



National Service in West Virginia



MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN WEST VIRGINIA

More than 3,700 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in West Virginia. Serving at more than 740 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 \$12,620,000 to support West Virginia 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 \$5,940,000 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 1,000 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across West Virginia. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Volunteer West Virginia, 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 12,000 West Virginia residents have served more than 18 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$28,560,000.

Senior Corps: More than 2,700 seniors in West Virginia 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 1,000 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 200 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 310 groups across West Virginia.

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.

West Virginia At a Glance



AmeriCorps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants ¹	Education Scholarships ²	Program Funding
AmeriCorps National	7	12	92	\$408,564	\$259,712 ³
AmeriCorps State Competitive	4	77	631	\$1,266,574	\$2,649,916
AmeriCorps State Formula	12	49	147	\$592,701	\$1,169,701
AmeriCorps VISTA	11	126	140	\$804,630	\$2,286,340
AMERICORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	34	264	1,010	\$3,072,469	\$6,365,669
Senior Corps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	4	198	538	-	\$1,790,406
RSVP	6	315	2,102	-	\$543,890
Senior Companion Program	1	17	148	-	\$482,300
SENIOR CORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	11	530	2,788	-	\$2,816,596
Other Funding	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Martin Luther King Day	1	-	-	-	\$120,714
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$250,000
OTHER FUNDING TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	2	-	-	-	\$370,714
PROGRAM TOTALS	47	794 ⁴	3,798	\$3,072,469	\$9,552,979
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (Including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)					\$12,625,448
TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)					\$5,949,889 ⁵
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT					\$18,575,336

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 West Virginia. 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

Volunteer West Virginia manages 14 AmeriCorps State programs with 778 AmeriCorps members and two AmeriCorps VISTA programs. These programs address critical needs in the areas of education, health, community development, economic opportunity, disasters, and veteran and military family support. In 2015, West Virginia was fifth in the nation for producing AmeriCorps members. Forty-three percent of fulltime AmeriCorps members in West Virginia got a job or went to college because of their service and 54 percent enrolled in a second year. The Volunteer West Virginia disaster services programs, ReadyWV and West Virginia Disaster Corps, reached tens of thousands of people with preparedness messages, helped 4,486 disaster survivors, installed 548 smoke alarms and deployed 55 AmeriCorps members to serve during mudslides, floods, and a train derailment. The Commission and the AmeriCorps programs it funds trained 10,772 individuals, and the Governor's Day to Serve generated 12,900 volunteers who participated in projects between September 11 and October 10.

AmeriCorps State

AmeriCorps Members from five AmeriCorps State programs - Energy Express, the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department, High Rocks, LifeBridge, and WV Farm to School - are helping West Virginians build healthy futures. AmeriCorps members provide healthy, local food; teach diabetes self-management; and eliminate food deserts. Across the state in 2015, AmeriCorps members served 298,060 healthy meals, helped 11,731 individuals increase their food security, and taught health and nutrition information to 2,860 youth. North Elementary School's Garden-Based Learning Curriculum is an example of what is possible. Its Farm to School AmeriCorps member meets regularly with volunteer families to teach care and management of the school garden. Each family tracks growth and water level and monitors pests in a garden log, and is compensated with fresh produce from the garden and a sign-up to sell produce at a farmer's market stand. While gardening, harvesting, setting up, and selling at the market is fun for students and families who volunteer, it also meets and reinforces standards of learning, including recording data, using tally marks, subtracting, and developing speaking skills.

Five AmeriCorps community investment programs in West Virginia preserve historic properties, build hiking trails, protect endangered species, give parks a facelift, rid streets of trash, feed neighbors in need, and help people find jobs. At the Stuart Recreation Area in Randolph County, history has come full circle. The all-female AmeriCorps Hands On Team from Appalachian Forest Heritage Area rolled up their sleeves to give the historic Civilian Conservation Corps pavilion a much needed facelift. The original roof that the CCC installed on the pavilion was covered in a carpet of moss, fungus, and critters, threatening the structure. "It's so satisfying when a project you work hard on comes together and looks so good. That's what made the Stuart pavilion so special. Each one of us took pride in our work. We came in every morning ready to get things done," said AmeriCorps member Katherine Sammons. "We restored something that will be enjoyed for the next 40 years." In 2015, West Virginia AmeriCorps members improved 1,730 acres of parks and public lands and 3,968 individuals gained job skills thanks to AmeriCorps.

