Corporation for National and Community Service

AmeriCorps
75,000 members
21,000 sites

Senior Corps
270,000 members
29,000 sites

Social Innovation Fund
$93 million annual match
282 organizations in 41 states

Cost-Effective Solutions for Our Communities and Nation

We are the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency and the nation’s largest grant-maker in support of service and volunteering. We manage AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, the Social Innovation Fund, and the Volunteer Generation Fund, and we lead the President’s national call to service initiative, United We Serve.

Working hand in hand with local partners, we tap the ingenuity and can-do spirit of the American people to tackle some of the most pressing challenges facing our nation. Our service participants and the community volunteers they coordinate enable tens of thousands of non-profit organizations, faith-based groups, schools, and municipal agencies to solve tough problems and meet local needs. We serve, we build, and we make an impact that changes lives and communities.

National Service By the Numbers

CNCS improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering.

- 345,000 Senior Corps and AmeriCorps members
- 2.9 million leveraged volunteers
- 50,000 service locations
- $1.26 billion leveraged

Our Focus Areas

- Disaster Services
- Economic Opportunity
- Education
- Environmental Stewardship
- Healthy Futures
- Veterans and Military Families

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Getting Things Done for America
AmeriCorps provides opportunities for 75,000 Americans each year to give intensive service to their communities and country. AmeriCorps members tutor and mentor youth, build affordable housing, assist veterans and military families, provide health services, run after-school programs, help communities respond to disasters, and build the capacity of nonprofit organizations. In exchange for a year of full-time service, members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award that can be used to pay for college or graduate school, or to pay back qualified loans. Since 1994, more than 980,000 Americans have given 1.3 billion hours of service through AmeriCorps.

Making a Difference for Generations
Each year, Senior Corps taps the skills, talents, and experience of more than 270,000 Americans age 55 and older to meet a wide range of community challenges through three programs: the Foster Grandparent Program, RSVP, and the Senior Companion Program. RSVP volunteers help local police departments conduct safety patrols, participate in environmental projects, provide intensive educational services to children and adults, and respond to natural disasters. Foster Grandparents serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to young people with special needs. Senior Companions help homebound seniors maintain independence in their own homes.

Finding What Works, Making It Work for More People
The Social Innovation Fund (SIF) represents a new approach by the federal government to address urgent national challenges. The SIF mobilizes public and private resources to grow the impact of promising, innovative, community-based solutions that have evidence of compelling results. The program focuses on three areas of priority need: economic opportunity, healthy futures, and youth development. With its unique public-private partnership structure, the SIF annually leverages more than $93 million in matching funds through a network of more than 280 grantees in 41 states and the District of Columbia. The Social Innovation Fund reaches nearly 500,000 individuals and will continue to impact tens of thousands more.

Other Programs and Initiatives
- The Volunteer Generation Fund strengthens the nation’s civic infrastructure by helping nonprofits recruit, manage, and support more volunteers.
- The September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance offers Americans the opportunity to honor victims, survivors, and those who rose up in service on September 11, 2001 through charitable service.
- The Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service supports community organizations in their efforts to engage local citizens in service on the Martin Luther King, Jr. federal holiday.
- The President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll honors colleges and universities for the commitment of their students, faculty, and staff to community service.
- The National Service Knowledge Network provides training and resources to national service programs and nonprofits seeking to expand their capacity and impact.
- The CNCS annual Volunteering and Civic Life in America report provides comprehensive data to state and local leaders to help them expand the impact of service.
- In June 2009, CNCS joined with the White House to launch United We Serve, a challenge to all Americans to engage in sustained, meaningful community service to help in our nation’s renewal and recovery.