



## National Service in South Carolina



### MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

More than 5,200 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in South Carolina. Serving at more than 660 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 \$11,160,000 to support South Carolina 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 \$4,460,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars.

**AmeriCorps:** This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 870 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across South Carolina. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the United Way Association of South Carolina, 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 8,900 South Carolina residents have served more than 10 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$20,400,000.

**Senior Corps:** More than 4,400 seniors in South Carolina 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 2,400 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 560 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 280 groups across South Carolina.

**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 South Carolina, 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 \$870,000 in expanding the impact of 2 nonprofits in South Carolina.

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](http://NationalService.gov) or [Serve.gov](http://Serve.gov) or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

# South Carolina At a Glance

<b>AmeriCorps</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants <sup>1</sup>	Education Scholarships <sup>2</sup>	Program Funding
AmeriCorps National	14	21	324	\$583,902	\$760,929 <sup>3</sup>
AmeriCorps State Competitive	1	3	24	\$135,480	\$312,000
AmeriCorps State Formula	8	124	446	\$1,705,940	\$1,819,022
AmeriCorps VISTA	7	71	78	\$433,470	\$1,250,886
<b>AMERICORPS TOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>\$2,858,792</b>	<b>\$4,142,837</b>
<b>Senior Corps</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	6	122	487	-	\$1,583,162
RSVP	9	284	3,652	-	\$470,868
Senior Companion Program	4	36	267	-	\$920,589
<b>SENIOR CORPS TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>4,406</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$2,974,619</b>
<b>Social Innovation Fund</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Nonprofit Subgrantees	2	-	-	-	\$871,500
<b>SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$871,500</b>
<b>Other Funding</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$212,837
Volunteer Generation Fund	1	-	-	-	\$100,000
<b>OTHER FUNDING TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$312,837</b>
<b>PROGRAM TOTALS</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>661 <sup>4</sup></b>	<b>5,278</b>	<b>\$2,858,792</b>	<b>\$8,301,793</b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)</b>					<b>\$11,160,585</b>
<b>TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)</b>					<b>\$4,464,200 <sup>5</sup></b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT</b>					<b>\$15,624,785</b>

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 South Carolina. 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 South Carolina

## AmeriCorps

The Trident United Way Financial Stability Project (FSP) uses a series of interventions that create sustainable change. The framework begins with addressing basic needs, then increasing basic skills, followed by increasing income and savings, and finally gaining and sustaining assets. AmeriCorps members serve as FSP Navigators and are placed in partner agencies and help individuals and families gain access to resources that support stability. The program's baseline data from year one to year two showed an increase in GED enrollment of 169 percent, and a 120 percent increase of participants who attained a GED. Work Keys also showed an increase of 850 percent. From year two to year three there was a 14 percent increase of GED participants enrolled and a 25 percent increase of participants who attained a GED. Individuals who received a Work Keys certificate increased by 68 percent.

## AmeriCorps NCCC

AmeriCorps NCCC team Delta 7 worked for the Greenville County Recreation District at Camp Spearhead. Projects included clearing a forest corridor, building an observation deck, and repairing a storage shed. The team also supervised 143 local volunteers. The work accomplished by the team at Camp Spearhead will allow campers to access parts of nature that were not available to them previously. The team learned new skills and witnessed campers using the finished products of their hard work.

## AmeriCorps VISTA

The South Carolina National Guard AmeriCorps VISTA project engages four members in Columbia to develop resources for the Service Member & Family Support Programs, J1.1. VISTA developed content for the J1.1 website, providing access to resources for service members. Now more than 100 employers committed to hiring service members are listed on the site. Unemployment among service members dropped from 16 percent to 3.35 percent in one year, thanks to the J1.1. VISTA built a partnership with H&R Block, making financial education available to service members, and established a partnership with a local nonprofit for free tax preparation. VISTA also created communication pieces including the website, newsletters, and social media tools. A Teen Panel set up by VISTA in the Midlands allows military children to share concerns and challenges they face when parents are deployed. Plans are underway to create teen groups across the state.

## Senior Corps

Foster Grandparents in Williamsburg County are helping schoolchildren overcome difficult odds to achieve success in the classroom. One-third of the county's population lives below the poverty line and more than 40 percent of the children are growing up in single-parent families. Last year, 34 Foster Grandparents with Vital Aging tutored 175 elementary school students at risk of academic failure. More than 80 percent of the students in the program increased their reading skills by at least one grade level and showed a reduction in negative behavior. These students also showed higher promotion rates to the next grade level. As Foster Grandparents continue to support these students, the program expects to see ongoing academic improvement and increasing levels of promotion.

