Kansas (Completed) Catholic Charities of Salina, Inc.	5	AmeriCorps State Formula
Topeka	Joining Community Forces Kansas National Guard (Current) Kansas National Guard	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Topeka	Kansas Environmental Service Program (Completed) Kansas Department of Health & Environment	4	AmeriCorps State Formula
Topeka	Washburn University KS 66621-0001 (Current) The College of New Jersey	91	AmeriCorps National
Topeka	Washburn University VISTA Project (Current) Washburn University	27	AmeriCorps VISTA
Topeka	YVC of Greater Topeka (Current) Youth Volunteer Corps	-	AmeriCorps National
Wichita	CPRF (Completed) Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation	4	AmeriCorps National
Wichita	CPRF Operating Site (Current) Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation	5	AmeriCorps National



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Wichita	Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters Statewide Reorganization (Current) Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters	5	AmeriCorps VISTA
Wichita	Wichita Habitat for Humanity (May 20 - July 17, 2013) Habitat for Humanity - Wichita, KS	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects

Notes: If there are programs with identical names in separate entries, they are different grants to the same organization. If no members are shown, either the grant is for planning or technical assistance, or enrollment data was not available at the time of printing.
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Senior Corps in Kansas



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	5,308	27
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	913	4

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Augusta	Butler County FGP (Current) Butler County Dept. on Aging	63	Foster Grandparent Program
Augusta	Butler County RSVP (Current) Butler County Dept. on Aging	148	RSVP
Chanute	NCCC RSVP (Current) Neosho County Community College	140	RSVP
Colby	Colby Kansas RSVP (Current) Colby Community College	200	RSVP
Dodge City	Ford County RSVP (Completed) Dodge City Community College	246	RSVP
Dodge City	Ford County RSVP (Current) Dodge City Community College	200	RSVP
Emporia	Lyon County RSVP (Completed) Lyon County Department on Aging	187	RSVP
Emporia	Lyon County RSVP (Current) Lyon County Department on Aging	164	RSVP
Garden City	Finney County RSVP (Current) Finney County RSVP Inc.	212	RSVP
Great Bend	RSVP of Central Kansas (Current) Barton County Community College	350	RSVP
Hays	Fort Hays Foster Grandparent Program (Current) Fort Hays State University	49	Foster Grandparent Program
Hays	Fort Hays Senior Companion Program (Current) Fort Hays State University	140	Senior Companion Program
Hutchinson	Reno County RSVP (Current) Hutchinson Community College	540	RSVP
Independence	RSVP Four County (Current) Four County Mental Health Center, Inc	200	RSVP
Kansas City	Foster Grandparent Program of Wyandotte County/KCK (Current) Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas	125	Foster Grandparent Program
Kansas City	Wyandotte County RSVP, Kansas #11 (Current) United Way of Wyandotte County	190	RSVP
Manhattan	Foster Grandparent (Current) North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging, Inc.	49	Foster Grandparent Program
Manhattan	RSVP of the Flint Hills, Inc. (Current)	350	RSVP
Marysville	RSVP of NE Kansas Inc. (Current)	200	RSVP
Newton	Harvey County RSVP (Completed) Harvey County	400	RSVP
Newton	Harvey County RSVP (Current) Harvey County	320	RSVP
Overland Park	Coming of Age/RSVP Johnson County (Current) Shepherd's Center Central	334	RSVP
Paola	Paola FGP (Current) Paola Association For Church Action	67	Foster Grandparent Program
Pratt	Pratt County RSVP (Current) Pratt County Commission	104	RSVP
Salina	Saline County RSVP (Current) Kansas Wesleyan University	300	RSVP
Topeka	FGP of NE Kansas (Current) State of Kansas Neurological Institute	116	Foster Grandparent Program
Topeka	United Way of Greater Topeka RSVP (Current) United Way of Greater Topeka, Inc.	215	RSVP
Wichita	Catholic Charities Foster Grandparent Program (Current) Catholic Charities Wichita	165	Foster Grandparent Program

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Wichita	Sedgwick County RSVP Volunteer Program (Current) Sedgwick County	293	RSVP
Wichita	Senior Companion Grant (Current) Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas	74	Senior Companion Program
Winfield	Grandparents In Education (Completed) Winfield Public Schools Unified School District 465	80	Foster Grandparent Program

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