AmeriCorps VISTA

The Marshall University Research Corporation's Community has launched a new Health Worker and Community Schools AmeriCorps VISTA project. Its focus is on developing a rural community health worker and community school model that will connect community members and school children with local health care resources, chronic disease prevention, and chronic disease management at the community level. The first year will be dedicated to developing AmeriCorps VISTA trainers in chronic disease management. These members will then train RSVP and community volunteers to be trainers so that the project will be sustainable.

The Education Alliance STEM Hub Schools project is the first of its kind in West Virginia. Eight schools across the state have been selected to be pilot schools for this project. AmeriCorps VISTAs are placed at these schools in teams of two to develop partnerships with STEM-related businesses, develop a STEM curriculum, develop training for teachers in STEM education, and create opportunities for STEM businesses and students to learn more about opportunities for future employment. The fastest growing sector of the job market in West Virginia is in STEM-related jobs. In order for West Virginia to continue to climb out of the dire economic situation facing the state, West Virginia needs a workforce that is ready and able to assume these positions. The goal of the STEM school AmeriCorps VISTA project is to develop interest in STEM at the middle and high school ages to lead to an increase in students pursuing STEM-related degrees and careers.

AmeriCorps NCCC

In partnership with the Williamson Redevelopment Authority, an AmeriCorps NCCC team helped improve soil quality and construct and take care of garden beds. The mission of Williamson Redevelopment Authority is to create a replicable sustainable community model for low-income communities throughout Central Appalachia. The vision is to connect community stakeholders with concepts of sustainability and to engage citizens in sustainable development. While serving in Williamson, AmeriCorps NCCC members built two outdoor wash stations, constructed eight new garden beds, cared for 22 garden beds, planted 5,745 seeds, and transplanted 4,464 seedlings. The team also educated 200 Williamson residents about the benefits and ease of incorporating fruit and vegetable juicing into daily life. The City of Williamson is classified as a food desert, so the addition of twenty-two brand-new raised gardening beds will allow citizens residing in low-income housing to rent out one of three different sized garden beds to plant fruits and vegetables for the entire year. This cuts down the cost of groceries by giving the residents resources to be self-sustaining and providing the majority of their own produce.

The mission of the Appalachian Heritage Educational Museum is to preserve the original Whipple Company Store, which offers hands-on education through tours, interactive projects, art, oral histories, documentaries, and genealogy surrounding coal mining life in West Virginia. An AmeriCorps NCCC team was sought to assist in the creation of a resource room to help preserve this unique period of the state's history. After training, the team began to clear, sort, and organize the space that would become the resource room. Additionally, the team created a large table for the room out of sewing machine tables and 125 year-old poplar planks. The team then used other old sewing machines to create benches for the room's new computer lab. Using a 120-year-old, rope-operated elevator, the team moved a fragile, 900-pound meat cooler from the early 1900s, out of the basement to the first floor, where it now resides in the resource room. The cooler was scrubbed clean, fitted with lights, and assigned an informational placard created by the team. Additionally, the team painted the resource room, the old company supervisor's office, and part of the building façade.

Senior Corps Foster Grandparent Program

The Region 8 Planning Council Foster Grandparent Program has 87 Foster Grandparent volunteers serving approximately 500 students. Their activities include serving in after-school programs, mentoring for educational success, out of school time and summer learning, school readiness and early childhood education, pre-elementary day care, and tutoring and literacy. To date, 60 Foster Grandparents provided 62,142 hours of service to 245 children. Approximately 65 percent of the children showed a significant improvement in academic skills. Other areas of improvement were in motor and listening skills, handwriting, working independently, increased positive behavior skills and other areas. According to the child care plans returned by the sites, approximately 65 percent of the children who were served by the Foster Grandparents showed marked improvement in identified areas of need.

Senior Corps RSVP

The Council of Southern Mountains RSVP project engages 590 volunteers. RSVP volunteers provide a range of key services including companionship outreach; disaster awareness and preparedness and managing volunteers through neighborhood watch groups; delivering supplies to the disabled, and supporting long-term care for veterans at the local veteran's hospital. These visits include sitting with hospice patient family members while giving the family time to attend their own doctor appointments or other personal necessities. Project outcomes include managing 400 community volunteers; preparing 4,577 persons in disaster Services; providing companionship to 340 clients, and supporting 40 disabled veterans.

