



National Service in Minnesota



MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN MINNESOTA

More than 15,000 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in Minnesota. Serving at more than 3,300 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 \$51,830,000 to support Minnesota 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 \$38,270,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars. Nationwide, CNCS, its grantees, and project sponsors generated more than \$1.25 billion in outside resources from businesses, foundations, public agencies, and other sources in FY 2015.

AmeriCorps: This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 3,000 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across Minnesota. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the ServeMinnesota, 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 27,000 Minnesota residents have served more than 42 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$103,980,000.

Senior Corps: More than 12,000 seniors in Minnesota 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 3,200 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 1,300 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 1,500 groups across Minnesota.

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 Minnesota, 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 \$3,000,000 in expanding the impact of 12 nonprofits in Minnesota, selected and supported by 2 intermediaries.

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.

Minnesota At a Glance



AmeriCorps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants ¹	Education Scholarships ²	Program Funding
AmeriCorps National	22	140	712	\$5,019,193	\$2,504,524 ³
AmeriCorps State Competitive	17	986	1,865	\$9,494,100	\$20,036,237
AmeriCorps State Formula	5	152	302	\$1,362,900	\$2,697,400
AmeriCorps Tribes/Territories	1	1	13	\$75,075	\$173,525
AmeriCorps VISTA	12	178	133	\$762,135	\$2,172,023
AMERICORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	57	1,457	3,025	\$16,713,403	\$27,583,709
Senior Corps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
AmeriCorps Fixed Amount Grant	-	2	-	-	-
Foster Grandparent Program	3	299	604	-	\$1,869,484
RSVP	13	1,564	11,800	-	\$1,259,850
Senior Companion Program	1	57	224	-	\$703,851
Senior Demonstration Program	5	117	-	-	-
SENIOR CORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	22	2,039	12,628	-	\$3,833,185
Social Innovation Fund	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Intermediary Grantmakers	2	-	-	-	\$3,000,000
Nonprofit Subgrantees	12	-	-	-	-
SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	14	-	-	-	\$3,000,000
Other Funding	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Martin Luther King Day	1	-	-	-	\$156,234
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$310,334
Volunteer Generation Fund	1	-	-	-	\$237,685
OTHER FUNDING TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	3	-	-	-	\$704,253
PROGRAM TOTALS	96	3,496 ⁴	15,653	\$16,713,403	\$35,121,147
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (Including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)					\$51,834,550
TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)					\$38,270,746 ⁵
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT					\$90,105,296

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 2015 - 2016 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 Minnesota. 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 or other revenue used to support their programming activities across the state. Last year, CNCS, its grantees, and project sponsors generated more than \$1.25 billion in outside resources from businesses, foundations, public agencies, and other sources.

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State Commission

ServeMinnesota is a catalyst for positive social impact, working with AmeriCorps members and community partners to address critical needs facing the state. Also known as the Minnesota Commission on National and Community Service, ServeMinnesota is responsible for administering federal AmeriCorps funds to programs throughout Minnesota. As a nonprofit organization, it improves the lives of Minnesotans by offering life-changing service opportunities to thousands of individuals who focus on education, affordable housing, employment, or the environment. Its mission to use the lever of AmeriCorps national service to achieve measurable results through innovation, strategic investments, and alignment with community needs. Currently, there is at least one AmeriCorps member serving in 77 of the 87 Minnesota counties. By combining the people power of AmeriCorps with research-based strategies, ServeMinnesota is addressing the most intractable problems and shares its proven practices nationally. More than 2,000 AmeriCorps members are serving in 13 programs at more than 1,200 sites statewide. Last year, AmeriCorps members mobilized 21,835 volunteers.

AmeriCorps State

Minnesota Reading Corps is an early literacy program designed to help children become proficient readers. AmeriCorps members provide research-based literacy tutoring to students beginning at three years-old through third grade. The program operates in more than 800 sites statewide with more than 1,200 AmeriCorps members serving 30,000 students. In 2013, a study conducted by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago confirmed that Reading Corps students, including students with high risk factors, outperform their peers. In addition, it was concluded that the program is effective in any setting – urban, suburban, and rural - and that Reading Corps coaching and training ensures that AmeriCorps members are successful regardless of their educational background. Furthermore, the research center found that the program keeps educationally at-risk children on track in general education. Students who did not receive tutoring were three times more likely to need special education than program participants were. These results for the entire state would result in a savings of \$9 million in special education services.

