



National Service in Rhode Island



MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN RHODE ISLAND

More than 4,000 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in Rhode Island. Serving at more than 520 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 \$7,820,000 to support Rhode Island 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 \$3,490,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars.

AmeriCorps: This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 460 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across Rhode Island. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Serve Rhode Island, 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 6,400 Rhode Island residents have served more than 9.1 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$20,770,000.

Senior Corps: More than 3,500 seniors in Rhode Island 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 2,100 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 590 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 290 groups across Rhode Island.

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 Rhode Island, 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 more than \$180,000 in expanding the impact of 3 nonprofits in Rhode Island.

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.

Rhode Island At a Glance

AmeriCorps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants ¹	Education Scholarships ²	Program Funding
AmeriCorps National	7	29	204	\$1,008,127	\$1,180,142 ³
AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects	1	1	9	-	- ⁴
AmeriCorps State Competitive	5	33	102	\$553,210	\$552,437
AmeriCorps State Formula	5	35	82	\$289,060	\$600,000
AmeriCorps VISTA	11	39	63	\$356,230	\$1,025,010
AMERICORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	29	137	460	\$2,206,627	\$3,357,589
Senior Corps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	3	74	253	-	\$836,869
RSVP	8	297	3,195	-	\$539,748
Senior Companion Program	1	17	126	-	\$378,071
SENIOR CORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	12	388	3,574	-	\$1,754,688
Social Innovation Fund	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Nonprofit Subgrantees	3	-	-	-	\$184,915
SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	3	-	-	-	\$184,915
Other Funding	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$250,000
Volunteer Generation Fund	1	-	-	-	\$73,933
OTHER FUNDING TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	2	-	-	-	\$323,933
PROGRAM TOTALS	46	525 ⁵	4,034	\$2,206,627	\$5,621,125
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)					\$7,827,752
TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)					\$3,492,112 ⁶
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT					\$11,319,865

- 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 Rhode Island. 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.
 - Rhode Island is served by the AmeriCorps NCCC campus located in Perry Point, Maryland. In the past year, AmeriCorps NCCC teams have served on projects in Providence.
 - 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.



Since 1994, more than 6,400 Rhode Island residents have served more than 9.1 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$20,770,000.

AmeriCorps State

The College Advising Corps at Brown University provides in-school college advising to increase the number of urban, low-income, and first-generation students entering and completing higher education. Fourteen full-time AmeriCorps members serve throughout the state in urban-core high schools and the Community College of Rhode Island. In Rhode Island's urban districts, fewer than half of Providence public school graduates enroll in college. AmeriCorps members provide a combination of services that include college awareness, financial aid workshops, college application completion assistance; coursework advising and more. With a target of 750 high school seniors gaining acceptance to an institution of higher education, College Advising Corps exceeded the target with 1,427 students accepted to at least one college.

Providence Children's Museum MuseumCorps at Providence Children's Museum is designed to help close the achievement gap between advantaged and disadvantaged children by providing stimulating hands-on learning experiences not available to most low-income children. Twelve full-time AmeriCorps members serve at the Children's Museum, Providence Southside Boys & Girls Club and Highlander Charter School. To combat the 'summer learning loss' of math skills more often experienced by children in low-income communities, Learning Club hands-on, minds-on programming will continue during the summer season as well. Last year, 21 second, third, and fourth grade children who attended Learning Club activities at Boys & Girls Club-Southside Clubhouse demonstrated improved academic performance in math concepts and applications as evidenced by an average 10 percent score gain on the MBSP Basic Math Tests.

AmeriCorps VISTA

The Rhode Island Free Clinic provides critical medical care and preventive health services for uninsured and under insured residents. AmeriCorps VISTA members have helped place 309 clinic patients into the benefits programs. In addition, 193 low-income adults have received comprehensive health care at no cost. VISTAs and the local volunteers they recruit and manage make the free clinic a successful health care program. "I really don't know how we could do all we do without our amazing team of VISTA Volunteers," said Julia Karahalís, the clinic's director of development. "They help coordinate the services of over 700 volunteers to ensure the highest quality patient care, and help us attract and sustain supporters for the clinic's vital work." The clinic currently boasts 815 volunteers that support an estimated 8,800 patient visits. The volunteer pool, composed of medical practitioners, retired professionals, student, and community member, contribute more than 20,000 hours per year.