Senior Corps Senior Companion Program

The Mid-Ohio Valley Senior Companion program has 118 volunteers providing independent living and respite services in 25 counties. Their activities include companionship, meal preparation, light housework, transportation, scheduling appointments, veterans in-home support, and respite for care-givers. Senior Companions serve 209 clients, including 31 veterans. The majority of the clients are 67 years old or older. In the last year, the program has met or exceeded all of its performance measure goals. As evidenced by the number of individuals waiting to get Senior Companion services, this program provides a vital service to West Virginia's elderly populations.

AmeriCorps in West Virginia



AMERICORPS TOTALS

PARTICIPANTS

PROGRAMS/PROJECTS

CURRENT (as of February 22, 2016)

1,010

34

COMPLETED (within last 12 months)

120

20

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Athens	Concord College WV 24712-1000 (Completed) The College of New Jersey	-	AmeriCorps National
Beckley	Citizens Conservation Corps of West Virginia (Current) The Corps Network	30	AmeriCorps National
Beckley	Coal Heritage Highway Authority (Completed) Coal Heritage Highway Authority	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Beckley	Conservation Legacy (Current) Conservation Legacy	67	AmeriCorps VISTA
Beckley	Twin Branch Recreation Area (Current) Citizen's Conservation Corps of West Virginia	16	AmeriCorps State Formula
Charleston	AmeriCorps on the Frontline of School Success (Current) The Education Alliance	35	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Charleston	Charleston, WV Disaster Survivor Assistance R03-1282-WV-DSA-DSA (April 6 - May 1, 2015) FEMA- Region 3 Field Office- Philadelphia, PA	7	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Charleston	East End Family Resource Center II (Completed) East End Family Resource Center	-	AmeriCorps State Formula
Charleston	Legal Aid of West Virginia (Current) Equal Justice Works	2	AmeriCorps National
Charleston	LifeBridge AmeriCorps (Current) United Way of Central West Virginia	70	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Charleston	LifeBridge AmeriCorps Veteran Corps (Completed) United Way of Central West Virginia	20	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Charleston	LifeBridge, Inc. (Current) United Way Central West Virginia	9	AmeriCorps VISTA
Charleston	Step by Step, Inc. (Current) Step by Step, Inc.	5	AmeriCorps VISTA
Charleston	The Education Alliance (Current) The Education Alliance	7	AmeriCorps VISTA
Charleston	Veterans Community Outreach Team (Current) WV Commission for National and Community Service	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Charleston	WV Farm to School AmeriCorps Program (Current) West Virginia Department of Education	10	AmeriCorps State Formula
Clarksburg	Harrison County Family Resource Network (Current) Harrison County Family Resource Network	-	AmeriCorps State Formula
Dunlow	Flood and Mud Slide Clean-Up in Town Affected by Flooding (April 13 - April 16, 2015) Christian Appalachian Project	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Elkins	AFHA - Enhancing Assets to Benefit Communities (Current) Appalachian Forest Heritage Area	26	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Elkins	AFHA: Growing Communities through Heritage Development (Current) Appalachian Forest Heritage Area	12	AmeriCorps State Formula
Elkins	Kump Education Center (Completed) Kump Education Center	-	AmeriCorps State Formula
Elkins	Monongahela National Forest (Current) Mt. Adams Institute	4	AmeriCorps National
Elkins	Preserve WV AmeriCorps (Current) Preservation Alliance of West Virginia	18	AmeriCorps State Formula
Elkins	YouthBuild Elkins, WV (Current) YouthBuild USA, Inc	25	AmeriCorps National