Minnesota Alliance with Youth-Promise Fellows provide much needed support for students in grade 6-10 who are on a trajectory to drop out of school. Promise Fellows help young people overcome challenges with attendance, behavior, and core academics to get on track for on-time graduation. In more than 120 sites statewide, 210 AmeriCorps members help 6,300 students remain engaged in school. Nearly 1 in 5 high school students (18 percent) drop out before graduation, and the dropout rates for students of color and low income students are dramatically higher, resulting in some of the worst achievement gaps in the nation. Students without a high school diploma are likely to experience lifelong negative consequences including unemployment and poverty. Entire communities benefit from the economic return of each high school graduate through increased earnings, spending, and taxes paid. Using a Multi-Tiered System of Supports approach, Promise Fellows ensure youth at risk of dropping out receive a variety of interventions utilizing caring adults, academic support, service-learning, and civic engagement, delivered in both school and out-of-school settings.

AmeriCorps National

College Possible Twin Cities, which serves 10,500 high school and college students, is closing Minnesota's degree divide and building a competitive workforce for the future. By 2020, 74 percent of jobs in the state will require a post-secondary education, but only 8 percent of low-income students nationally earn a college degree by age 24. College Possible Twin Cities' AmeriCorps coaches guide low-income students through all aspects of preparing for, applying to, and enrolling in college and support students all the way through college graduation. Students who are guided by College Possible AmeriCorps members have a 98 percent college admission rate and are 10 times more likely to graduate from college than their low-income peers. A 2013 Harvard randomized controlled trial found that students in College Possible's AmeriCorps-based program model had a significant positive increase in four-year college enrollment. By harnessing the power of national service, College Possible creates better futures for all Minnesotans.

Through Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa, which is headquartered in Saint Paul, 231 AmeriCorps members restored habitats, built trails, and responded to disasters in 2015. AmeriCorps field members serve in crews of four to six throughout the state, including in Grand Rapids, Moose Lake, Ely, Bemidji, Brainerd, Saint Paul, and Mankato. Field crews travel throughout Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin to fulfill service projects with federal, state, local, and nonprofit partners. Thanks to the support of the AmeriCorps members, the project partners build their capacity to restore natural habitat on public lands, improve water quality, respond to disasters nationwide, and increase access to outdoor recreation in the Upper Midwest. In 2015, AmeriCorps members removed 12,427 acres of invasive species; planted 150,983 trees; cleared 159 miles of river; and built or improved 362 miles of ATV, snowmobile, hiking, biking and horse trails.

AmeriCorps VISTA

The Minnesota Literacy Council's AmeriCorps VISTA Project creates and expands literacy-focused programs to help bring low-income students in grades K-12, and their families, out of poverty. In the last year, 35 AmeriCorps VISTA members served at 31 schools, nonprofit organizations, and local government agencies across the state. The members fostered hundreds of community partnerships and created sustainable systems and materials, including lesson plans, databases, tracking systems, assessments, volunteer handbooks, online resources, and outreach tools. The members also supported 2,268 community volunteers who served 72,644 hours; strengthened literacy services for 17,102 youth and 2,601 adults; and raised more than \$203,000. These efforts produced literacy gains for 52 percent of adult learners (686 out of 1320 assessed), 95 percent of pre-school-aged children (122 out of 129 assessed), and 80 percent of K-12 students who participated in out-of-school-time programs or tutoring (337 out of 422 assessed). In addition, every one of the 43 high school seniors who received services applied for and was accepted into a post-secondary program.

AmeriCorps VISTA member Nina Nguyen, who served at YWCA Mankato in 2014 and 2015, supported the Ready to Learn program, which serves immigrant and refugee families with young children. Ms. Nguyen's service developing the program, conducting community outreach, and strengthening volunteer engagement helped establish the program as a community staple. In 2014-15, 100 children from birth through kindergarten age participated in Ready to Learn. Of the children who had both pre- and post-assessments, 91 percent increased pre-literacy skills and 92 percent increased school readiness. Site supervisor Kelli Damlo writes, "Today the YWCA Mankato is serving far more families and connecting triple the volunteers to a higher quality program because of the two VISTA members who dedicated a year of their life. The efforts that both VISTAs put into the program in setting up processes and procedures, helping to find curriculum, tools to assist volunteers, creating a better case management system have all built the program to where it is at today."

