

2010 (Grant Year) Montana AmeriCorps Program Portfolio

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: \$1,872,000.00

AmeriCorps Members: 224

AmeriCorps MSY: 144

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The Montana Conservation Corps teaches the rewards of service and instills values that carry throughout life. The MCC seeks to achieve its mission by fulfilling two complimentary goals of member development – equipping young people with skills and values – and project completion – performing service projects which have a lasting and beneficial impact on our natural environment and communities.

Montana Campus Corps

Award Recipient: University of Montana Office of Research and Sponsored Programs

Award: \$639,583.00

AmeriCorps Members: 743

AmeriCorps MSY: 220.95

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

This AmeriCorps program places college students from MTCC member institutions with community agencies, non-profit organizations, schools, and healthcare facilities to address Montana's most challenging problems. Campus Corps members serve in the fields of education, human services, public health and safety, the environment, and homeland security.



State Formula

Montana AmeriCorps programs competing on the state level for funding

Justice for Montanans Project

Award Recipient: Montana Legal Services Association

Award: \$169,008.00

AmeriCorps Members: 13

AmeriCorps MSY: 13

Contact: Michelle Hauer (406) 442-9830 x33 mhauer@mtlsa.org

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

Justice for Montanans members work to empower low to moderate income Montanans to advocate for their legal rights, increasing access to justice for Montana's poor. Established by the Montana Legal Services Association, the project places 13 members throughout Montana that help provide and expand intake, legal information and referral services for Montana's low income residents seeking legal assistance.

Montana Energy Corps

Award Recipient: National Center for Appropriate Technology

Award: \$195,000.00

AmeriCorps Members: 15

AmeriCorps MSY: 15

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

Montana Energy Corps AmeriCorps is a project of the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) that was created to address unmet community energy needs by promoting sustainable energy consumption and education, fostering community sustainability and helping to mitigate the effects of global climate change. Energy Corps members are placed in host organizations in communities throughout Montana to implement solutions for sustainable energy consumption.

Young Adult Service Corps

Award Recipient: Jobs for Montana Graduates Foundation

Award: \$131,750.00

AmeriCorps Members: 110

AmeriCorps MSY: 23.28

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JMGF's Young Adult Service Corps (YASC) engages young adults (ages 17-24) dedicated to volunteer service or addressing a local community needs in their schools and in communities. YASC provides an excellent opportunity for young adults to develop leadership confidence, transferable workplace skills, build their resumes and college applications, all while earning a \$1,000 Education Award.

State Formula - 1st Round Planning Grants

Grants helping Montana organizations lay the groundwork for future AmeriCorps Programs

St. Vincent's Healthcare Foundation

Award Recipient: St. Vincent's Healthcare Foundation

Award: \$30,000

Grant End Date: August 31st 2011

Contact: Doris Barta, Grants Manager, (406) 237-3602, doris.barta@svh-mt.org

To design an AmeriCorps program that will focus on Healthy Futures through Health Education and Health Screening and specifically on Health Literacy.

Secretary of State's Office

Award Recipient: Secretary of State's Office, Civic Outreach

Award: \$29,876

Grant End Date: August 31st 2011

Contact: Katherine Dalton, (406) 444-3334, kdalton@mt.gov

To design an AmeriCorps program that will address unmet educational and community needs in rural Montana. It will specifically address needs related to the acquisition of civic knowledge and will encourage and support civic engagement such as voting and participating in elections within each community and at the statewide and federal levels.

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Award Recipient: Montana State Parks Division

Award: \$30,000

Grant End Date: July 31st 2011

Contact: Roger Semler, Assistant Administrator, (406) 444-3756, rsemler@mt.gov

To design an AmeriCorps program that will strengthen the ability of Montana State Parks to preserve and manage natural and cultural resources by engaging communities, building volunteer capacity and developing leaders with a commitment to stewardship.

Rural Dynamics, Inc.

Award Recipient: Rural Dynamics Incorporated

Award: \$28,608

Grant End Date: January 31st 2011

Contact: Karen Heisler, Asset Development Director, (406) 761-8721, karenh@cccsmt.org

To design an AmeriCorps program that will build strong consumers that increase economic development and the ripple effect on sustainable rural communities. Asset development is a critical component of moving people out of and away from the edge of poverty. Sustainable movement to financial independence requires that change takes place in three areas: Knowledge, Attitude and Behavior.

State Formula - 2nd Round Planning Grants

Montana Schools of Promise

Award Recipient: Montana Office of Public Instruction

Award: \$29,861

Grant End Date: August 31st 2011

Contact: Deb Halliday, Community Learning Partnerships Policy Advisor, (406) 444-3559, dhalliday@mt.gov

Schools of Promise is an initiative targeted to help Montana's most struggling schools, all of which exist on the state's Indian Reservations. This program seeks to reduce dropout rates, increase literacy proficiency, improve connectedness within families to their children's education, and identify opportunities for engaging communities with high rates of unemployment.

