

WELCOME!



AmeriCorps State Programs



National Service History Quick Quiz

- ★ **When did the national service movement begin?**
- ★ **What was one of the first national service programs?**
- ★ **What year was the Corporation for National and Community Service established?**
- ★ **What are the three CNCS-sponsored volunteer grant programs?**
- ★ **What are the three components of AmeriCorps?**





Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

An independent federal agency that:

- ★ **was created to connect Americans of all ages backgrounds with opportunities to give back to their communities and their nation.**
- ★ **is the nation's largest grantmaker supporting service and volunteering.**
- ★ **engages more than 1.5 million Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service each year through AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and Learn and Serve America**

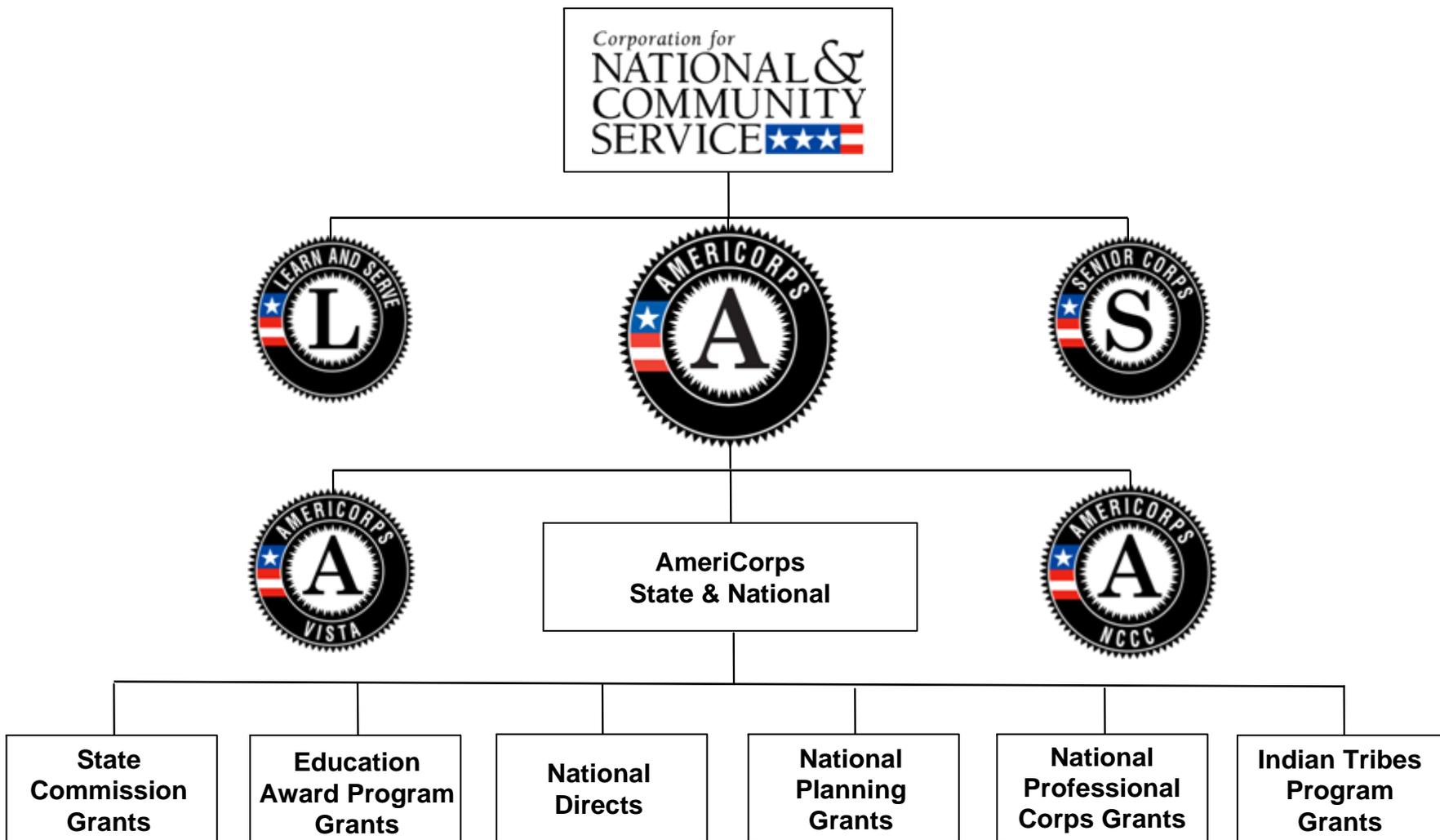




Corporation's Current Initiatives

- ★ Mobilizing more volunteers.
- ★ Ensuring a brighter future for all of America's youth.
- ★ Engaging students in communities.
- ★ Harnessing baby boomers' experience.
- ★ Disaster Services
 - ★ Distressed communities impacted by the economic downturn
 - ★ Community organizations including faith-based organizations
 - ★ Low-cost professional corps programs
 - ★ Activities addressing disaster preparedness and response
- ★ Tribal Programs

Corporation for National and Community Service





AmeriCorps

- ★ **A network of local, state, and national service programs that connects more than 75,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet our country's critical needs in education, public safety, health and the environment.**
- ★ **Provides opportunities for individuals – AmeriCorps members – to serve communities across the country.**
- ★ **Since 1994, more than 500,000 men and women have provided service as AmeriCorps members.**





The 3 AmeriCorps Programs

AmeriCorps consists of three programs:

- ★ **AmeriCorps* VISTA:** provides full-time AmeriCorps members to community organizations and public agencies to serve in high-poverty, low-income communities.
- ★ **AmeriCorps*NCCC:** a full-time residential program for men and women, ages 18-24 who engage in short-term service projects across the country.
- ★ **AmeriCorps*State and National:** provides grants that support a broad range of service programs that engage thousands of Americans in intensive service to meet critical community needs.



CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE
Montana – July 2009

Learn and Serve
(Approximately 1,716 Students)

AmeriCorps
(Approximately 1,163 members)

National Senior Service Corps
(Approximately 5,900 volunteers)

K-12

- Office of Public Instruction

AmeriCorps*State

- Montana Commission on Community Service, Office of the Governor
- Montana Campus Corps
- Montana Conservation Corps
- Jobs for Montana Graduates Foundation
- Literacy Support Corps/WORD, Inc.
- Montana Making \$ense

RSVP

- Baker
- Billings
- Bozeman
- Butte
- Glendive
- Great Falls
- Hamilton
- Havre
- Helena
- Kalispell
- Miles City
- Missoula
- Roundup
- Sidney
- Wolf Point

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AmeriCorps*VISTA

- Billings Metro VISTA Project
- Communities in Action
- Montana Campus Compact
- Montana Legal Services Association
- Prevention Resource Center

Foster Grandparent Program

- Great Falls
- Helena
- Missoula
- Billings
- Polson

Senior Companion Program

- Helena
- Glendive
- Missoula



AmeriCorps State

- ★ **Provide grants to nonprofits, faith- and community-based organizations, public agencies, Indian tribes, and institutions of higher education.**
- ★ **Recipient organizations design AmeriCorps programs that address compelling community needs by engaging AmeriCorps members in service.**
- ★ **Service categories: environmental, educational, public safety (including disaster preparedness and response), and other human needs.**



AmeriCorps State

- ★ **An AmeriCorps program addressing community needs in only one state.**
- ★ **AmeriCorps State programs engage AmeriCorps members in providing direct service to address unmet community needs.**
- ★ **Grant applications from state programs are submitted to Governor-appointed State Service Commissions.**





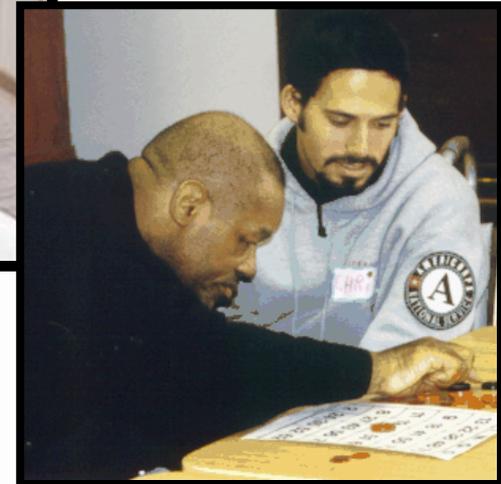
DISABILITY INCLUSION

The Corporation supports a variety of innovation grants and special initiatives. **Engaging Persons with Disabilities in National and Community Service:** These grants fund innovative national or regional partnership models in which persons with disabilities are engaged in service that results in a measurable impact on the community served. Disability grants are intended to engage more Americans with disabilities in national and community service.



