



## National Service in Kansas



### MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN KANSAS

More than 5,500 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 840 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 \$7,710,000 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 \$3,320,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars.

**AmeriCorps:** This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 250 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 7,300 Kansas residents have served more than 9.2 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$20,440,000.

**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 5,200 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 410 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 510 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](http://NationalService.gov) or [Serve.gov](http://Serve.gov) or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

# Kansas At a Glance

<b>AmeriCorps</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants <sup>1</sup>	Education Scholarships <sup>2</sup>	Program Funding
AmeriCorps National	6	14	37	\$265,599	\$201,268 <sup>3</sup>
AmeriCorps State Competitive	1	12	18	\$101,610	\$234,000
AmeriCorps State Formula	6	41	139	\$427,318	\$965,321
AmeriCorps VISTA	8	33	56	\$318,840	\$911,120
<b>AMERICORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>\$1,113,366</b>	<b>\$2,311,709</b>
<b>Senior Corps</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	7	198	616	-	\$2,123,012
RSVP	18	517	4,518	-	\$887,293
Senior Companion Program	2	31	214	-	\$683,165
<b>SENIOR CORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>5,348</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$3,693,470</b>
<b>Other Funding</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$275,908
Volunteer Generation Fund	2	-	-	-	\$322,625
<b>OTHER FUNDING TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$598,533</b>
<b>PROGRAM TOTALS</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>846</b> <sup>4</sup>	<b>5,598</b>	<b>\$1,113,366</b>	<b>\$6,603,712</b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)</b>					<b>\$7,717,078</b>
<b>TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)</b>					<b>\$3,325,713</b> <sup>5</sup>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT</b>					<b>\$11,042,792</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 2014 - 2015 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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## AmeriCorps State

Harvesters is a provides opportunities for AmeriCorps members to make a direct impact in the lives of Kansans in need. While serving at Harvesters, AmeriCorps members help recruit volunteers, educate and enrich the lives of food recipients through nutrition education classes, and help serve more people in need by growing relationships with new agencies in the underserved portion of the program's service area. These activities are more essential than ever as the demand for food assistance continues to grow. Harvesters serve 16 counties in Kansas. Their service area in Kansas includes: Washington, Marshall, Nemaha, Clay, Riley, Pottawatomie, Jackson, Wabaunsee, Shawnee, Jefferson, Osage, Douglas, Franklin, Johnson, Wyandotte, and Miami counties. Harvesters engages AmeriCorps members as specialists in specific areas of Harvesters' Kansas operations. The members focus on community outreach allows Harvesters to increase the number of food drives in the community, increase the number of volunteers to sort food, educate and enrich the lives of food recipients through nutrition education and hands-on food preparation lessons, and helps serve more people in need by growing relationships with new agencies in the underserved portion of their service area.

The youth of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City come from the most disadvantaged circumstances -- unstable families, poverty, violence, and exposure to serious risk factors. Their Club membership gives them a safe place to go before and after school, encouragement to stay in school, access to personal computers and controlled guidance on the Internet, improved attitudes toward the opposite sex, and the ability to resolve conflict without resorting to violence. AmeriCorps members provide direct service delivery in the area of youth development and supplemental education activities at their Wyandotte County Unit. AmeriCorps members promote awareness of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City and AmeriCorps partnership services; interact with and inspire youth in an array of educational, cultural and recreational activities; tutor Club members after school, assist with homework, and help Club members complete their power pages and get parents actively engaged in Power Hour.

## AmeriCorps VISTA

AmeriCorps VISTA members serving at Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters helped expand the organization's annual Bowl for Kids' Sake campaigns. As a result of their efforts, the statewide campaign raised \$118,000 more in 2014 than in 2013, a 12 percent increase. These additional funds help KSBBS provide underserved children throughout the state with positive mentoring relationships. VISTA also created a partnership between Crawford County Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, a new fraternity at Pittsburg State University. Through the partnership, more than half of the fraternity's members applied to be Big Brothers. Once the fraternity members are approved as Big Brothers, the number of boys, ages 5 to 17, on the agency's waiting list for mentors will be drop by half. Sigma Alpha Epsilon also plans to hold a fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters later in the year. During 2014, the first year of its VISTA project, Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters provided 5,818 children with mentors.

