

OCS Administrative and Project Grants Received

Grants fund the operation of and projects undertaken by the Governor's Office of Community Service

Commission Support Grant

Grantor: The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

Award Recipient: Governor's Office of Community Service

Funding: \$250,000

Project Period: 1/1/14-12/31/14

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This grant award is provided to assist the Office of Community Service in carrying out a National Service program as authorized by the National and Community Service Act of 1990. The award also funds the activities of the Montana Commission on Community Service.



ReadyMontana Funding

Grants fund outreach to engage citizens in service and emergency preparedness undertaken by the Governor's Office of Community Service

FY11 Homeland Security Grant

Grantor: Montana Disaster and Emergency Services

Award Recipient: Governor's Office of Community Service

Award: \$129,768

Project Period: 10/1/2014-9/30/2015

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Grants awarded for the Ready Montana initiative are utilized to increase the preparedness of Montanans for all types of disasters and emergencies. To achieve this goal, the Office of Community Service provides resources for grassroots organization of citizens through neighborhood preparedness parties and map your neighborhood training, coordinates Fire Ready Montana and Winter Ready Montana campaigns, and organizes the Rocky Mountain ShakeOut, an annual statewide earthquake drill. The office sub-grants funds to the American Red Cross of Montana to mobilize volunteers across the state to provide formal, structured disaster and emergency preparedness trainings for organizations, businesses, educators, and more.

2013 Grant Year AmeriCorps Program Grants Awarded



Competitive

Montana AmeriCorps programs competing on the national level for funding

Montana Conservation Corps

Award Recipient: Montana Conservation Corporation, Inc.

Award: \$1,872,000

AmeriCorps Members: 259

Contact: Jono McKinney, (406) 587-4475, jono@mtcorps.org

Website: <http://www.mtcorps.org/>

Executive Summary: Over the past twenty years, Montana Conservation Corps has developed a versatile program that uses the power of service and the crew dynamic to mobilize a new generation of land stewards to protect Montana's iconic landscape. This environment, however, is at-risk from catastrophic wildfires, invasive weeds, trails in disrepair, natural disasters, and climate change. MCC will recruit 259 AmeriCorps members to serve on small crews with 150+ partners to improve 650 miles of trails, restore 2500 acres of public and tribal lands, educate 2000 home occupants for energy conservation, and mobilize 1,250 volunteers. Young veterans from the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars will serve to reduce wildfire risks and gain skills to transition to forestry and wildfire fighting jobs.

This project will focus on the CNCS focus areas of environmental stewardship and veterans. The CNCS investment of \$1,872,000 is matched with \$3,539,943 (65% grantee match) to support 259 members for 150.2 MSY at a cost of \$12,463.00 per MSY .

Justice for Montanans Project

Award Recipient: Montana Legal Services Association

Award: \$226,965

AmeriCorps Members: 18

Contact: Alison Paul, (406) 442-9830 Ext 115, apaul@mtlsa.org

Website: <http://www.justiceformontanans.org/>

Executive Summary: The AmeriCorps*State Justice for Montanans Project will have 18 AmeriCorps members who will serve as navigators of the justice system to help low income individuals find the legal information and resources they need to solve their legal problems. Members will be located in Billings, Bozeman, Great Falls, Helena, Kalispell, and Missoula, Montana, but will provide services statewide through circuit rides and telephone and web-based services. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for helping 15,000 low and moderate income Montanans gain knowledge of the legal system and their legal rights and responsibilities, as well as learning what to do or not do to solve their legal problems. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 200 volunteers that will be engaged in helping low and moderate income Montanans access the justice system and receive the intended benefit of our laws.

This program will focus on the CNCS focus areas of Economic Opportunity and Capacity Building and the self-identified focus area of Access to Justice. The CNCS investment of \$226,965 will be matched with \$223,911, \$166,161 in public funding, and \$57,750 in private/other funding.

Montana State Parks AmeriCorps

Award Recipient: Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Award: \$167,161

AmeriCorps Members: 20

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Executive Summary: Montana State Parks AmeriCorps will host 20 AmeriCorps members who will promote healthy, active and environmentally aware communities by improving the condition of state park lands, enriching educational opportunities, building volunteer capacity, and strengthening community outreach through service in state parks across Montana. At the end of the first program year, the members will be responsible for improving 360 acres of land, delivering 250 education programs to at least 6000 youth and 2000 adults, and facilitate 20 new community partnerships. AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 500 volunteers, who will assist park managers with keeping parks clean, providing educational programs, assisting with public events, and acting as stewards of the natural and cultural heritage for the Montana State Parks system. Members will also be available to respond to disasters as needed.

