



## National Service in New Hampshire



### MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

More than 2,900 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in New Hampshire. Serving at more than 420 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 \$8,190,000 to support New Hampshire 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 \$6,970,000 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 480 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across New Hampshire. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Volunteer New Hampshire, 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 5,400 New Hampshire residents have served more than 8.1 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$19,340,000.

**Senior Corps:** More than 2,400 seniors in New Hampshire 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 3,700 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 340 groups across New Hampshire.

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.

# New Hampshire At a Glance

<b>AmeriCorps</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants <sup>1</sup>	Education Scholarships <sup>2</sup>	Program Funding
AmeriCorps National	8	5	181	\$785,267	\$180,620 <sup>3</sup>
AmeriCorps State Competitive	4	25	151	\$699,417	\$1,433,174
AmeriCorps State Formula	2	20	48	\$271,425	\$666,362
AmeriCorps VISTA	4	45	106	\$608,415	\$1,731,086
<b>AMERICORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>\$2,364,524</b>	<b>\$4,011,242</b>
<b>Senior Corps</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	1	78	185	-	\$639,077
RSVP	6	349	2,162	-	\$566,299
Senior Companion Program	1	25	108	-	\$359,123
<b>SENIOR CORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>2,455</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,564,499</b>
<b>Other Funding</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$250,000
<b>OTHER FUNDING TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>
<b>PROGRAM TOTALS</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>547 <sup>4</sup></b>	<b>2,941</b>	<b>\$2,364,524</b>	<b>\$5,825,741</b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (Including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)</b>					<b>\$8,190,265</b>
<b>TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)</b>					<b>\$6,977,395 <sup>5</sup></b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT</b>					<b>\$15,167,660</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.

- <sup>1</sup> 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.
- <sup>2</sup> This figure represents the maximum potential value of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards that can be earned by AmeriCorps members serving in New Hampshire. 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.
- <sup>3</sup> 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.
- <sup>4</sup> The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple CNCS programs are operating.
- <sup>5</sup> 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.

Since 1994, more than 5,400 New Hampshire residents have served more than 8.1 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$19,340,000.

## State Commission

Volunteer NH administers five AmeriCorps state programs that help address unmet needs in the areas of education, economic opportunity, and environmental stewardship. New Hampshire's AmeriCorps programs are the Granite State Education Corps, AmeriCorps Victim Assistance Program, Student Conservation Association, and City Year, with a total of 171 AmeriCorps members. Accomplishments of 2014-15 AmeriCorps members included supporting more than 500 students in education, educating 1,153 individuals in environmental stewardship, and improving the financial knowledge of 1,035 individuals. Volunteer NH hosts the NH Service Alliance, which brings together all national service programs bimonthly to coordinate service projects and trainings. In addition, Volunteer NH provides critical support to volunteer program infrastructure, training, and recognition of volunteers through the Spirit of NH Awards and the Governor's Conference on Volunteerism; and by hosting the Get Connected volunteer match software. Volunteer NH is responsible for assisting the state in times of disaster by mobilizing and managing volunteers and donations, and providing training and support to disaster response programs including Ready Corps, CERT, NHDART, and NH VOAD.

## AmeriCorps State

The Student Conservation Association NH Corps addresses unmet needs in the area of environmental stewardship. AmeriCorps members are based out of Bear Brook State Park in Allenstown and engage in projects throughout the state. Members engage elementary students in environmental education programs and then lead interpretive programs and conservation projects in state parks throughout New Hampshire. In 2014-2015, 28 members treated 82 miles of rivers and trails, treated 40 acres of public lands, improved the knowledge of 826 students in the areas of ecology and sustainable practices, and trained 1,153 individuals in environmental stewardship.

City Year New Hampshire members serve in six high needs, public schools in Manchester. In 2015-2016, 50 members implemented the Whole School Whole Child model and provided in-school and after-school tutoring and mentoring to students in grades 3-5 who are at risk to drop out. An additional 20 members are working in two Manchester schools to assist with the implementation of the Junior STEAM Ahead program, in partnership with FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology). In 2014-2015, 375 students completed a program with focused academic support and 278 students improved academic performance in literacy and/or math.