AmeriCorps NCCC

AmeriCorps NCCC members worked with St. John's Abbey Arboretum in Collegetown and The Nature Conservancy to remove invasive species and build a deer-proof fence to protect the ecologically-special oak forest of the Abbey Arboretum. NCCC members split and stacked, renovated a challenge course, and helped the Arboretum staff build 2,000 feet of nine-foot tall deer fence. Members also helped The Nature Conservancy preserve 349.5 acres of dunes, monitor 12,812 square feet of native plants, and combat the spread of cow vetch, Canada thistle, sumac, purple loosestrife, and toadflax – all invasive species. Due to the team's work, the Conservancy and the Abbey greatly improved their efforts to maintain, preserve, and improve the surrounding environment.

An AmeriCorps NCCC team served with the Headwaters Science Center to support STEM education in northern Minnesota. The Science Center offers exceptional learning experiences to stimulate curiosity in science, math, and technology. The NCCC team cleaned cages at the Science Center, fed animals, helped care for a dozen reptiles and amphibians, and painted a mural. The team taught 4,003 children and adults about the animals and exhibits at the center. The team also worked with the Bemidji Community Food Shelf to prepare a garden so the Food Shelf could provide fresh fruits and vegetables to hungry families in the local community. The Food Shelf provides food to people with a short-term, emergency need. While the members served at the Food Shelf, they planted and tended 53 trees, planted vegetables on 1.5 acres of farmland, and repackaged 6,271 pounds of bulk food into smaller portions so it could reach more people community. The team started ten raised garden beds and installed 15,000 feet of an irrigation system.

Senior Corps Foster Grandparent Program

This past school year, more than 200 Foster Grandparents with Catholic Charities of St. Cloud served 8,000 children across central Minnesota. Ten Foster Grandparents served the community of Mora, giving 7,585 hours of one-on-one and small group help to 56 students with high needs. Foster Grandparent volunteers provide their students a year of focused support in literacy and/or math. As a result, every one of those students showed academic gains. One teacher shared on a performance evaluation, "Our test scores show great improvement with the students Grandma works with. We love our Foster Grandparents!"

Senior Corps RSVP

RSVP of the Red River Valley, sponsored by the University of Minnesota Crookston, currently runs 32 volunteer-led Bone Builder classes for seniors across the region. In a one-year span, 124 RSVP volunteers supported classes for 463 senior participants who wanted to prevent or reverse osteoporosis through this exercise program. The Bone Builders classes are promoted by local agencies and recommended by local physicians because of the benefits to those recovering from surgery and the overall health benefits to participants. Participant surveys indicated that 95 percent of those who had a recent bone density scan showed slight or significant improvement or had no bone loss changes. The survey also reported that 95 percent of participants showed improvement in balance and strength. Several RSVP volunteers attended training on tai chi and have piloted tai chi classes in two new communities, giving seniors more local opportunities to maintain and improve their health.

Senior Corps Senior Companion Program

Last year, Senior Companion volunteers serving with Lutheran Social service of Minnesota served 1,831 senior and homebound people, giving 250,659 hours of service to help them continue to live independently. Client surveys show that 93 percent of clients reported increased social ties and social support as a result of the Senior Companion program. More than 90 percent of the people who were served said that because of their Senior Companion, they could get to medical appointments and go grocery shopping, were eating regularly scheduled meals, and were able to remain living in their own homes and apartments.

Social Innovation Fund

The Social Innovation Fund (SIF) is investing to expand the impact of 12 nonprofits in Minnesota that are improving economic opportunities for adults and outcomes for youth who live in low-income communities. College Possible's Summer Bridge program served nearly 500 additional students in the state, while ServeMinnesota served an additional 750 students this past year through the Minnesota Reading Corps program. SIF transforms lives by using evidence to find what works and make it work for more people. SIF Classic and SIF Pay for Success programs harness the expertise of grant-making intermediaries to identify, evaluate, and expand effective nonprofits serving low-income communities.

Volunteer Generation Fund

ServeMinnesota, in partnership with Minnesota Association for Volunteer Administration, HandsOn Twin Cities and volunteer centers across the state, is expanding the Service Enterprise Initiative (SEI) across Minnesota and preparing a pipeline of organizations for SEI training. This organizational training certification expands volunteerism and the use of skill-based volunteers who increase organization's effectiveness to address chronic community problems. The partners strengthen the capacity of the state's volunteer connector organizations to create and connect volunteers with high quality assignments, increase the number of skill-based volunteers generated and retained. Each year, 30 organizations will be SEI-trained and working toward certification; 150 nonprofits will be trained in best practices to improve their management capacity and effectiveness, thus creating an SEI pipeline; and organizations statewide will increase their capacity to recruit, connect, and retain at least 34,950 volunteers who will contribute 244,650 hours of service or more each year. The value of these volunteer hours to Minnesota, to be performed by 104,000 volunteers over three years, approaches \$18 million.