AmeriCorps Members

**Who Joins
AmeriCorps?**





AmeriCorps State Members

- ★ **Individuals enrolled for a specific term of service with an AmeriCorps program.**
- ★ **Some AmeriCorps members receive a living allowance to support them during their term of service.**
- ★ **Current AmeriCorps members receive an Education Award of up to \$4,725 for successfully completing a full-time term of service.**
- ★ **Some members receive health and childcare benefits.**





Member Eligibility

- ★ **U.S. Citizens**
- ★ **U.S. Nationals or Lawful Permanent Residents of the United States**
- ★ **At least 17 years of age**
- ★ **Must have a high school diploma, GED, or working towards achieving either during their term of service**





AmeriCorps Programs

- ★ **Use service and volunteering to address compelling community needs through activities such as:**
 - **Building affordable housing**
 - **Recruiting and managing volunteers**
 - **Responding to natural disasters**
 - **Cleaning parklands and managing natural resources**
 - **Tutoring and mentoring youth**
 - **Improving health services**
 - **Teaching computer skills**
 - **Running after-school programs**

 - ★ **Engage members and other volunteers in activities that address a community need.**

 - ★ **AmeriCorps members cannot take the place of staff or volunteers.**
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AmeriCorps Grants

- ★ **Provide partial funding to support AmeriCorps projects/programs.**
 - ★ **Include an allotment of AmeriCorps member positions.**
 - ★ **Funds are directly tied to a specific number of members and are solely for program expenses.**
 - ★ **Funds are not for general organizational expenses.**
 - ★ **Grant recipients must contribute match funding to support the project**
 - ★ **Organizations that receive grants are responsible for recruiting, selecting, and supervising AmeriCorps members to serve in their programs.**
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AmeriCorps State Program Design

The design/structure of individual AmeriCorps*State programs varies. Examples:

- ★ **Members provide their service at the organization receiving the AmeriCorps grant.**
- ★ **Members serve as a team on a single project.**
- ★ **Intermediaries: Members are placed individually or in small groups on various projects.**



Member Terms of Service

Member Term	Minimum Hours Served	Maximum Length of Term	Education Award Earned
Full Time	1,700	12 months	\$4,725
Half Time	900	2 years (usually 1)	\$2,362
Reduced Half Time	675	12 months	\$1,800
Quarter Time	450	12 months	\$1,250
Minimum Time	300	12 months	\$1,000



Questions





Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act of 2009

www.serveamerica.gov





Future of AmeriCorps

Current Provisions	Major changes due to Serve America Act
75,000 members	250,000 members by 2017
\$4,725 Education Award	\$5,350 Education Award
Two term cap	Aggregate two full-time Education Awards
Cost reimbursement grant	Fixed amount grant
Separate National & State competitive; State formula	Combined National & State competitive; State formula
Individualized Performance Measures per grantee	Standardize Performance Measures



Additional Provisions

- ★ **55+ may transfer Education Award to child or grandchild**
 - ★ **Requires tutors to have HS diploma**
 - ★ **5 new Service Corps: Education, Healthy Futures, Clean Energy, Veterans, and Opportunity**
 - ★ **Establishes Social Innovation Fund, Fellowship programs, Silver Scholars, Nonprofit Capacity Building grants**
 - ★ **Increased criminal history check requirements. Disqualifies sex offenders and murderers.**
 - ★ **Volunteer Generation Fund**
 - ★ **Call to Service Campaign**
 - ★ **9/11 Day of Service**
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Questions



For More Information



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Getting Things Done for America



Design an AmeriCorps Project

Small Group Activity

★ **Purpose**: Think through the steps of forming an AmeriCorps program, develop additional questions.

★ **Discuss and write down the following elements of your AmeriCorps project.**

- The need being addressed
- Activities to address the need
- Number and type of AmeriCorps member positions
- Desired member characteristics and qualifications
- Number and roles of staff
- Role of other (non-AmeriCorps) volunteers

