



## National Service in South Dakota



### MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

More than 3,400 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in South Dakota. Serving at more than 440 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 \$5,150,000 to support South Dakota communities through national service initiatives. CNCS invests in cost-effective community solutions—working hand in hand with local partners to improve lives, expand economic opportunity, and engage citizens in solving problems in their communities. Serving in many of the state's most impoverished communities, CNCS provides vital support to schools, food banks, homeless shelters, community health clinics, youth centers, veterans service facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based organizations at a time of growing demand for services. Through a unique public-private partnership, this federal investment will leverage an additional \$3,860,000 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 340 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across South Dakota. Most 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 2,200 South Dakota residents have served more than 2.7 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$6,440,000.

**Senior Corps:** More than 3,100 seniors in South Dakota contribute their time and talents in one of three Senior Corps programs. Foster Grandparents serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to more than 1,800 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 420 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 570 groups across South Dakota.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. CNCS annually engages more than five million Americans in service to meet local needs through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and national days of service; improves communities through the Social Innovation Fund, and leads President Obama's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. To learn more visit [NationalService.gov](http://NationalService.gov) or [Serve.gov](http://Serve.gov) or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

# South Dakota At a Glance



AmeriCorps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants <sup>1</sup>	Education Scholarships <sup>2</sup>	Program Funding
AmeriCorps National	11	6	158	\$696,468	\$803,173 <sup>3</sup>
AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects	1	1	8	-	- <sup>4</sup>
AmeriCorps State Competitive	2	-	86	\$496,650	\$317,283
AmeriCorps State Formula	7	-	75	\$193,401	\$600,000
AmeriCorps Tribes/Territories	1	11	17	\$57,750	\$194,996
AmeriCorps VISTA	1	4	3	\$17,190	\$48,993
<b>AMERICORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>\$1,461,459</b>	<b>\$1,964,445</b>
Senior Corps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	2	79	182	-	\$647,110
RSVP	6	571	2,830	-	\$728,554
Senior Companion Program	1	25	98	-	\$352,292
<b>SENIOR CORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>3,110</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,727,956</b>
<b>PROGRAM TOTALS</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>697 <sup>5</sup></b>	<b>3,457</b>	<b>\$1,461,459</b>	<b>\$3,692,401</b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (Including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)</b>					<b>\$5,153,860</b>
<b>TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)</b>					<b>\$3,867,785 <sup>6</sup></b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT</b>					<b>\$9,021,645</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 South Dakota. The award can be used in any state to pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay back student loans. The education award total is included in total CNCS funding.
- <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> South Dakota is served by the AmeriCorps NCCC campus located in Vinton, Iowa.  
In the past year, AmeriCorps NCCC teams have served on projects in Spearfish, Rapid City, Lake Andes.
- <sup>5</sup> The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple CNCS programs are operating.
- <sup>6</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.

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## AmeriCorps National

The 57 Teach For America AmeriCorps members at the Pine Ridge, Rosebud, and Standing Rock Reservations serve as full-time classroom teachers across all grade levels and content areas. The members are an important source of talent for their schools. They set ambitious goals, build strong relationships with students and families, and practice culturally-responsive teaching methods. As a result, students in our AmeriCorps members' classrooms outpace expected academic gains by 0.23 grade levels, on average. Because the students are the future leaders of their tribes, the Teach For America AmeriCorps members also focus on student leadership development, helping students develop the critical consciousness they need to succeed on their path to and through college. Teach For America AmeriCorps members teach in geographic regions and content areas that are designated as critical shortage areas by the United States Department of Education.

In just the first months of their service term, AmeriCorps members serving with the Red Cross of South Dakota have completed seven home fire preparedness campaigns and installed 733 smoke alarms in homes around the state. They have brought fire preparedness education to more than 300 homes. Through the Pillowcase Project, AmeriCorps members have taught schoolchildren important lessons about being prepared for emergencies. The project teaches children in grade 3 through 5 to learn, practice, and share how to stay safe in an emergency and gives them a personalized pillowcase with suggested items to include in case of an emergency.

## AmeriCorps VISTA

Black Hills Special Services Cooperative in South Dakota's mission is to build stronger communities by helping individuals and organizations reach their full potential through support across an array of programs that address unmet needs of individuals, schools, agencies and communities. The AmeriCorps VISTA project partners with other nonprofit agencies throughout South Dakota to meet the needs of youth and help individuals reach their highest potential through the creation of a donor cultivation process, development of a volunteer recruitment and management system, and community outreach materials.

## AmeriCorps NCCC

The vision of Black Hills Works is of a community where all people are good neighbors, valued friends, productive workers, respected leaders, and caring volunteers. The organization provides services to more than 600 people with a variety of disabilities and aims to create a community where everyone participates to achieve a life of full potential. An AmeriCorps NCCC team supported Black Hills Works with their mission during the spring of 2015. Members served as support personnel in the gym, kitchen, elderly room, sensory room, learning center, and arts center, where they served nearly two hundred individuals with disabilities. The members taught classes on musical appreciation, arts and crafts, guitar, how to shoot a basketball, dance, and even Zumba. The team also helped to create more projects for the people both from Black Hills Works and the Rapid City community who use the Suzie Cappa Arts Center by going to their downtown location one day a week to prepare materials for future projects. This allowed the staff to focus on working with the individuals served.

Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota (LSS-SD) is a statewide human service agency with a mission to care for, support, and strengthen individuals, families, and communities. In June of 2014, heavy rainfall caused large-scale flooding in areas of eastern South Dakota, submerging at least ten area farms and impacting an estimated 1,100 homes in Canton alone. An AmeriCorps NCCC team assisted LSS-SD with response efforts, removing 5,000 pounds of wood, insulation, wood paneling, and dry wall debris from homes, moving furniture into newly cleaned basements, removing carpet, floor tacks, and staples from floors and stairs, and scrubbing mold. Removing flood affected materials from the houses prepared the buildings to be power-washed and sanitized, reducing the amount of health issues in the community caused by mold spores. The team also assisted in administrative work, organizing contact information for 533 volunteers, organizations, and homeowners, creating agendas and sign-in sheets for meetings, making phone calls to 348 homeowners in need of assistance, and putting together a video on the flood and disaster relief efforts in the affected areas.

# AmeriCorps in South Dakota



## AMERICORPS TOTALS

## PARTICIPANTS

## PROGRAMS/PROJECTS

CURRENT (as of February 22, 2016)

347

23

COMPLETED (within last 12 months)

45

5

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Brookings	SD State II Operating Site (Current) South Dakota State University	21	AmeriCorps National
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Custer	SCA Veterans Fire Corps South Dakota (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Keystone	SCA South Dakota (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	1	AmeriCorps National
Lake Andes	North Point Recreation Area (October 20 - November 6, 2015) South Dakota Division of Parks, North Point Recreation Area	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Martin	Center for American Indian Research and Native Studies (Current) Center for American Indian Research and Native Studies	-	AmeriCorps State Formula
Mission	AmeriCorps GED Program (Current) Sinte Gleska University	17	AmeriCorps Indian Tribes
Mission	Teach For America- South Dakota (Current) Teach For America	62	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Pierre	Teach For America - South Dakota (Current) Teach For America	-	AmeriCorps National
Pierre	Teach for America SD Operating Site (Current) Teach For America	62	AmeriCorps National
Pine Ridge	Red Cloud Indian School Operating Site (Current) Red Cloud Indian School, Inc.	25	AmeriCorps National
Pine Ridge	Teca Oyate Waonspekiya (Current) Red Cloud Indian School, Inc.	24	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Pine Ridge	Temporary Lodging Support (January 25, 2016 - Current) Re-Member	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Rapid City	BHSSC (Current) Black Hills Special Services Coop (BHSSC)	40	AmeriCorps National
Rapid City	Black Hills Area HFH (Current) Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.	1	AmeriCorps National
Rapid City	Black Hills Workshop (March 11 - April 23, 2015) Black Hills Works	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Rapid City	Rapid City (Current) American Red Cross serving South Dakota	8	AmeriCorps National
Rapid City	SFMF Planning Grant for Sapa Un (Current) St. Francis Mission Foundation	-	AmeriCorps State Formula
Sioux Falls	American Red Cross NPRC - Sioux Falls Office (Completed) American National Red Cross DC	2	AmeriCorps National
Sioux Falls	AmeriCorps Deliver Resilience (Current) American Red Cross serving South Dakota	8	AmeriCorps State Formula
Sioux Falls	AmeriCorps Service at Lutheran Social Services of South Dako (Completed) Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota	17	AmeriCorps State Formula
Sioux Falls	ScoutReach (Current) Sioux Council BSA	6	AmeriCorps State Formula
Spearfish	Spirit of the Hills Wildlife Sanctuary (April 30 - May 19, 2015) Spirit of the Hills Wildlife Sanctuary	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Sturgis	Black Hills Special Services Coop (BHSSC) (Current) Black Hills Special Services Coop (BHSSC)	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Sturgis	Black Hills Special Services Coop (BHSSC) II (Current) Black Hills Special Services Coop (BHSSC)	-	AmeriCorps National
Sturgis	North Rapid Community Schools Partnership (Current) Black Hills Special Services Coop (BHSSC)	40	AmeriCorps State Formula

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AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of February 22, 2016)	347	23
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	45	5

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Vermillion	University of South Dakota (Current) University of South Dakota	-	AmeriCorps National
Vermillion	USD AmeriCorps Educational Intern Program (Current) University of South Dakota	-	AmeriCorps State Formula

Notes: If there are programs with identical names in separate entries, they are different grants to the same organization. If no members are shown, either the grant is for planning or technical assistance, or enrollment data was not available at the time of printing.

The city column refers to the location of the sponsor organization. AmeriCorps members may be serving in other locations than the city listed.

# Senior Corps in South Dakota



## SENIOR CORPS TOTALS

	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
CURRENT (as of February 22, 2016)	3,110	9
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	1,125	3

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Mitchell	South Central SD RSVP (Current) City of Mitchell	675	RSVP
Pierre	Central SD RSVP (Current) Avera St. Mary's Hospital	260	RSVP
Rapid City	Black Hills RSVP (Current) City of Rapid City	500	RSVP
Sioux Falls	FGP Eastern SD (Current) Volunteers of America, Dakotas	108	Foster Grandparent Program
Sioux Falls	Helpline Center (Current) Helpline Center, Inc	200	RSVP
Sioux Falls	RSVP - Volunteers of America, Dakotas (Current) Volunteers of America, Dakotas	775	RSVP
Sioux Falls	RSVP Heartland Region (Completed) Volunteers of America, Dakotas	325	RSVP
Sioux Falls	RSVP Volunteers of America, Dakotas (Completed) Volunteers of America, Dakotas	450	RSVP
Sioux Falls	South Dakota SCP (Current) The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society	98	Senior Companion Program
Spearfish	BHSU RSVP (Completed) Black Hills State University	350	RSVP
Spearfish	BHSU RSVP (Current) Black Hills State University	420	RSVP
Sturgis	Black Hills FGP (Current) Black Hills Special Services Coop (BHSSC)	74	Foster Grandparent Program

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 South Dakota



Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Program Type
Vermillion	South Dakota Commission for National and Community Service (Completed) SD Commission for National and Community Service	State Commission Operations Support