AmeriCorps in Minnesota



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CURRENT (as of February 22, 2016)

3,025

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Bemidji	Bemidji Community Food Shelf (August 2 - September 14, 2015) Bemidji Community Food Shelf	-	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Bemidji	Bemidji Community Food Shelf (August 2 - September 14, 2015) Bemidji Community Food Shelf	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Bemidji	Habitat for Humanity - Northwoods (June 29 - August 28, 2015) Habitat for Humanity - Northwoods	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Bemidji	Headwaters Science Center (April 30 - June 11, 2015) Headwaters Science Center	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Brainerd	Nechama: Brainerd 2015 (July 21 - July 31, 2015) NECHAMA	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Collegeville	St. John's Abbey Arboretum (June 29 - August 4, 2015) St. John's Abbey	7	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Duluth	AmeriCorps True North (Current) Duluth Area Family YMCA	25	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Duluth	Duluth (Completed) Local Initiatives Support Corporation	7	AmeriCorps National
Duluth	Duluth Area Family YMCA (Current) Duluth Area Family YMCA	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Duluth	True North School Turnaround (Current) Duluth Area Family YMCA	15	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Eden Prairie	The Sanneh Foundation (Completed) Up2Us, Inc.	3	AmeriCorps National
Edina	EC Minneapolis_ St. Paul (Current) AARP Foundation	73	AmeriCorps National
Edina	Experience Corps Minneapolis & St. Paul (Completed) Experience Corps dba AARP Experience Corps	57	AmeriCorps National
Fergus Falls	SCA Minnesota (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	1	AmeriCorps National
Little Falls	Initiative Foundation (Current) Initiative Foundation	9	AmeriCorps VISTA
Loretto	YMCA of Metropolitan Minneapolis (April 30 - May 29, 2015) YMCA of Twin Cities	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Mankato	Mankato, MN - IAA - R05-1505-MN-DSA-XXX (September 27 - October 9, 2015) FEMA- American Red Cross- Mankato, MN	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Maplewood	Minnesota Association for Volunteer Administration (Current) Minnesota Association for Volunteer Administration	6	AmeriCorps VISTA
Minneapolis	City of Lakes - AmeriCorps (Current) Minneapolis Public Schools	32	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Minneapolis	Emerge Community Development II (Current) Emerge Community Development	11	AmeriCorps VISTA
Minneapolis	Habitat for Humanity of Minnesota VISTA (Completed) Habitat for Humanity of Minnesota	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Minneapolis	Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid (Current) Equal Justice Works	-	AmeriCorps National
Minneapolis	Migrant Head Start (Completed) ServeMinnesota Action Network	6	AmeriCorps State Formula
Minneapolis	Minneapolis VA Healthcare System (Completed) Partners in Care Foundation	8	AmeriCorps National
Minneapolis	Minnesota Campus Compact College Health Corps VISTA Program (Current) Minnesota Campus Compact	12	AmeriCorps VISTA
Minneapolis	Minnesota Math Corps (Current) ServeMinnesota Action Network	200	AmeriCorps State Competitive

