



National Service in Montana



MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN MONTANA

More than 6,600 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in Montana. Serving at more than 1,100 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 \$10,270,000 to support Montana 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 \$5,740,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars.

AmeriCorps: This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 1,000 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across Montana. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Montana Commission on Community Service, 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 8,500 Montana residents have served more than 8 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$18,630,000.

Senior Corps: More than 5,600 seniors in Montana 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 5,300 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 1,000 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 820 groups across Montana.

Social Innovation Fund: The Social Innovation Fund transforms lives and communities using limited federal investment as a catalyst to grow the impact of nonprofits with evidence of strong results. It harnesses the expertise of grantmaking intermediaries to identify, evaluate and expand effective nonprofits and engages funding partners to contribute nearly three dollars to every one federal dollar invested. As the Social Innovation Fund network grows programs that work in Montana, more people are able to overcome their most pressing challenges in the areas of economic opportunity, health, and youth development. The Social Innovation Fund is investing \$180,000 in expanding the impact of 1 nonprofit in Montana.

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.

Montana At a Glance

AmeriCorps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants ¹	Education Scholarships ²	Program Funding
AmeriCorps National	15	38	642	\$857,754	\$375,480 ³
AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects	3	3	32	-	- ⁴
AmeriCorps State Competitive	1	5	254	\$820,646	\$1,872,000
AmeriCorps State Formula	4	40	55	\$269,750	\$623,352
AmeriCorps VISTA	4	60	81	\$452,970	\$1,298,997
AMERICORPS TOTAL	27	146	1,064	\$2,401,120	\$4,169,829
Senior Corps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	5	136	395	-	\$1,180,443
RSVP	13	829	4,964	-	\$1,299,905
Senior Companion Program	3	38	262	-	\$836,128
SENIOR CORPS TOTAL	21	1,003	5,621	-	\$3,316,476
Social Innovation Fund	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Nonprofit Subgrantees	1	-	-	-	\$186,928
SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND TOTAL	1	-	-	-	\$186,928
Other Funding	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$203,204
OTHER FUNDING TOTAL	1	-	-	-	\$203,204
PROGRAM TOTALS	50	1,149 ⁵	6,685	\$2,401,120	\$7,876,437
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)					\$10,277,557
TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)					\$5,749,538 ⁶
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT					\$16,027,095

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 Montana. 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.
- Montana is served by the AmeriCorps NCCC campus located in McClellan, California.
In the past year, AmeriCorps NCCC teams have served on projects in Butte, Virginia City, Great Falls, Miles City, Kalispell, Roundup.
- 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 Montana

AmeriCorps

On July 17, 2013, members of the Montana State Parks AmeriCorps Program were scheduled to serve in support of a special event in the historic ghost town of Bannack when a flash flood swept through the town. The team of 14 AmeriCorps members jumped into action documenting artifacts unearthed and scattered through the flood zone. Said member Leslie Dinsmore, “while the flood was very unfortunate, the opportunity to help with this project was a fantastic and rewarding experience.” As a whole members spent more than 224 hours cataloging the location of artifacts using GPS tagging and bagging each item.

AmeriCorps NCCC

AmeriCorps NCCC members have helped the Montana Heritage Commission (MHC) maintain the historical value of Virginia City and neighboring Nevada City, gold-mining ghost towns that serve as vital representations of Montana’s cultural heritage. NCCC members’ work included invasive species removal, historical collections preservation, trash removal, fence construction and maintenance, building repairs, and trail improvements. Additionally, the team was able to assist with unusual yet important tasks like installing railroad crossing signs, painting train passenger cars, sifting for artifacts at archeological excavations, and putting period wagons on blocks to support their weight. The NCCC teams working with MHC have benefitted the community by making the area safer and aesthetically pleasing to visitors and residents, as well as maintaining the two historical sites.

AmeriCorps VISTA

One Montana Legal Services Association AmeriCorps VISTA Project member and one VISTA Summer Associate serving with the State Bar of Montana supported an effort to expand the legal information and resources available to benefit veterans and military families throughout Montana. The member developed a comprehensive legal needs survey and with assistance from the Summer Associate distributed the survey throughout the state. Analysis of the 339 responses from veterans, active duty members, and immediate family members statewide revealed the topics of need for veterans and military families. From there the member developed a 70-page guide to personal finance and finance related law in conjunction with the Law Related Education Committee. The publication will be printed and posted online and distributed throughout Montana to assist veterans and military families with legal information.