Washburn University of Topeka supports nearly 40 AmeriCorps VISTAs throughout Eastern Kansas. Overall, in 2014, their program recruited over 3,000 volunteers and solicited over a quarter million dollars in cash and in-kind donations. In 2014, their program with the Kansas African American Affairs Commission allowed the VISTA member to target low-income African American communities in Kansas to improve their levels of civic engagement and economic stability through participation on the KAAAAC Equity Advisory Committees, and develop ongoing programming around their chosen Equity Index Area of Impact. Ten community members in each of Kansas' four Congressional districts were needed to form the Kansas African American Affairs Commissions' Equity Advisory Groups to determine the scope and length of the projects that would be done in their communities to address equity. VISTA member successfully recruited 65 committed volunteers who are currently working statewide on many community building initiatives.

## AmeriCorps NCCC

The Department of Wildlife and Parks mission is to conserve and enhance Kansas' natural heritage, its wildlife and its habitats, and in partnership with an AmeriCorps NCCC team, the Department of Wildlife and Parks was able to continue this mission. The NCCC team supported this partnership and mission by staining and repairing the gutters of the four cabins that the team resided in. Corps members also constructed two bathroom doors, four winter pipe covers for the cabins, and four shelving units. In addition to the construction of those items, Corps members also maintained over eight and a half miles of horse riding trails. When not working on the trails, members removed metal, glass bottles, tin cans, and miscellaneous trash throughout the park, resulting in 10 bags of recycling, 10 bags of trash and one load of scrap metal. Perry State Park is at a great location between Topeka, KS, where the state capital is located, and Lawrence, KS, where Kansas University is located. Many members from those areas visit Perry State Park. With the help of NCCC, Perry State Park has been cleaned up, trails have been repaired and the Park has become more welcoming due to these initiatives.

An AmeriCorps NCCC team was assigned to Wichita Habitat for Humanity (WHFH) to help with the construction of three habitat homes. WHFH has served over 200 families in Sedgwick County, Kansas by offering affordable homeownership opportunities through new home construction and rehabilitated homes. Corps members participated in the following construction activities: framing, roofing, hanging drywall, installing sheetrock and trim, interior and exterior painting, hanging cabinets and doors, and laying flooring. Along with constructing 3 homes, the NCCC team assisted with bringing the WHFH warehouse up to standard. At the warehouse, Corps members assembled several large steel shelving units and made five hanging shelving units. Corps members helped the Wichita community in several ways in addition to constructing homes by working at the Habitat Restore, the Habitat sponsored discounted furniture shop and assisting with the community event, Love Wichita. During the event, Corps members assisted community members with cleaning empty lots on several streets that would be used to build houses on the property.

## Senior Corps Foster Grandparent Program

Kansas Neurological Institute (KNI)'s Foster Grand Parent program has celebrated 47 years of programming in Kansas. In 2014, Foster Grandparents served 93 students at the Institute, Head Start, and local schools. Ninety percent of people living at Kansas Neurological Institute are classified as having a profound intellectual disability and require support 24 hours a day. In 2014, surveys concluded that 99 percent of students in the program had more freedom from abuse and neglect and were able to sustain a family-like relationship with their Foster Grandparent.

Of the students participating in Head Start, 94 percent of the students matched with a Foster Grandparent were reported to have increased social skills. And of the students served by Foster Grandparents in the local schools, 100 percent of the students showed improved social skills and a higher interest in learning.

For the past decade, the Foster Grandparent Program at Kansas Neurological Institute has provided nearly 100,000 service hours to their community per year.

## Senior Corps RSVP

Twenty RSVP volunteers with Saline County RSVP provided leadership in planning and implementing the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program for the 2014 tax return filing season. The volunteers planned and provided volunteer training, set up the service sites, served as site supervisors, greeters, screeners, preparers, quality reviewers and e-filers, and mentored ten additional VITA volunteers, including college students, who were mobilized by RSVP. The dedicated crew wrapped up the 2014 filing season having 1009 federal and 1002 state returns accepted; with an aggregated refund amount of \$1,086,895. The refund amount averages out to \$1,363 per client. Over 1,000 low to moderate income taxpayers were served during this time, who saved a minimum of \$85,756 at an average minimum charge of \$85 per tax return.

## Senior Corps Senior Companion Program

The Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas sponsors the Senior Companion Program. One senior client named Sherry was a victim of self-neglect, giving away money that was needed for necessities, putting her at risk of losing her apartment. Thanks to Senior Companion volunteer Pat, Sherry is now following a budget. The companions met through a partnership between Mid-Kansas Senior Outreach and SCP, a partnership that has led to Senior Companions helping more than 40 seniors with physical illness and mental illness such as grief, self-neglect, isolation, exploitation, depression, anxiety, alcohol abuse, drug misuse, and bipolar disease.