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Minneapolis	Minnesota Opportunity Corps (Current) ServeMinnesota Action Network	30	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Minneapolis	Minnesota Reading Corps - Formula (Current) ServeMinnesota Action Network	135	AmeriCorps State Formula
Minneapolis	Minnesota Reading Corps - Greater MN (Current) ServeMinnesota Action Network	412	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Minneapolis	Minnesota Reading Corps - Metro (Current) ServeMinnesota Action Network	707	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Minneapolis	Minnesota Reading Corps - Professional Corps (Current) ServeMinnesota Action Network	134	AmeriCorps State Formula
Minneapolis	Northside Achievement Zone (Completed) PEACE Foundation	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Minneapolis	One Heartland (June 29 - September 14, 2015) One Heartland	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Minneapolis	Phillips Family Foundation - Sectoral Employment Initiative (Current) The Jay and Rose Phillips Family Foundation of Minnesota	14	AmeriCorps VISTA
Minneapolis	Promise Neighborhood Program (Current) ServeMinnesota Action Network	38	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Minneapolis	Public Allies Twin Cities (Current) Public Allies, Inc.	27	AmeriCorps National
Minneapolis	Rebuilding Together - Twin Cities (September 22 - October 20, 2015) Rebuilding Together - Twin Cities	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Minneapolis	Rebuilding Together Twin Cities (Current) Rebuilding Together, Inc	2	AmeriCorps National
Minneapolis	Teach For America - Twin Cities (Current) Teach For America	67	AmeriCorps National
Minneapolis	Twin Cities (Current) New Sector Alliance, Inc.	21	AmeriCorps National
Minneapolis	Veterans for Veterans' Justice (Completed) Minnesota Council on Crime and Justice	-	AmeriCorps National
Moorhead	Legal Services of Northwest Minnesota (Completed) Equal Justice Works	1	AmeriCorps National
Moorhead	LSSMN (Current) University of Maryland	50	AmeriCorps National
Owatonna	AmeriCorps LEAP Initiative (Current) Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation	20	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Owatonna	Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (Current) Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Redlake	Service to New Scholars (Current) Red Lake Tribal Council	13	AmeriCorps Indian Tribes
Saint Paul	2015 ND TC Sites (Current) Reading Partners	7	AmeriCorps National
Saint Paul	Admission Possible Fixed Amount (Current) College Possible	15	AmeriCorps State Formula
Saint Paul	Central & Southern Corps (Current) Minnesota Alliance With Youth	100	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Saint Paul	City of Saint Paul VISTA Program (Current) City of St. Paul	18	AmeriCorps VISTA
Saint Paul	College Possible Philadelphia AmeriCorps (Current) College Possible	12	AmeriCorps State Formula
Saint Paul	College Possible - College Preparation Program (Current) College Possible	6	AmeriCorps State Formula

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Saint Paul	College Possible - College Success Program (Current) College Possible	24	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Saint Paul	College Possible (Current) College Possible	15	AmeriCorps VISTA
Saint Paul	College Possible National (Current) College Possible	-	AmeriCorps National
Saint Paul	College Possible National Virtual Advising (Current) College Possible	16	AmeriCorps National
Saint Paul	College Possible Twin Cities (Current) College Possible	53	AmeriCorps National
Saint Paul	Community Technology Empowerment Project (Current) Saint Paul Neighborhood Network	35	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Saint Paul	Conservation Corps Minnesota (Current) Conservation Corps Minnesota and Iowa	53	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Saint Paul	Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa (Current) Conservation Corps Minnesota and Iowa	-	AmeriCorps National
Saint Paul	Homegrown Lacrosse (Completed) Up2Us, Inc.	2	AmeriCorps National
Saint Paul	International Institute of Minnesota (Current) U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants	1	AmeriCorps National
Saint Paul	Minnesota (Current) Conservation Corps Minnesota and Iowa	33	AmeriCorps National
Saint Paul	Minnesota Conservation Corps (Current) The Corps Network	203	AmeriCorps National
Saint Paul	Minnesota Council of Nonprofits (Current) Minnesota Council of Nonprofits	12	AmeriCorps VISTA
Saint Paul	Minnesota GreenCorps (Current) Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	40	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Saint Paul	Minnesota Literacy Council (Current) Minnesota Literacy Council	20	AmeriCorps VISTA
Saint Paul	MN Habitat for Humanity AmeriCorps Program (Current) Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	24	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Saint Paul	Northern Promise Fellows (Current) Minnesota Alliance With Youth	90	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Saint Paul	Playworks Twin Cities (Current) Playworks Education Energized	9	AmeriCorps National
Saint Paul	Saint Paul Public Schools Foundation II (Current) Saint Paul Public Schools Foundation	12	AmeriCorps VISTA
Saint Paul	SCA AmeriCorps National Direct Minnesota (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Saint Paul	School Turnaround Promise Fellows (Current) Minnesota Alliance With Youth	20	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Saint Paul	University of Minnesota Extension (Completed) Share Our Strength	1	AmeriCorps National
Saint Paul	YouthBuild St. Paul, MN (Current) YouthBuild USA, Inc	143	AmeriCorps National
Sauk Centre	Camphill MN (Current) Camphill Association of North America, Inc.	5	AmeriCorps National
Sauk Centre	Camphill Village Minnesota (Current) Camphill Association of North America, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
St Joseph	College of St Benedict and St. John's University MN56374-2001 (Completed) The College of New Jersey	-	AmeriCorps National

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St Louis Park	Mucking and Gutting Homes Impacted by Flooding (October 11 - October 29, 2015) Nechama	-	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
St. Cloud	Lutheran Social Services of MN (Current) Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service	1	AmeriCorps National
Willow River	One Heartland (March 11 - April 23, 2015) One Heartland	18	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 Minnesota



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS

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PROGRAMS

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12,628

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COMPLETED (within last 12 months)