Senior Corps

In Montana, 190 Senior Companions served 181,612 hours with 1,131 at-risk seniors, of which 789 (or 70 percent) retained independence, delaying use of Medicaid funds for nursing home placement. The average cost of care in a nursing home in Montana is \$72,226 annually of which residents pay approximately 32 percent, Medicaid pays 61 percent, and Medicare pays 7 percent. For those 789 seniors the cost would have been \$56,986,314. The annual cost to operate the three Senior Companion Programs is \$1,021,473, consisting of \$781,228 in CNCS funds and \$240,245 in local funds, resulting in a potential estimate savings of \$55.9 million. According to Kevin Brown, from Montana Adult Protective Services, “The Senior Companion program is a very important aspect to maintaining our clients and assuring their safety. I cannot imagine anything more valuable to those of us seeking assistance and help to the welfare of our clients”.

AmeriCorps in Montana



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	1,064	27
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	929	32

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Ashland	Big Sky Area (Completed) Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest	20	AmeriCorps National
Belgrade	Tax Help Montana (January 9 - March 22, 2013) Rural Dynamics Inc	-	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Billings	Billings Metro VISTA Project (MVP) (Current) City of Billings - Community Development	15	AmeriCorps VISTA
Billings	Montana (Current) Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest	25	AmeriCorps National
Billings	MT - Montana State University Billings (Completed) Regis University-Colorado Campus Compact	107	AmeriCorps National
Billings	MT - Montana State University Billings (Current) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	130	AmeriCorps National
Billings	MT - Rocky Mountain College (Completed) Regis University-Colorado Campus Compact	17	AmeriCorps National
Billings	MT - Rocky Mountain College (Current) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	5	AmeriCorps National
Bozeman	Big Sky Watershed Corps (Current) Montana Conservation Corps, Inc.	14	AmeriCorps State Formula
Bozeman	Montana Conservation Corps (Current) Montana Conservation Corps, Inc.	254	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Bozeman	MT - Montana State University Bozeman (Completed) Regis University-Colorado Campus Compact	291	AmeriCorps National
Bozeman	MT - Montana State University Bozeman (Current) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	125	AmeriCorps National
Butte	FoodCorps Montana (Current) FoodCorps, Inc.	10	AmeriCorps State Formula
Butte	Low-income housing construction and home renovation (June 3 - July 12, 2013) Habitat for Humanity of Southwest Montana	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Butte	MT - Montana Tech of the University of Montana (Completed) Regis University-Colorado Campus Compact	94	AmeriCorps National
Butte	MT - Montana Tech of the University of Montana (Current) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	60	AmeriCorps National
Butte	NCAT Headquarters (Completed) National Center for Appropriate Technology	11	AmeriCorps National
Choteau	Tax Help Montana (January 9 - March 22, 2013) Rural Dynamics Inc	-	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Dillon	MT - University of Montana Western (Completed) Regis University-Colorado Campus Compact	10	AmeriCorps National
Dillon	MT - University of Montana Western (Current) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	3	AmeriCorps National
Glendive	MT - Dawson Community College (Completed) Regis University-Colorado Campus Compact	-	AmeriCorps National
Great Falls	MT - Great Falls College Montana State University (Current) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	39	AmeriCorps National
Great Falls	MT - Montana State University College of Nursing Great Falls (Completed) Regis University-Colorado Campus Compact	38	AmeriCorps National
Great Falls	MT - Montana State University College of Nursing Great Falls (Current) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	26	AmeriCorps National
Great Falls	MT - Montana State University Great Falls (Completed) Regis University-Colorado Campus Compact	29	AmeriCorps National
Great Falls	MT - University of Great Falls (Completed) Regis University-Colorado Campus Compact	-	AmeriCorps National
Great Falls	MT - University of Great Falls (Current) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	5	AmeriCorps National

