



## National Service in South Dakota



### MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

More than 3,700 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in South Dakota. Serving at more than 740 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 \$3,880,000 to support South Dakota 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 \$1,180,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars.

**AmeriCorps:** This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 350 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across South Dakota. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the South Dakota Commission for National and 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 1,900 South Dakota residents have served more than 2.2 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$5,190,000.

**Senior Corps:** More than 3,300 seniors in South Dakota 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 2,600 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 520 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 590 groups across South Dakota.

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 Dakota At a Glance

	Projects	Service Locations	Participants <sup>1</sup>	Education Scholarships <sup>2</sup>	Program Funding
<b>AmeriCorps</b>					
AmeriCorps National	6	10	177	\$226,199	\$69,747 <sup>3</sup>
AmeriCorps State Competitive	1	17	68	\$383,860	\$54,400
AmeriCorps State Formula	3	2	42	\$183,955	\$404,949
AmeriCorps State without Commissions	1	-	60	\$338,700	\$135,712
AmeriCorps Tribes/Territories	1	5	-	-	\$75,000
AmeriCorps VISTA	1	7	9	\$50,330	\$144,333
<b>AMERICORPS TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>\$1,183,045</b>	<b>\$884,141</b>
<b>Senior Corps</b>					
Foster Grandparent Program	2	79	191	-	\$647,110
RSVP	7	595	3,060	-	\$555,639
Senior Companion Program	1	30	102	-	\$367,390
<b>SENIOR CORPS TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>3,353</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,570,139</b>
<b>Other Funding</b>					
Disability Outreach	1	-	-	-	\$49,575
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$200,000
<b>OTHER FUNDING TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$249,575</b>
<b>PROGRAM TOTALS</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>745<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>3,709</b>	<b>\$1,183,045</b>	<b>\$2,703,855</b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)</b>					<b>\$3,886,900</b>
<b>TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)</b>					<b>\$1,183,409 <sup>5</sup></b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT</b>					<b>\$5,070,308</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.

1 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.

2 This figure represents the maximum potential value of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards that can be earned by AmeriCorps members serving in South Dakota. 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.

3 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.

4 The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple CNCS programs are operating.

5 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 Dakota

## AmeriCorps

Ninety-nine percent of Red Cloud Indian School students are Native American and live in Shannon County, America's second poorest county. With 80 percent of residents unemployed and a per capita income of \$6,200, 51 percent of Shannon County residents live below the federal poverty level. Low educational attainment compounds these problems and directly results from them. Since the Teca Oyate Waonspekiya ("Teaching the Young People") AmeriCorps program began at Red Cloud Indian School in 2000, matriculation of graduates into higher education, vocational training, or the military rose from 13 percent to an astonishing 98 percent. AmeriCorps members are living examples of what it means to give back to your community, and the students are getting the message. Recently, a Red Cloud senior and Gates Scholarship finalist said, "I don't want to be a statistic I guess. People look at the reservation and think we're a hopeless generation, especially the teens. I want to prove that there's still some of us who want to move forward." Twenty-four AmeriCorps members, consisting of 12 local residents and 12 from other parts of the country, are providing service to Red Cloud School in Pine Ridge and Porcupine, and they dedicate approximately 40,000 hours to the students. They serve Red Cloud Indian School in roles such as teachers, teaching assistants, substitute teachers, and librarians.

## AmeriCorps NCCC

Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota (LSS-SD) is a statewide human services agency with a range of programs in 30 communities. Large parts of the capital city of Pierre and neighboring Ft. Pierre were evacuated May 26, 2011, due to unprecedented flooding along the Missouri River. The river remained above flood stage throughout the summer. AmeriCorps NCCC teams were deployed and continued responding until June 2012 in partnership with Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota. Tasks included removing sandbags; conducting damage or needs assessments; mucking, gutting, and sanitizing homes; and refurbishing homes for disaster survivors. In addition, teams mucked and gutted four public buildings including the Pierre Auditorium and Amphitheater. Members gained knowledge of disaster relief and recovery efforts.

## AmeriCorps VISTA

Volunteers of America Dakotas Brighter Tomorrow AmeriCorps VISTA members were successful in working at 12 sites statewide helping people rise from poverty with new sites at the Cheyenne River Youth Project and Ground Works. VISTA members were instrumental to help these host organizations grow and meet critical community needs by raising \$469,544 in cash and in-kind donations, recruiting and managing 2,082 volunteers, and serving more than 13,338 hours. More than 56,400 disadvantaged youth and 1,043 veterans and military family members received assistance through activities supported by the VISTAs.