1,587

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Albert Lea	Southern Tri-County RSVP (Completed) Senior Resources of Freeborn County	492	RSVP
Anoka	Anoka County RSVP (Current) Anoka County Community Social Services	340	RSVP
Brainerd	Crow Wing County RSVP (Current) Crow Wing Social Services	1,232	RSVP
Cloquet	Aitkin-Carlton County RSVP (Current) Volunteer Services of Carlton County, Inc.	481	RSVP
Crookson	SCP of NW Minnesota (Completed) Tri-Valley Opportunity Council	13	Senior Companion Program
Crookston	FGP of NW Minnesota (Current) Tri-Valley Opportunity Council	76	Foster Grandparent Program
Crookston	RSVP of the Red River Valley (Current) University of Minnesota, Office of Sponsored Projects	648	RSVP
Crookston	Tri-Valley Opportunity Council FGP Senior Demonstration (Current) Tri-Valley Opportunity Council	-	Senior Demonstration Program
Detroit Lakes	Mahube-Otwa RSVP (Current) MAHUBE-OTWA COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP INC	700	RSVP
Elbow Lake	West Central MN Communities Action RSVP-NYM Competition (Completed) West Central MN Community Action Inc.	426	RSVP
Grand Rapids	ElderCircle RSVP (Completed) ElderCircle	656	RSVP
Grand Rapids	ElderCircle RSVP (Current) ElderCircle	625	RSVP
Litchfield	Ecumen RSVP (Current) Ecumen	153	RSVP
Minneapolis	Volunteers of America MN Experience Corps Demonstration (Current) Volunteers of America Minnesota	-	Senior Demonstration Program
Minneapolis	Volunteers of America of MN RSVP (Current) Volunteers of America Minnesota	703	RSVP
Pierz	Horizon Health RSVP (Current) Horizon Health, Inc.	862	RSVP
Saint Cloud	Central MN FGP - SDP (Current) Catholic Charities Diocese St. Cloud	-	Senior Demonstration Program
Saint Cloud	Central MN Foster Grandparent Program (Current) Catholic Charities Diocese St. Cloud	202	Foster Grandparent Program
Saint Cloud	Greater St Cloud RSVP (Current) City of St. Cloud	1,092	RSVP
Saint Paul	LSS FGP Senior Demonstration (Current) Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota	-	Senior Demonstration Program
Saint Paul	LSS of Minnesota FGP (Current) Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota	326	Foster Grandparent Program
Saint Paul	LSS of Minnesota SCP (Current) Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota	224	Senior Companion Program
Saint Paul	LSS SCP Senior Demonstration (Current) Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota	-	Senior Demonstration Program
Slayton	A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota (Current) A.C.E. OF SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA	2,184	RSVP
Virginia	Arrowhead RSVP (Current) Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency	1,365	RSVP
Winona	Common Good RSVP (Current) Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Winona	1,415	RSVP

Senior Corps in Minnesota



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
CURRENT (as of February 22, 2016)	12,628	22
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	1,587	4

Primary City	Program Name	Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
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Note: The city column refers to the location of sponsor organization. Volunteers may be serving in other locations than the city listed.



Intermediary Grantmakers in Minnesota

Location	Intermediary Name <i>Nonprofit Subgrantees</i>	Description
Minneapolis, MN	Greater Twin Cities United Way	Greater Twin Cities United Way and Generation Next are working to improve educational outcomes for low-income children and youth at risk for academic failure. This includes addressing kindergarten readiness, third grade reading proficiency, ninth eighth grade readiness for upper-level math, four-year graduation rates, and college enrollment rates for up to 2,000 low-income youth in the first two years of SIF.
Minneapolis, MN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>AchieveMPLS in Minneapolis, MN</i> • <i>ServeMinnesota in Minneapolis, MN</i> • <i>Way to Grow in Minneapolis, MN</i> • <i>Amherst H. Wilder Foundation in Saint Paul, MN</i> • <i>College Possible College Program in Saint Paul, MN</i> • <i>Saint Paul Public Schools Foundation in Saint Paul, MN</i> Youthprise	