## Social Innovation Fund

The Greenville Regional Funder Collaborative (GRFC) has been awarded \$300,000 over two years by Social Innovation Fund intermediary Jobs for the Future, which they will match dollar-for-dollar. This collaborative will support foundational skills training for job seekers as they relate to manufacturing careers, and will include career pathway guidance, coaching, and support services. The strength on the GRFC approach is tapping local manufacturing employers to provide the insight regarding the skills gaps that foundational skills training will address. Alignment and adjustment of existing programs by diverse entities will help create an identifiable pipeline of qualified workers. Through employer input and program alignment, partners will assist job seekers in attaining the required knowledge and assist employers in hiring qualified workers. GRFC expects to serve 200 job seekers in year one and 300 job seekers in year two through their participation in foundational skills training. They expect an 85 percent training completion rate, an 80 percent employment rate of those completing training, and a 90 percent employment retention rate.

## Volunteer Generation Fund

Through the Volunteer Generation Fund, Volunteer SC (VSC) has provided consultations to strengthen affiliate groups of the statewide professional volunteer management organization; helped grow membership at its annual conference; and led the formation of a new South Carolina Association for Volunteer Administration affiliate in Georgetown. Additionally, VSC established a forum where Volunteer Center managers from across the state can meet quarterly for resource-sharing and professional training. VSC was also instrumental in the expansion of the Get Connected volunteer management software system that matches individuals with volunteer opportunities to include a new Disaster Response Module, so spontaneous volunteers can be matched and trained with disaster response agencies. VSC also provided training to more than 200 agencies.

# AmeriCorps in South Carolina



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	872	30
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	286	15

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Anderson	Anderson Interfaith Ministries (Current) Anderson Interfaith Ministries	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Anderson	Graduate Anderson (Current) United Way of Anderson County	28	AmeriCorps State Formula
Anderson	YVC of Anderson County (Current) Youth Volunteer Corps	-	AmeriCorps National
Beaufort	Early Grade Reading Program (Current) United Way of the Lowcountry	34	AmeriCorps State Formula
Campobello	Foothills AmeriCorps (Completed) Spartanburg County School District One	51	AmeriCorps State Formula
Campobello	Recovery Foothills AmeriCorps (Current) Spartanburg County School District One	65	AmeriCorps State Formula
Charleston	Charleston Area Service Collaborative (Current) City of Charleston, MOCYF	26	AmeriCorps VISTA
Charleston	Charleston Project HERO (literacy tutoring) (Completed) Charleston County School District	24	AmeriCorps State Formula
Charleston	College of Charleston SC 29424-0001 (Current) The College of New Jersey	21	AmeriCorps National
Charleston	Lowcountry Food Bank (Current) Share Our Strength's Cooking Matters	-	AmeriCorps National
Charleston	WINGS for kids - Georgia (Completed) WINGS for kids	26	AmeriCorps State Formula
Charleston	Wings for Kids (Completed) WINGS for kids	42	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Charleston	WINGS for kids (Current) WINGS for kids	67	AmeriCorps National
Columbia	Central South Carolina, HFH of (Current) Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Columbia	City Year Columbia (Current) City Year, Inc.	24	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Columbia	SCMD Veterans Corps Planning Grant (Completed) South Carolina Military Department	-	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Columbia	SCNG Employment Services & Family Care (Completed) South Carolina Military Department	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Columbia	United Way of the Midlands VISTA Partnership (Current) United Way of the Midlands	9	AmeriCorps VISTA
Florence	Project HOPE (Completed) United Way of Florence County	20	AmeriCorps State Formula
Florence	Teach For America - South Carolina (Current) Teach For America	202	AmeriCorps State Formula
Florence	Teach For America- South Carolina (Completed) Teach For America	3	AmeriCorps National
Georgetown	Georgetown County Vista Project (Current) Georgetown County United Way	7	AmeriCorps VISTA
Greenville	Creating Opportunity and Developing Economic Success (CODES) (Current) United Way of Greenville County	5	AmeriCorps VISTA
Greenville	Goodwill AmeriCorps Vista (Completed) Goodwill Industries of Upstate/Midlands South Carolina, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Greenville	Upstate Service Corps (United Way of Greenville) (Current) United Way of Greenville County	33	AmeriCorps State Formula
Hardeeville	Refurbish Volunteer House and Remove Invasive Species (September 10 - October 14, 2013) Savannah National Wildlife Refuge	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Hopkins	SCA South Carolina (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	26	AmeriCorps National