The Middle Ground: The Place for Sustainable Community

Award Recipient: The Salvation Army – Billings MT

Award: \$30,000

Grant End Date: August 31st 2011

Contact: Linda Jackson, Director of Accreditation (406) 245-4659, linda.jackson@usw.salvationarmy.org

Programs implemented under The Middle Ground are designed to break the mold of the traditional approach to aiding people in poverty by taking an all encompassing approach rather than treating the symptoms. Initially, two measures will be the focus of this work first, building community food security through measures such as community gardens and second serving as an Emergency Disaster Services Headquarters for people in need.

Big Sky Watershed Team

Award Recipient: Montana Watershed Coordination Counsel

Award: \$29,848

Grant End Date: August 31st 2011

Contact: Alicia Vanderheiden, MWCC, (406) 244-4420, info.mwcc@gmail.com

The Big Sky Watershed Team will work toward the goal of protecting, conserving and restoring local natural resources and the communities who depend on them. In order to achieve this goal the team will work to engage existing grassroots organizations by providing volunteers who will serve as community leaders able to dedicate the time and effort necessary to ensure success.

Farm to Table

Award Recipient: Community Giving Assistance Toward Employment

Award: \$30,000

Grant End Date: August 31st 2011

Contact: Peggy Iba, Coordinator, (406) 377-4284, Peggy.Iba@gmail.com

With the goal of increasing the future health, vitality and sustainability in Eastern Montana's rural communities, Farm to Table will work to develop sustainable local food resources. Among the projects Farm to Table will take on are initializing local food counsels, mobilizing community gardens, providing information on local food resources, establishing and strengthening farmers markets, and aiding local food entrepreneurs.

OCS Administrative and Project Grants Received

Grants fund the operation of and projects undertaken by the Governor's Office of Community Service
(Interim funding pending availability of CNCS FY2011 appropriation)

Administrative Grant

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

Award Recipient: Governor's Office of Community Service

Interim Funding: \$125,000.00 Pending Award: \$250,000

Project Period: 1/01/2010-12/31/2012

Contact: Rebecca Steele, (406) 444-1384, resteele@mt.gov

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 all activities required of the Montana Commission on Community Service.

Program Development and Technical Assistance (PDAT) Grant

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

Award Recipient: Governor's Office of Community Service

Interim Funding: \$43,875.00 Pending Award: \$87,750.00

Project Period: 1/01/2011-12/31/2013

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The PDAT grant allows the Office of Community Service to provide its national service partners program development assistance and training opportunities. The cross-stream training partnership between the Office of Community Service and key partners; Montana Campus Compact, the Office of Public Instruction and the state office of the Corporation for National and Community Service is developed and implemented through this grant.

Disability Grant

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

Award Recipient: Governor's Office of Community Service

Interim Funding: \$25,284.00 Pending Award: \$60,567.00

Project Period: 1/01/2010-12/31/2012

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Funding from this grant ensures the promotion of individuals with disabilities as valued members within national service. Grant monies provide opportunities for successful selection and retention, educational awareness, training, technical assistance, and reasonable accommodation for members with disabilities in all AmeriCorps service environments.

Learn and Serve America

Award Recipient: Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Award: \$61,507

Project Period: 08/31/2010-08/31/2011

Contact: Mary Ellen Earnhardt, (406) 444-0769, mearnhardt@mt.gov

This grant will assist the OPI in continuing to develop and strengthen the overall Montana Learn and Serve program. The grant will provide for continued support and enhancement of the eight current Learn and Serve Montana sites, provide the direction and opportunity to work with the other OPI initiatives that complement the service-learning model, and provide for the development of an outreach process to disseminate the model to other Montana schools.

ReadyMontana Grants Received

Grants fund outreach to engage citizens in service and emergency preparedness, the Governor's Fire Ready and Winter Ready Initiatives, and Citizen Corps Projects undertaken by the Governor's Office of Community Service



FY 09 Citizen Corps Grant

Grantor: Montana Disaster and Emergency Services

Award Recipient: Governor's Office of Community Service

Award: \$136,658.00

Project Period: 07/01/2010-12/31/2011

Contact: Rebecca Steele, (406) 444-1384, resteele@mt.gov

Citizen Corps grants awarded to the Office of Community Service are used to support the goal of strengthening awareness and preparedness of citizens of Montana. Activities to achieve this goal include conducting Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Map Your Neighborhood trainings, producing Fire Ready Montana and Winter Ready Montana campaigns, developing and implementing disaster and emergency preparedness and education programs in K-12 and Higher Education classrooms, and sub-granting to Montana Volunteer Agencies Active in Disaster (MTVOAD) to increase volunteerism in disasters and preparedness across Montana.

FY09 Citizen Corps Special Needs Grant

Grantor: Montana Disaster and Emergency Services

Award Recipient: Governor's Office of Community Service

Award: \$195,740.00

Project Period: 07/01/2010-12/31/2011

Contact: Rebecca Steele, (406) 444-1384, resteele@mt.gov

Citizen Corps grants awarded to the Office of Community Service are used to support the goal of strengthening awareness and preparedness of citizens of Montana. Inclusion of special needs populations in emergency planning is a national priority of the Department of Homeland Security and a state priority of Montana Disaster and Emergency Services. Activities under the special needs grant include providing information and assistance to county and tribal emergency managers and integration of special needs planning efforts into Citizen Corps and volunteer activities.