Nonprofit Subgrantees in Minnesota

Program HQ Location	Nonprofit Subgrantee Name <i>Intermediary</i>	Description
Minneapolis, MN	AchieveMPLS Greater Twin Cities United Way	STEP-UP is the City of Minneapolis jobs program for youth and young adults ages 14-21. Each year STEP-UP recruits, trains and places more than 1,600 Minneapolis youth in great jobs with over 230 top Twin Cities businesses, public agencies and nonprofits. As one of the country's premiere youth employment programs, STEP-UP serves populations that face some of the greatest barriers to employment, particularly youth from low income families, youth of color, youth from immigrant families, and youth with disabilities. STEP-UP Achieve, directed by AchieveMpls, is STEP-UP's most advanced internship option. It offers career-oriented internships for older youth who are seeking professional opportunities in private sector businesses, public agencies and nonprofits. STEP-UP interns explore diverse career interests, gain valuable on-the-job skills, make strong professional connections, and prepare for meaningful careers. Interns receive work readiness training certified by the Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce that prepares them for a professional job experience. STEP-UP also offers advanced level internships and industry-specific trainings that help interns deepen and integrate their career exposure with post-secondary education and career planning. Through the Social Innovation Fund, AchieveMpls is expanding the number of youth who participate in STEP-UP, enhancing their experience with stronger and more targeted training opportunities and researching the impact of training and work experience on student outcomes in high school, in job performance and ultimately in post-secondary success.



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	Intermediary	
Minneapolis, MN	ServeMinnesota Greater Twin Cities United Way	<p>ServeMinnesota's reading innovation center will continue its implementation of the Minnesota Assessment of Vocabulary for Reading Improvement and Comprehension (MAVRIC). MAVRIC targets vocabulary deficiency among pre-k through 1st grade children and builds on the existing Minnesota Reading Corps model of using rigorously trained tutors to deliver data-driven reading interventions to students. It stems from a growing body of research that indicates the achievement gap can be impacted with a focused effort to build vocabulary. Defined as knowledge of words and word meanings, vocabulary lays the foundation for reading and reading comprehension. In partnership with the Minneapolis Public Schools, this innovation was implemented to full scale in pre-k sites and across 19 kindergartens and 19 1st grade schools in its first two years. Over the next two years, MAVRIC will be implemented in more k-1st grade classrooms, continued across current pre-k sites, and replicated in St. Paul Public schools. MAVRIC has produced data for effectively identifying students struggling with vocabulary in pre-k, kindergarten, and 1st grade, as well as data to ensure that research-based interventions are effective for specific students. An expected 80% of students who receive MAVRIC will no longer be identified as at-risk for poor vocabulary by the end of the program, which will positively impact their kindergarten readiness and future scores on the MCA-III.</p>
Minneapolis, MN	Way to Grow Greater Twin Cities United Way	<p>Way to Grow is a Minneapolis school-readiness organization that works with families prenatal to age 8 to address the significant educational disparities among both low-income students and students of color. The program, Great by Eight, is facilitated through home visits, center-based programming and family support services. It includes early childhood and elementary education support, health and wellness education, parent engagement and teen parenting support. Way to Grow is using its Social Innovation Fund (SIF) subgrant to test the impact of its Great by Eight home visiting model with children ages 3 to 8, and its ability to bring the program to scale to serve more families. Way to Grow is relationship-based and uses an evidence-based curricula designed to give low-income families the knowledge and resources necessary to stabilize their homes and engage in their children's early development and educational progress. Family Educators meet with parents and children to develop a culture of learning in the home through year-round, language-to-language home visiting and ensure parents have access to groups, classes and other critical community resources. The success of Great by Eight hinges on the strong collaborations Way to Grow has developed with parents and its community partners. Key partners include: Minneapolis Public Schools, Minnesota Visiting Nurse Agency, Northside Achievement Zone, Urban Ventures, Generation Next, Jewish Family and Children's Services, MN Reading Corps, Early Head Start, Goodwill Easter Seals FATHER Project, Bridge to Benefits, University of Minnesota Extension Services, The Center for Families and Help Me Grow.</p>