## Volunteer Generation Fund

United Way of Franklin County, with the help of skill-based volunteer support, held a fundraiser for Hope House, an emergency relief organization that provides basic necessities to individuals and families. With help from the community and local publicity, this pancake breakfast event was attended by 100 people and raised \$5,300 and nonperishable food donations for the organization.



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of March 12, 2015)	250	21
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	69	10

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Coffeyville	Boys & Girls Club of Coffeyville (Completed) Unified School District No. 445, Coffeyville	8	AmeriCorps State Formula
Emporia	AdventureCorps at Camp Alexander (Current) Camp Alexander	20	AmeriCorps State Formula
Ft Riley	Operation Homefront-KS (Current) American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters	1	AmeriCorps National
Kansas City	Hillcrest Transitional Housing (Completed) Hillcrest Transitional Housing of Kansas	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Kansas City	Joint Kansas Project (Current) Metropolitan Lutheran Ministry	7	AmeriCorps VISTA
Kansas City	Mayor Holland VISTA Project (Current) Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Kansas City	Rosedale Healthy Kids (Current) Rosedale Development Association	4	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 (Current) United Way of Wyandotte County	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Kansas City	YouthBuild Kansas City, KS (Current) YouthBuild USA, Inc	20	AmeriCorps National
Lawrence	Boys & Girls Club After-School Program (Current) Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence	21	AmeriCorps State Formula
Lawrence	United Way Douglas County AmeriCorps Program (Current) United Way of Douglas County	18	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Lawrence	United Way of Douglas County (Completed) United Way of Douglas County	18	AmeriCorps State Formula
Manhattan	YVC of Manhattan (Completed) Youth Volunteer Corps	1	AmeriCorps National
Newton	Mennonite Mission Network (Completed) Catholic Volunteer Network	18	AmeriCorps National
Overland Park	YVC of Greater Kansas City (Completed) Youth Volunteer Corps	1	AmeriCorps National
Ozawkie	Perry State Park (March 19 - May 8, 2014) Perry State Park	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Parsons	Medication Assistance Program (Completed) Labette County Medical Center	3	AmeriCorps State Formula
Pleasanton	SCA Kansas (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	1	AmeriCorps National
Pratt	Kansas Outdoor AmeriCorps Action Team (Current) Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks	70	AmeriCorps State Formula
Topeka	AmeriCorps Whole Health Management Project (Current) Valeo Behavioral Health Care, Inc.	5	AmeriCorps State Formula
Topeka	Harvesters KS AmeriCorps (Current) Harvesters - The Community Food Network	5	AmeriCorps State Formula
Topeka	Joining Community Forces Kansas National Guard (Current) Kansas National Guard	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Topeka	Washburn University KS 66621-0001 (Current) The College of New Jersey	7	AmeriCorps National
Topeka	Washburn University VISTA Project (Current) Washburn University	26	AmeriCorps VISTA
Topeka	YVC of Greater Topeka (Completed) Youth Volunteer Corps	1	AmeriCorps National
Wichita	CPRF Operating Site (Current) Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation	8	AmeriCorps National



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Wichita	Financial Empowerment Services (Current) Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation	-	AmeriCorps National
Wichita	Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters Statewide Reorganization (Current) Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters	5	AmeriCorps VISTA
Wichita	Wichita Habitat for Humanity (March 18 - May 9, 2014) Habitat for Humanity - Wichita, KS	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Wichita	Wichita State University Vista (Current) Wichita State University	9	AmeriCorps VISTA

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 12, 2015)	5,348	27
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	0	0

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Augusta	Butler County FGP (Current) Butler County Dept. on Aging	48	Foster Grandparent Program
Augusta	Butler County RSVP (Current) Butler County Dept. on Aging	130	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 (Current) Dodge City Community College	200	RSVP
Emporia	Lyon County RSVP (Current) Lyon County Department on Aging	190	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	185	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 (Current) Harvey County	368	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	101	RSVP
Salina	Saline County RSVP (Current) Kansas Wesleyan University	240	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	162	Foster Grandparent Program
Wichita	Sedgwick County RSVP Volunteer Program (Current) Sedgwick County	363	RSVP
Wichita	Senior Companion Grant (Current) Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas	74	Senior Companion Program

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