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Glen Jean	Urban and Rural Development Projects in Appalachian Communities (September 16 - October 8, 2015) Conservation Legacy VISTA Program	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Harts	Clean-up Efforts After Flooding in the Area (July 20 - July 30, 2015) Step By Step WV	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Hillsboro	High Rocks Youth Education and Empowerment (Current) High Rocks Educational Corporation	26	AmeriCorps State Formula
Huntington	Communities Helping Communities (Current) Playmates Child Care on Behalf of the Cabell-Wayne Early Childhood Council	31	AmeriCorps State Formula
Huntington	Community Health Workers in West Virginia (Current) Marshall University Research Corporation	8	AmeriCorps VISTA
Hurricane	Historic Preservation and Heritage Education (June 2 - July 17, 2015) Rivers to Ridges Heritage Trail, Inc.	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Kearneysville	West Virginia's Promise (Current) WV Commission for National and Community Service	10	AmeriCorps VISTA
Kincaid	Southern Appalachian Labor School (Current) Southern Appalachian Labor School	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Kincaid	YouthBuild Kincaid, WV (Current) YouthBuild USA, Inc	28	AmeriCorps National
Madison	Flood and Mud Slide Clean-up in Boone County, WV (April 17 - April 30, 2015) West Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Morgantown	Energy Express AmeriCorps (Current) West Virginia University Research Corp.	500	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Morgantown	Mon County HFH (Current) Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Morgantown	VISTA Collaborative (Current) West Virginia University Research Corp.	6	AmeriCorps VISTA
Morgantown	West Virginia University Research Corporation - WVCC (Current) West Virginia University Research Corp.	-	AmeriCorps State Formula
Morgantown	WV Higher Education Consortium Project (Completed) West Virginia University Research Corp.	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Mullens	Rural Appalachian Improvement League, Inc. (Completed) Rural Appalachian Improvement League, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps State Formula
Oak Hill	National Coal Heritage Area Authority (Current) National Coal Heritage Area Authority	10	AmeriCorps VISTA
Parkersburg	MOVHD AmeriCorps (Current) Mid-Ohio Valley Board of Health	14	AmeriCorps State Formula
Pt Pleasant	Horseshoe AmeriCorps Program (Current) Ohio - West Virginia YLA	20	AmeriCorps State Formula
Saint Albans	Urban and Rural Development Projects in Appalachian Communities (September 16 - October 8, 2015) Conservation Legacy VISTA Program	-	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Scarbro	Create Resource Room for Oral History and Music/Art Preservation (July 9 - July 28, 2015) Appalachian Heritage Educational Museum, Inc.(AHM)	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Shepherdstown	West Virginia (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	3	AmeriCorps National
Stonewood	WV Community Development Hub (Current) WV Community Development Hub	13	AmeriCorps VISTA
Wheeling	Grow Ohio Valley (Current) Grow Ohio Valley	-	AmeriCorps State Formula

AmeriCorps in West Virginia



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CURRENT (as of February 22, 2016)	1,010	34
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	120	20

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Wheeling	The House of the Carpenter (Current) The House of the Carpenter	-	AmeriCorps State Formula
White Sulphur Springs	Preservation of Former CCC Camp in Alvon, WV (August 3 - August 27, 2015) Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Williamson	Flood and Mud Slide Clean-Up (March 12 - March 20, 2015) West Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Williamson	Flood Response in West Virginia (July 28 - August 11, 2015) West Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Williamson	Helping Improve Food Security in Rural West Virginia (April 20 - May 14, 2015) Williamson Redevelopment Authority	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Williamson	West Virginia - Individual Assistance (March 25 - May 9, 2015) Community Services Building	8	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.
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Senior Corps in West Virginia



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS

PARTICIPANTS

PROGRAMS

CURRENT (as of February 22, 2016)

2,788

11

COMPLETED (within last 12 months)

652

2

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Charleston	Foster Grandparent Program of United Way (Current) United Way of Central WV	174	Foster Grandparent Program
Charleston	RSVP of United Way (Current) LifeBridge, Inc.	400	RSVP
Charleston	RSVP of United Way of Central WV (Current) LifeBridge, Inc.	332	RSVP
Follansbee	Brooke/Hancock/Ohio/Marshall RSVP (Current) Brooke County Committee on Aging	320	RSVP
Parkersburg	Foster Grandparent Program (Current) Mid Ohio Valley Regional Council	155	Foster Grandparent Program
Parkersburg	Mid Ohio Valley RSVP (Current) Mid Ohio Valley Regional Council	500	RSVP
Parkersburg	Senior Companion Fixed Grant (Current) Mid Ohio Valley Regional Council	148	Senior Companion Program
Petersburg	Foster Grandparent Program (Completed) Region 8 Planning and Development Council	122	Foster Grandparent Program
Petersburg	Foster Grandparent Program (Current) Region 8 Planning and Development Council	122	Foster Grandparent Program
Petersburg	Region Eight Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (Current) Region 8 Planning and Development Council	310	RSVP
Summersville	Fayette/Greenbrier/Nicholas/Webster RSVP (Current) Summersville Baptist Church	240	RSVP
Welch	Council of the Southern Mts' FGP (Current) Council of the Southern Mountains	87	Foster Grandparent Program
Welch	Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (Completed) Council of the Southern Mountains	530	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 West Virginia



Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Program Type
Charleston	Commission Administration (Current) Volunteer West Virginia	State Commission Operations Support
Morgantown	West Virginia University (Current) Iowa Western Community College	Martin Luther King Day