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Program HQ Location	Nonprofit Subgrantee Name	Description
<i>Intermediary</i>		
Saint Paul, MN	Amherst H. Wilder Foundation Greater Twin Cities United Way	<p>Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood (SPPN), which is fiscally sponsored by the Amherst A. Wilder Foundation, is partnering with the Network for the Development of Children of Africa Descent (NdCAD) to increase the availability and impact of the Sankofa literacy program and Parent Power Literacy and Advocacy Workshop to children and families living in the neighborhood. Sankofa is a culturally-based literacy tutoring program that provides intensive after-school tutoring that includes strong reading, cultural, and parent engagement components. This programming targets children of African descent enrolled in kindergarten through third grade residing in the Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood. Parent Power is a parent training program that helps parents help their children improve their reading. Parents build a strong literacy foundation at home and equip them with the necessary tools to advocate for children at school. The specific goals of Sankofa are to increase reading skills, increase independent guided reading levels, and improve academic performance. An overarching goal of the program is to help students develop and build literacy skills within the context of their cultural heritage, thus giving them a firm foundation for academic achievement and life-long learning. A unique feature of the Sankofa program design is the integration of culturally-responsive and culturally-specific practices to holistically address students' learning needs and engage the learners in their own learning. To this end, the program employs a variety of cultural learning strategies to help students make critical connections between what they know about their cultural selves, their cognitive and skill development, and their academic achievement. Ultimately, the program aims to intrinsically motivate students to master reading and become successful learners in school and throughout their lives.</p>
Saint Paul, MN	College Possible College Program Greater Twin Cities United Way	<p>College Possible Twin Cities is using SIF funding to help low-income students from Minneapolis and Saint Paul earn college admission and ultimately complete their college degrees. Through this partnership, College Possible will add new high school partnerships, expand at current high schools and support more students from Minneapolis and Saint Paul enrolled in college. The program helps to achieve Generation Next's goals of increasing high school graduation and six-year college degree completion rates in Minneapolis and Saint Paul. College Possible is dedicated to making college admission and success possible for low-income students through an intensive curriculum of coaching and support. They work with students from their junior year in high school through college graduation, providing coaching and guidance to help them prepare for and earn college admission, stay in college, and graduate ready for the workforce. They collaborate with high schools, colleges and other education organizations to maximize their program's impact. They are proud to work wi</p>



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Saint Paul, MN	Saint Paul Public Schools Foundation Greater Twin Cities United Way	The Saint Paul Public Schools Foundation has been a Social Innovation Fund (SIF) subgrantee of Greater Twin Cities United Way since 2013. The Foundation is accelerating academic achievement for low-income students and students of color, with two major goal areas: reading proficiency by third grade and math proficiency by eighth grade. This work strategically aligns with Generation Next's goals in order to advance systemic change for students across the Twin Cities. The Foundation is achieving these goals through the Tutoring Partnership, a collaborative effort of 20 community organizations to provide academic-skill building to over 7,000 students in St. Paul and Minneapolis. In order to increase academic achievement, students need high-quality opportunities for academic skill-building both in and out of school. The Tutoring Partnership helps community organizations provide intentional, impactful learning opportunities through its unique innovation of program consultation within a continuous quality improvement framework. Organizations that participate in the Tutoring Partnership receive professional development, tutor training and coaching to improve their program quality and increase student outcomes. SIF funding is allowing the Tutoring Partnership to provide intensive program improvement consultation to four organizations and study the most effective level of support required to increase student achievement. Foundation staff are working holistically with these four organizations to understand what is working, what can be improved and what can be scaled for systemic change. Rigorous evaluation and use of data are central to this effort. The Foundation is building organizational capacity to utilize data to inform program improvement and ensure high-quality academic skill-building opportunities for students in the Twin Cities.
Duluth, MN	Community Action Duluth Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2010)	Community Action Duluth is establishing a Financial Opportunity Center that will provide low-income participants with an array of on-site services in addition to career and financial coaching and income support.
Minneapolis, MN	EMERGE Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2010)	EMERGE is creating a new Financial Opportunity Center located and focused in North Minneapolis that expands the availability of financial counseling, coaching and income support access services to engage underemployed residents.
Minneapolis, MN	Project for Pride in Living Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2010)	Project for Pride in Living is increasing the scale and improving the quality of services that help low-income families increase their earnings and income, reduce their financial transaction costs, and generate new wealth for themselves and their communities through personalized goal plans.
Saint Paul, MN	CommonBond Communities Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2010)	CommonBond is expanding the capacity of Communities Career Advantage Services to serve residents of many CommonBond housing communities with the combination of employment, financial, and income supports.
Saint Paul, MN	Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2010)	Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio provides integrated services, income support assistance, and referrals for financially-isolated low- and moderate-income Latino families and new immigrants.
Saint Paul, MN	Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2010)	Lutheran Social Services is expanding capacity at the Eastside Financial Opportunity Center to assist additional working families in the receipt of bundled services including financial coaching, employment retention and advancement, and public benefits screening.

Other Programs in Minnesota



Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Program Type
Minneapolis	State Administrative Grant (Current) Minnesota Commission on National and Community Service	State Commission Operations Support
Minneapolis	Volunteer Generation (Current) Minnesota Commission on National and Community Service	Volunteer Generation Fund
Saint Paul	The Arc Greater Twin Cities (Current) The Arc of the United States	Martin Luther King Day