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Great Falls	Tax Help Montana (January 15, 2014 - Current) Rural Dynamics Inc	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Great Falls	Tax Help Montana (January 9 - March 22, 2013) Rural Dynamics Inc	-	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Great Falls	Tax Help Montana (January 9 - March 22, 2013) Rural Dynamics Inc	-	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Great Falls	Tax Help Montana (January 9 - March 22, 2013) Rural Dynamics Inc	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Havre	MT - Montana State University Northern (Completed) Regis University-Colorado Campus Compact	69	AmeriCorps National
Havre	MT - Montana State University Northern (Current) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	33	AmeriCorps National
Helena	Justice for Montanans Project (Current) Montana Legal Services Association	13	AmeriCorps State Formula
Helena	Montana Legal Services Association (Completed) Equal Justice Works	1	AmeriCorps National
Helena	Montana Legal Services Association (Current) Montana Legal Services Association	19	AmeriCorps VISTA
Helena	Montana State Parks AmeriCorps (Current) Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks	18	AmeriCorps State Formula
Helena	MT - Helena College University of Montana (Current) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	-	AmeriCorps National
Helena	Mt - University of Montana Helena College of Technology (Completed) Regis University-Colorado Campus Compact	-	AmeriCorps National
Helena	Prevention Resource Center (Current) Prevention Resource Center - MT DPHHS	19	AmeriCorps VISTA
Helena	Tax Help Montana (January 9 - March 22, 2013) Rural Dynamics Inc	-	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Kalispell	Affordable Housing Construction (January 15, 2014 - Current) Habitat for Humanity of Flathead Valley	11	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Kalispell	MT - Flathead Valley Community College (Completed) Regis University-Colorado Campus Compact	78	AmeriCorps National
Kalispell	MT - Flathead Valley Community College (Current) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	74	AmeriCorps National
Kalispell	Mutial Self-Help Housing Construction (January 15, 2014 - Current) Community Action Partnership of Northwest Montana	11	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Kalispell	Mutual Self-Help Housing Support (January 9 - March 22, 2013) Community Action Partnership of Northwest Montana	-	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Kalispell	Mutual Self-Help Housing Support (January 9 - March 22, 2013) Community Action Partnership of Northwest Montana	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Lewistown	Tax Help Montana (January 9 - March 22, 2013) Rural Dynamics Inc	-	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Miles City	Miles City Community Improvement Projects (June 3 - June 23, 2013) City of Miles City	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Missoula	Montana Campus Compact (Current) University of Montana - Montana Campus Compact	28	AmeriCorps VISTA
Missoula	MT - University of Montana Missoula (Completed) Regis University-Colorado Campus Compact	92	AmeriCorps National
Missoula	MT - University of Montana Missoula (Current) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	77	AmeriCorps National
Missoula	SCA Montana (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	25	AmeriCorps National
Pablo	MT - Salish Kootenai College (Completed) Regis University-Colorado Campus Compact	13	AmeriCorps National



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Pablo	MT - Salish Kootenai College (Current) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	15	AmeriCorps National
Poplar	MT - Fort Peck Community College (Completed) Regis University-Colorado Campus Compact	6	AmeriCorps National
Roundup	Musselshell Fire Recovery (April 1 - May 25, 2013) Musselshell Valley Community Foundation	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Sidney	Richland County Health Department (Completed) Richland County Health Department	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Virginia City	Historical Site Infrastructure Maintenance and Museum Support (June 3 - July 12, 2013) Montana Heritage Preservation and Development Commission	7	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 Montana



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	5,621	21
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	0	0

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Billings	RSVP Yellowstone County (Current) Yellowstone County Council on Aging	500	RSVP
Billings	St. Vincent Healthcare Foster Grandparent Program (Current) St. Vincent Hospital & Health Center	75	Foster Grandparent Program
Bozeman	RSVP of Southwest Montana 09 (Current) Human Resource Development Council District IX, Inc.	575	RSVP
Butte	Butte School No. 1 - RSVP (Current) Butte School District #1	185	RSVP
Glendive	Dawson/Wibaux RSVP (Current) Dawson County Commissioners	300	RSVP
Glendive	Eastern Montana SCP (Current) Action For Eastern Montana	59	Senior Companion Program
Great Falls	Cascade County FGP (Current) Cascade County Commissioners	69	Foster Grandparent Program
Great Falls	Cascade County RSVP dba: North Central MT RSVP (Current) Cascade County Commissioners	612	RSVP
Hamilton	Area VI RSVP (Current) Western Montana Area VI on Aging	286	RSVP
Helena	Helena FGP (Current) Rocky Mountain Development Council, Inc.	102	Foster Grandparent Program
Helena	Helena SCP (Current) Rocky Mountain Development Council, Inc.	140	Senior Companion Program
Helena	Tri-County RSVP (Current) Rocky Mountain Development Council, Inc.	400	RSVP
Kalispell	RSVP of Flathead County (Current) Flathead County Commissioners	397	RSVP
Miles City	Miles City RSVP (Current) City of Miles City	230	RSVP
Missoula	Missoula FGP (Current) Missoula Aging Services, Inc.	80	Foster Grandparent Program
Missoula	RSVP of Missoula (Current) Missoula Aging Services, Inc.	420	RSVP
Missoula	SCP Missoula (Current) Missoula Aging Services, Inc.	63	Senior Companion Program
Polson	Polson FGP (Current) Western Montana Area VI on Aging	69	Foster Grandparent Program
Roundup	South Central Montana RSVP (Current) Area II Agency on Aging	359	RSVP
Sidney	Richland and McCone RSVP (Current) Richland County Health Department	400	RSVP
Sidney	Roosevelt, Daniels, & Sheridan County RSVP (Current) Richland County Health Department	300	RSVP

Note: The city column refers to the location of sponsor organization. Volunteers may be serving in other locations than the city listed.

Nonprofit Subgrantees in Montana

Program HQ Location	Nonprofit Subgrantee Name <i>Intermediary</i>	Description
Missoula, MT	Partnership Health Center The John A. Hartford Foundation	