Farm Fresh Rhode Island, a hub for fresh, healthy food, also works to reduce hunger and obesity throughout the state. AmeriCorps VISTA members at Farm Fresh have educated 700 low-income families and 260 seniors about nutrition and provided incentives to purchase fresh fruit and vegetables. They also organized cooking demonstrations and tasting events at eight housing facilities for seniors. In addition, 36 at-risk youth trained in Farm Fresh Rhode Island's Harvest Kitchen, a culinary and job-readiness program. Nearly 75 percent of the youth graduated and qualified for job placement assistance. To date, 30 percent of the youth have found jobs.

Senior Corps Foster Grandparent Program

Statistics from Kids Count state that children living in households with incomes below the federal poverty threshold are less likely to succeed in school. These children have academic and emotional needs which the Foster Grandparents provide. There are currently 40 Foster Grandparents serving 240 children throughout the schools in Rhode Island. Survey results show 96.6 percent of these children have improved their academic performance. Currently 20 Foster Grandparents have served 168 children who have demonstrated gains in social and/or emotional development.

Senior Corps RSVP

Hurricane Sandy taught Rhode Island it needs to have volunteers ready to serve in case of a disaster. The East Bay RSVP service area runs along Narragansett Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. It is imperative to have trained volunteers in this service area should disaster strike. More than 30 volunteers have been trained in disaster preparedness in coordination with the American Red Cross. These volunteers are ready to serve in shelters in case of a disaster, food distribution, and donation management. They also work to assist neighborhood crime watches, disaster preparedness efforts and emergency response assistance.

Senior Corps Senior Companion Program

The Rhode Island Division of Elderly Affairs serves as the statewide Senior Companion Program sponsor for Rhode Island. Currently 47 S volunteers serve as a companion to 237 clients, allowing clients to stay in their own homes. This arrangement provides respite care to the client's caregivers and saves the state by not having to provide clients with nursing home care. In addition, 21 volunteers have served 220 clients in Adult Day Centers providing socialization, supervision, and recreation activities. The program has designed an emergency preparedness plan where Senior Companion volunteers are trained in disaster preparedness support. Once these volunteers are trained, they share information with the clients they serve, providing each client with emergency preparedness materials and coaching them to ensure they know what to do in case of a disaster.

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AmeriCorps in Rhode Island



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of March 12, 2015)	460	29
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	174	11

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Central Falls	The Education Fellows Program (Current) The Learning Community	10	AmeriCorps State Formula
Central Falls	The Learning Community (Current) The Learning Community	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Charlestown	SCA Rhode Island (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Johnston	Financial Literacy and Budget Basics (Current) Tri-Town Economic Opportunity Committee	10	AmeriCorps State Formula
Johnston	VetSuccess Tri-Town competitive (Current) Tri-Town Economic Opportunity Committee	4	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Kingston	Jumpstart URI at University of Rhode Island-I (Current) Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc.	84	AmeriCorps National
Pawtucket	Community Service Success (Current) The Housing Authority of the City of Pawtucket Rhode Island	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Pawtucket	Farm Fresh Rhode Island (Current) Farm Fresh Rhode Island	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Providence	Americorps Planning Grant (Completed) Providence College	-	AmeriCorps State Formula
Providence	AS220 (Completed) AS220	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Providence	City Year Rhode Island-NATL (Current) City Year, Inc.	50	AmeriCorps National
Providence	CityArts Turnaround Teaching Artist Project (Current) Providence CityArts for Youth, Inc.	19	AmeriCorps State Formula
Providence	College Advising Corps (Current) Brown University	14	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Providence	Employment Program (Completed) Institute for the Study & Practice of Nonviolence	16	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Providence	Growing Capital Good Fund 2014 (Current) The Capital Good Fund	4	AmeriCorps VISTA
Providence	Highlander Institute- Education and Arts Capacity Builders (Current) Highlander Institute	5	AmeriCorps VISTA
Providence	Inspiring Minds (Completed) Inspiring Minds	10	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Providence	Inspiring Minds Academic Campaign (Current) Inspiring Minds	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Providence	Ocean State Environmental Education Collaborative (Completed) Save the Bay, Inc.	16	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Providence	Providence Children's Museum AmeriCorps Program (Current) Providence Children's Museum	12	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Providence	Providence College (Current) Providence College	23	AmeriCorps VISTA
Providence	Providence Continuum of Supports (Completed) Providence School Department	-	AmeriCorps State Formula
Providence	Providence, RI Disaster Survivor Assistance Team (March 7, 2015 - Current) ARC Rhode Island Chapter	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Providence	Ready to Learn Providence (Current) The Providence Plan	25	AmeriCorps State Formula
Providence	Rhode Island (Current) Local Initiatives Support Corporation	9	AmeriCorps National
Providence	Rhode Island Free Clinic VISTA Program (Current) Rhode Island Free Clinic	6	AmeriCorps VISTA
Providence	Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc. (Current) Equal Justice Works	3	AmeriCorps National