## Senior Corps

The Eastern South Dakota RSVP rallied behind the need to assist the school districts special needs groups in the area of education by tutoring or mentoring 163 children with disabilities. The economically disadvantaged students were reading below the basic level in their grades and with South Dakota ranked 43rd among states in the amount of spending per pupil, the low resources hit the small districts especially hard. Twenty-nine RSVP volunteers served the 163 identified children at 11 stations and the results were very successful, with 98 percent of the children who were tutored improving their reading skills and reading scores and 885 of the children mentored improving their socialization and self-esteem.

# AmeriCorps in South Dakota



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	356	13
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	342	8

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Custer	Mountain Pine Beetle Project (May 2 - May 22, 2013) South Dakota Department of Agriculture, Division of Resource	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Custer	SCA Veterans Fire Corps South Dakota (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	5	AmeriCorps National
Keystone	SCA South Dakota (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	12	AmeriCorps National
Lake City	Roy Lake State Park (September 3 - September 27, 2013) South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks - Roy Lake State Park	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Mission	Sinte Gleska University AmeriCorps Planning Project (Current) Sinte Gleska University	-	AmeriCorps Indian Tribes
Mission	Teach For America South Dakota (Current) Teach For America	60	AmeriCorps State without Commissions
Mission	Teach For America- South Dakota (Completed) Teach For America	57	AmeriCorps State Formula
Mission	Teach For America- South Dakota (Current) Teach For America	68	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Mitchell	SD - Dakota Wesleyan University (Completed) Regis University-Colorado Campus Compact	37	AmeriCorps National
Mitchell	SD - Dakota Wesleyan University (Current) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	8	AmeriCorps National
Pine Ridge	Teca Oyate Waonspekiya - Formula (Current) Red Cloud Indian School, Inc.	24	AmeriCorps State Formula
Rapid City	Black Hills Area HFH (Current) Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.	1	AmeriCorps National
Rapid City	Black Hills Workshop (October 21 - November 4, 2013) Black Hills Works	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Rapid City	Brighter Tomorrows (Current) Volunteers of America, Dakotas	9	AmeriCorps VISTA
Sioux Falls	AmeriCorps Service at Lutheran Social Services of South Dako (Current) Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota	18	AmeriCorps State Formula
Sioux Falls	SD - Augustana College (Completed) Regis University-Colorado Campus Compact	46	AmeriCorps National
Sioux Falls	SD - Augustana College (Current) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	16	AmeriCorps National
Sturgis	North Rapid Community Schools Partnership (Current) Black Hills Special Services Coop (BHSSC)	-	AmeriCorps State Formula
Vermillion	SD - University of South Dakota (Completed) Regis University-Colorado Campus Compact	167	AmeriCorps National
Vermillion	SD - University of South Dakota (Current) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	135	AmeriCorps National
Wounded Knee	Earth Tipi (August 9 - September 3, 2013) Earth Tipi	9	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.

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 Dakota



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	3,353	10
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	500	1

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Mitchell	South Central SD RSVP (Current) City of Mitchell	675	RSVP
Pierre	Central SD RSVP (Current) Avera St. Mary's Hospital	260	RSVP
Rapid City	Black Hills RSVP (Completed) City of Rapid City	500	RSVP
Rapid City	Black Hills RSVP (Current) City of Rapid City	500	RSVP
Sioux Falls	FGP Eastern SD (Current) Volunteers of America, Dakotas	108	Foster Grandparent Program
Sioux Falls	RSVP Heartland Region (Current) Volunteers of America, Dakotas	325	RSVP
Sioux Falls	RSVP Volunteers of America, Dakotas (Current) Volunteers of America, Dakotas	600	RSVP
Sioux Falls	SIOUXLAND RSVP (Current) The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society	350	RSVP
Sioux Falls	South Dakota SCP (Current) The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society	102	Senior Companion Program
Spearfish	BHSU RSVP (Current) Black Hills State University	350	RSVP
Sturgis	Black Hills FGP (Current) Black Hills Special Services Coop (BHSSC)	83	Foster Grandparent Program

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