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Huger	Repair Hiking/Biking Trails and Construct Foot Bridges (October 24 - December 2, 2013) Francis Marion National Forest	6	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Huger	SCA AmeriCorps National Direct South Carolina (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	4	AmeriCorps National
Johns Island	Sea Island HFH (Current) Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.	2	AmeriCorps National
Lancaster	BEST AmeriCorps (Completed) Lancaster County School District	22	AmeriCorps State Formula
Lancaster	YouthBuild Lancaster, SC (Current) YouthBuild USA, Inc	80	AmeriCorps National
North Charleston	CESC Sustainability Institute (Completed) The Corps Network	15	AmeriCorps National
North Charleston	Financial Stability Project (Current) Trident United Way	14	AmeriCorps State Formula
North Charleston	OYSI - The Sustainability Institute (Current) The Corps Network	15	AmeriCorps National
North Charleston	The Sustainability Institute (Current) The Corps Network	-	AmeriCorps National
Orangeburg	Clafin University Middle School Saturday Academy (Current) Clafin Univeristy	50	AmeriCorps State Formula
Pickens	Trail Restoration of Popular CCC Trail (March 12 - April 15, 2013) South Carolina State Park Service- Table Rock State Park	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Rock Hill	South Carolina Campus Compact (Current) Winthrop University	18	AmeriCorps VISTA
Spartanburg	Converse College SC 29302-1931 (Current) The College of New Jersey	23	AmeriCorps National
Spartanburg	Piedmont Area VISTA Program (Current) United Way of the Piedmont	12	AmeriCorps VISTA
Spartanburg	Spartanburg District 7 AmeriCorps 2009 (Completed) Spartanburg County, SC School District 7	61	AmeriCorps State Formula
Spartanburg	YouthBuild Spartanburg, SC (Current) YouthBuild USA, Inc	32	AmeriCorps National
Sumter	AmeriCorps Reading Success (Current) United Way of Sumter, Clarendon and Lee Counties	20	AmeriCorps State Formula
Sumter	YouthBuild Sumter, SC (Current) Sumter County	54	AmeriCorps National

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.  
The city column refers to the location of the sponsor organization. AmeriCorps members may be serving in other locations than the city listed.

# Senior Corps in South Carolina



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	4,406	19
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	100	1

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Aiken	Aiken, Barnwell & Edgefield Counties RSVP (Current) Aiken/Barnwell Counties Community Action Agency, Inc.	400	RSVP
Aiken	FGP of Aiken, Allendale, Barnwell and Edgefield Counties (Current) Aiken/Barnwell Counties Community Action Agency, Inc.	150	Foster Grandparent Program
Charleston	Charleston County FGP (Current) Charleston Area Senior Citizens Services	71	Foster Grandparent Program
Charleston	Senior Companion Program (Current) Charleston Area Senior Citizens Services	64	Senior Companion Program
Chester	SCP Chester County (Current) Senior Services Chester County	42	Senior Companion Program
Clinton	Laurens Co FGP/Senior Options (Current) Senior Options Inc.	81	Foster Grandparent Program
Columbia	Foster Grandparent of the Midlands (Current) Senior Resources Inc.	94	Foster Grandparent Program
Columbia	RSVP of the Midlands (Current) Senior Resources Inc.	500	RSVP
Columbia	SCP of the Midlands (Current) Senior Resources Inc.	56	Senior Companion Program
Florence	Florence County RSVP (Current) Senior Citizen Association In Florence County	200	RSVP
Greenville	Greenville RSVP (Current) Senior Action Inc.	300	RSVP
Kingstree	Vital Aging FGP (Current) Vital Aging of Williamsburg County Inc.	42	Foster Grandparent Program
McCormick	McCormick RSVP (Current) McCormick County COA Senior Center	100	RSVP
North Charleston	RSVP of Carolina Lowcountry (Current) Carolina Low Country American Red Cross	1,350	RSVP
Orangeburg	OCAB Senior Companion Program (Current) Orangeburg-Calhoun-Allendale-Bamberg CAA, Inc.	105	Senior Companion Program
Rock Hill	York County RSVP (Current) York County Council on Aging	202	RSVP
Spartanburg	RSVP of Cherokee & Union (Completed) United Way of the Piedmont	100	RSVP
Spartanburg	Spartanburg County RSVP (Current) United Way of the Piedmont	250	RSVP
Sumter	Sumter County RSVP (Current) Sumter Senior Services, Inc.	350	RSVP
West Columbia	Save the Children FGP - SC (Current) Save the Children Field Office (SC)	49	Foster Grandparent Program

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 South Carolina

Program HQ Location	Nonprofit Subgrantee Name <i>Intermediary</i>	Description
Greenville, SC	Greenville Region Workforce Collaborative/United Way of Greenville County Jobs for the Future, Inc.	Through employer input and program alignment, the Greenville Regional Funder Collaborative is assisting job seekers in attaining the required knowledge in advanced manufacturing, and helping employers hire qualified workers.
Charleston, SC	WINGS for Kids The Edna McConnell Clark Foundation	