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Providence	Rhode Island Teaching Fellows (Completed) The New Teacher Project	21	AmeriCorps National
Providence	RICC AmeriCorps*VISTA (Completed) Providence College	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Providence	Scholarships for Service (Completed) Providence College	100	AmeriCorps State Formula
Providence	Serve Rhode Island VISTA Program (Current) Serve Rhode Island	10	AmeriCorps VISTA
Providence	Social Enterprise Greenhouse (Current) Social Enterprise Greenhouse	4	AmeriCorps VISTA
Providence	Teach For America - Rhode Island (Current) Teach For America	1	AmeriCorps National
Providence	TFA- Rhode Island (Current) Teach For America	60	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Providence	YouthBuild Providence, RI (Current) The Providence Plan	57	AmeriCorps National
Riverside	East Bay Community Action AmeriCorps (Completed) East Bay Community Action Program	10	AmeriCorps State Formula
Warwick	RI Vet Corps Project (Current) Westbay Community Action, Inc.	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Warwick	Westbay RI Vet Corps Project (Current) Westbay Community Action, Inc.	18	AmeriCorps State Formula
Woonsocket	AmeriCorps at CCF (Current) Connecting for Children & Families, Inc.	12	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Woonsocket	Family Resources Community Action (Completed) Northwestern Connecticut AHEC	1	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.
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Senior Corps in Rhode Island



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
CURRENT (as of March 12, 2015)	3,574	12
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	1,064	2

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Charlestown	Washington County RSVP (Current) Southern Rhode Island Volunteers	356	RSVP
Cranston	Cranston RSVP (Current) City of Cranston	270	RSVP
Cranston	Cranston RSVP (Current) City of Cranston	220	RSVP
Cranston	Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs (Current)	126	Senior Companion Program
Pawtucket	Blackstone Valley Community Action Program RSVP-Northern RI (Current) Blackstone Valley Community Action Program	480	RSVP
Pawtucket	Blackstone Valley Community Action Program (Current) Blackstone Valley Community Action Program	266	RSVP
Providence	Capitol Region FGP (Current) Federal Hill House Association	123	Foster Grandparent Program
Providence	Senior Corps Director (Current) Federal Hill House Association	334	RSVP
Riverside	East Bay Foster Grandparent Program (Current) East Bay Community Action Program	53	Foster Grandparent Program
Riverside	East Bay RSVP (Completed) East Bay Community Action Program	584	RSVP
Riverside	East Bay RSVP (Current) East Bay Community Action Program	550	RSVP
Warwick	Westbay RSVP (Current) Westbay Community Action, Inc.	719	RSVP
West Warwick	West Warwick Senior Center FGP (Current) West Warwick Senior Center, Inc	77	Foster Grandparent Program
Woonsocket	RSVP of Northern Rhode Island (Completed) Retired Senior Volunteer Association, Inc.	480	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 Rhode Island

Program HQ Location	Nonprofit Subgrantee Name <i>Intermediary</i>	Description
Providence, RI	Providence Housing Authority Local Initiatives Support Corporation	The Providence Housing Authority's Olneyville/Hartford Family Opportunity Center, effectively bundles education and employment services, financial counseling and income supports so that low-income clients can achieve long-term economic stability.
Providence, RI	Amos House Local Initiatives Support Corporation	Amos House is establishing a Financial Opportunity Center delivering bundled workforce development, financial counseling and coaching, and public benefits access.
Woonsocket, RI	Family Resources Community Action Local Initiatives Support Corporation	Family Resources Community Action and NeighborWorks Blackstone River Valley are creating a Financial Opportunity Center building on the employment, financial counseling, and income support services they and their partners currently provide in the community.