## AmeriCorps National

City Year Manchester AmeriCorps has 70 AmeriCorps members who serve full-time at eight schools, helping more than 3,810 students at greatest risk of dropping out. City Year AmeriCorps members work alongside teachers, using research-based tools to improve students' attendance, behavior, and performance in math and English. The members also lead afterschool programs and school-wide initiatives to improve school culture. Thanks to the members' service, 84 percent of students tutored by City Year New Hampshire AmeriCorps members increased two or more reading levels, and 69 percent improved at a rate faster than expected for their grade level. Additionally, 70 percent of students who were mentored improved from "need for instruction" in social and emotional learning skills to "typical" or "developing strengths" in these areas.

## AmeriCorps VISTA

Campus Compact for New Hampshire sponsors a three-state AmeriCorps VISTA grant for Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont to increase access to and retention in higher education for low-income individuals. During the last program year, 26 AmeriCorps VISTA members generated \$489,844 in in-kind donated goods and services and monetary grants. Other accomplishments include 289 students received assistance with student loans and college applications, 823 youth earned high school credit in extended learning opportunities, and 2,594 students participated in extended learning activities. In addition, 1,087 students received mentoring and 806 students participated in structured, educational after-school programs, 4,046 disadvantaged youth received services in education, and 3,395 staff and volunteers received training and provided more than 54,900 hours of service.

The Catholic Charities AmeriCorps VISTA Project places AmeriCorps VISTA members in nonprofits across New Hampshire to improve the lives of those living in poverty. VISTA members write grants and conduct fundraising events, marketing, and volunteer recruitment and management in order to build organizational capacity to serve homeless and low-income individuals. In 2015, 29 members raised \$296,632 in cash and \$248,993 in in-kind donations. They also recruited 2,704 community volunteers and managed more than 3,675 volunteers. VISTA members' efforts increased housing and services for the homeless, expand opportunities for immigrants, and provide additional resources such as food, health services and job training to the community. A total of 425 nonprofits and government entities benefitted from increased capacity to serve low-income residents thanks to the VISTA members' service.

## AmeriCorps NCCC

In the spring of 2015, an AmeriCorps NCCC FEMA Corps team helped FEMA meet immediate logistical needs at the onset of its response to a winter storm that struck the region earlier that year. Members reconciled federal property items, including bills of lading, shipping documents, inventory lists, and property transfer reports. Additionally, they assisted with inventory control and management from distribution centers, as well as tracking and reporting resource needs. In just a few short days, AmeriCorps NCCC members and FEMA Region I staff were able to transform two empty floors of a building into a fully functional federal facility, complete with all the office equipment – tables, chairs, supplies, computers – required to effectively run a response and recovery operation. FEMA did extensive public assistance and hazard mitigation work in order to help the individual states and counties recover and to improve their capacity to respond to future storms.

Located on a 70-acre farm in rural New Hampshire, Live and Let Farm (L&LLF), the largest agricultural rehabilitation rescue and sanctuary in the region, provides animal protection, education, and rehabilitation services. An AmeriCorps NCCC team served with L&LLF, primarily working to develop the Quarantine Rehabilitation Facility. The team built interior walls, installed doors, sealed wood, and painted the facility. Additionally, they hung plywood and stained beams in the Brittany Searing Memorial Building, strung electric fences, helped mill the lumber for and assemble wooden fences, and cleaned and organized the recreation room. Team members repaired or installed 1,000 feet of electric and wood fencing, cleared and limed 13 paddocks, stained 40 beams, facilitated an adoption event, set up for a benefit ride, and cared for dozens of animals.

## Senior Corps Foster Grandparent Program

Friends Foster Grandparent Program of Concord has served the needs of at-risk youth in New Hampshire since 1984. In 2015, Foster Grandparents tutored 1,732 at-risk K-12 students at 60 schools, ninety percent of whom improved their academic performance. Foster Grandparents mentored 510 students, with 92 percent of them improving academically, and worked with 952 children at 39 early education programs across the state. Altogether Foster Grandparents served more than 123,238 hours helping at-risk youth throughout New Hampshire.

## Senior Corps RSVP

Coos Country RSVP serves a rural, mountainous area of New Hampshire with a high percentage of low-income individuals and no public transportation. Volunteers are critical to ensuring that low-income, isolated seniors get meals, transportation to doctor appointments, and have companionship. In 2015, 95 volunteers provided meals to 682 low-income and disabled citizens, another 20 homebound seniors received regular transportation to vital appointments, and 35 volunteers visited low-income isolated seniors one to two times each week. RSVP volunteers are also continuing training with New Hampshire Emergency Services so that they are prepared to respond to the next natural or other disaster.