This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Environmental Stewardship EN4 and Capacity Building G3-3.1. The CNCS investment of \$176,161 will be matched with \$190,041 (\$178,041 in state funds and \$12,000 in private funding).

State Formula

Montana AmeriCorps programs competing on the state level for funding

Big Sky Watershed Corps

Award Recipient: Montana Conservation Corps

Award: \$237,834

AmeriCorps Members: 18

Contact: Jono McKinney, (406) 587-4475, jono@mtcorps.org

Website: <http://www.mtcorps.org/>

Executive Summary: The Big Sky Watershed Corps will have 18 AmeriCorps members who will assist Montana's communities to make a measurable contribution in environmental stewardship of local watersheds. Members will be placed with Conservation Districts and watershed organizations throughout the state. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for improving the condition of Montana's waters and increasing community members' knowledge about watersheds and environmentally conscious practices. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage 360 volunteers that will be engaged in local watershed improvement efforts focusing on sustainability and environmentally conscious practices.

This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Environmental Stewardship. The CNCS investment of \$237,834 will be matched with \$80,000 in public funding and \$304,912 in private funding and in-kind contributions.

Montana Energy Corps

Award Recipient: National Center for Appropriate Technology

Award: \$170,036

AmeriCorps Members: 13

Contact: Kathy Hadley, (406) 494-4572, kathyh@ncat.org

Website: <http://www.energycorps.org/>

Executive Summary: The National Center for Appropriate Technology will have 13 AmeriCorps members who will provide weatherization services to low-income Montanans and design and conduct educational activities in energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainable practices in Missoula, Butte, Helena, Havre, Billings, and Kalispell, Montana. At the end of the 1st program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for providing 300 people with hands on weatherization services to reduce home energy use and educating 1725 people who will increase their knowledge and skills in energy efficiency, renewable energy and other sustainable practices. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 50 volunteers that will be engaged in community based energy education services.

This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Environmental Stewardship. The CNCS investment of \$ 170,036 will be matched with \$145,487, \$(44,768 in public funding and \$100,719 in private funding).

FoodCorps Montana

Award Recipient: FoodCorps Inc.

Award: \$127,130

AmeriCorps Members: 10

Contact: Cecily Upton, (212) 596-7045, ext. 112, Cecily@foodcorps.org

Website: <http://foodcorps.org/>

Executive Summary: FoodCorps is a national service organization that seeks to reverse childhood obesity and food insecurity by increasing vulnerable children's knowledge of, engagement with, and access to healthy food. Ten AmeriCorps members will invest one year each to serve with a network of state and local partners in Montana. Members will deliver food and nutrition education, cultivate school gardens, and source and promote local food for K-12 students in communities of need. This model has already been shown to measurably improve student attitudes toward fruits and vegetables, setting them on an enduring path toward maintaining a healthy diet and lifestyle.

Montana No Kid Hungry

Award Recipient: Montana Department of Health and Human Services

Award: \$65,000

AmeriCorps Members: 5

Contact: Lisa Lee, (406) 444-3518, Llee@mt.gov

Website: <http://mt.nokidhungry.org/>

Executive Summary: Montana No Kid Hungry (NKH) will have five AmeriCorps members who will serve in five different communities across Montana. The purpose of the program will be to end childhood hunger by ensuring all children get the healthy food they need, every day. During the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for leveraging No Kid Hungry efforts to increase participation in school breakfast through implementation of alternative models, such as Breakfast in the Classroom and Grab and Go. Research shows that these

breakfast models increase participation up to 75 percent. The members will ensure the new breakfast models are successful and sustainable. If the school is interested in implementing or enhancing other federal nutrition programs (i.e. Afterschool Meal Programs or Summer Meal Programs), members will assist. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 100 volunteers that will be engaged in local anti-hunger, community-based efforts.

This program will focus on the CNCS area of Healthy Futures. The CNCS will make an investment of \$65,000, while public, private, and in-kind donations will contribute \$95,037.