## Senior Corps Senior Companion Program

The New Hampshire Senior Companion Program, sponsored by Community Action Belknap-Merrimack Counties Inc., provides frequent and regular support to senior citizens to increase their stability, prevent physical and mental decline, and promote independence. In 2015, 92 Senior Companion Program volunteers provided critical functions to more than 447 seniors, including transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping, essential errands, light meal preparation, and information referral. More than 171 of the clients served are veterans. Additionally, 52 caregivers received much needed respite services from Senior Companion volunteers. In total, Senior Companions provided 79,399 hours of service to New Hampshire seniors and their caregivers.

# AmeriCorps in New Hampshire



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of February 22, 2016)	486	18
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	68	5

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Allenstown	SCA New Hampshire Corps (Completed) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	29	AmeriCorps State Formula
Allenstown	SCA-New Hampshire Corps (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	30	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Charlestown	SCA AmeriCorps (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Charlestown	SCA Idaho AmeriCorps Fixed Grant (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	28	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Charlestown	SCA New Hampshire (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Charlestown	Veterans Fire AmeriCorps (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Chichester	Live and Let Live Farm (August 31 - November 6, 2015) Live and Let Live Farm	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Concord	AmeriCorps Victim Assistance Program (Current) NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence	28	AmeriCorps State Formula
Concord	Campus Compact for NH (Current) Campus Compact for NH VISTA	23	AmeriCorps VISTA
Concord	Granite State Education Corps (Current) Goodwill Industries of Northern New England	43	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Greenfield	Camphill NH (Current) Camphill Association of North America, Inc.	2	AmeriCorps National
Greenfield	Lifesharing at Plowshare Farm (Current) Camphill Association of North America, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Greenland	Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (October 26 - November 6, 2015) Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Keene	Stonewall Farm (April 27 - May 15, 2015) Stonewall Farm	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Manchester	City Year New Hampshire - Formula (Current) City Year, Inc.	20	AmeriCorps State Formula
Manchester	City Year New Hampshire (Current) City Year, Inc.	50	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Manchester	Families in Transition VISTA Program (Current) Families in Transition	22	AmeriCorps VISTA
Manchester	FIRST AmeriCorps VISTA (Current) US FIRST Foundation	42	AmeriCorps VISTA
Manchester	International Institute of New Hampshire (Current) U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants	1	AmeriCorps National
Manchester	New Hampshire Food Bank (April 27 - June 5, 2015) New Hampshire Food Bank	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Manchester	New Hampshire Food Bank (Current) Share Our Strength	2	AmeriCorps National
Manchester	NH Catholic Charities VISTA Project (Current) New Hampshire Catholic Charities, Inc.	19	AmeriCorps VISTA
Windsor	NH Based Residential Summer and School Program (Current) Campus Compact for New Hampshire	176	AmeriCorps National

Notes: If there are programs with identical names in separate entries, they are different grants to the same organization. If no members are shown, either the grant is for planning or technical assistance, or enrollment data was not available at the time of printing.  
The city column refers to the location of the sponsor organization. AmeriCorps members may be serving in other locations than the city listed.

# Senior Corps in New Hampshire



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
CURRENT (as of February 22, 2016)	2,455	8
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	0	0

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Berlin	Coos County RSVP (Current) Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc.	330	RSVP
Concord	Friends FGP (Current) The Friends Program Inc	185	Foster Grandparent Program
Concord	Friends Program RSVP (Current) The Friends Program Inc	515	RSVP
Concord	Senior Companion Program of New Hampshire (Current) Community Action Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc.	108	Senior Companion Program
Keene	Monadnock RSVP (Current) Monadnock Family Services Inc	300	RSVP
Lebanon	RSVP Volunteer Center (Grafton & Sullivan Counties in NH) (Current) Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.	259	RSVP
Manchester	Southern NH RSVP (Current) Southern NH Services Inc	424	RSVP
North Conway	Carroll County RSVP (Current) North Conway Community Center	334	RSVP

Note: The city column refers to the location of sponsor organization. Volunteers may be serving in other locations than the city listed.

# Other Programs in New Hampshire



Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Program Type
Concord	State Administrative Grant (Current) Volunteer NH!	State Commission Operations Support