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# AmeriCorps in Montana

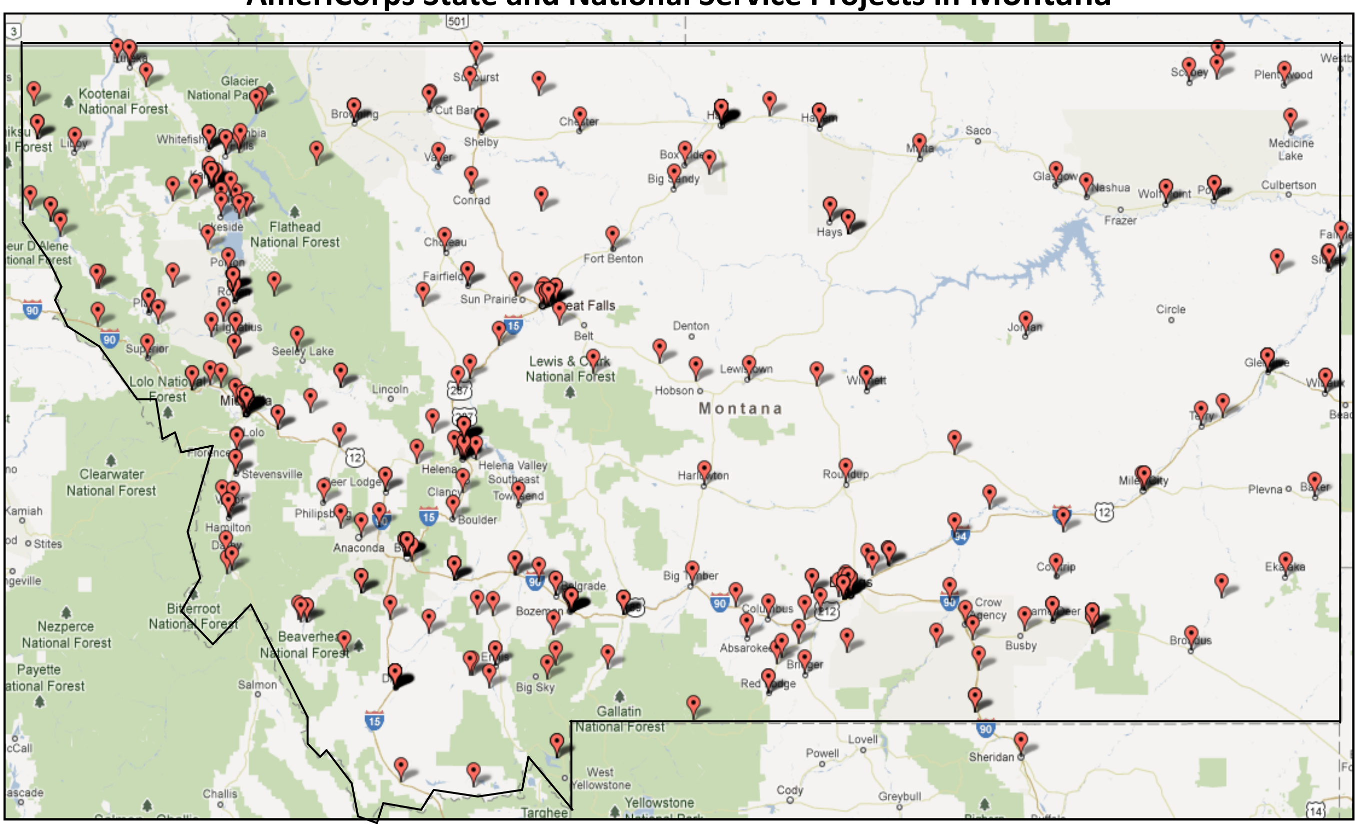
## AmeriCorps members…

- Gain job skills
- Earn money for college
- Learn the importance of giving back to Montana communities

### AmeriCorps State and National members serving in Montana

- In 2011 Montana AmeriCorps members were between 17 and 65 years of age
  - More than 6,500 Montanans have served in AmeriCorps since 1994
- AmeriCorps members serve between 300 and 1,700 hours during their term
  - Montanans have served more than 6 million hours since 1994
- Less than one third of AmeriCorps members in Montana earn a living allowance
- Upon successful completion members qualify for a Segal Education Award that rang from $1,175 to $5,550
  - In 2011 members earned $2.2 million to pay for post secondary education
  - Since 1994, Montanans have qualified for AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than $13 million
- AmeriCorps programs serving Montana focus on Education, Veterans and Military Families, Environmental Stewardship, Disaster Services, Opportunity, Healthy Futures, Math and Science Education, Clean Energy, and Volunteer Generation

**AmeriCorps State and National Service Projects in Montana**



# AmeriCorps members are getting things done for Montanan Communities!

**In 2011 there were:**

- **2,273** applicants for **1,173** AmeriCorps positions
- **5,150** volunteers recruited, coordinated, or supported by AmeriCorps
- **262** AmeriCorps members were available for deployment for disaster relief
- **34,824** Montanans received services through AmeriCorps
    - Such as disadvantaged youth, clients of independent living services, individuals affected by disaster, veterans, tribal members, domestic abuse survivors, and low income Montanans

**In 2011 AmeriCorps State Programs reported:**

- **110** youth in school who were working towards their high school diploma or GED also volunteered a total of **32,024** hours within their community
- **3,500** Montanans received tax preparation information
- **4,367** Individuals were educated about energy conservation
- **3,834** Montanans received energy efficiency, weatherization, or conservation measures in their home
- **778** Miles of trail and rivers were improved or created
- **10,306** Low and middle income Montanans received legal assistance
- **4,510** acres of parks were improved
- **76,676** pounds of food collected for food banks
- **2** planning grants developed into new AmeriCorps State Programs

**In 2012 there will be:**

- **1,177** AmeriCorps members serving between **300** and **1,700** hours or the equivalent of **442** full-time individuals providing serve to Montana
- **7** AmeriCorps State Programs and **4** AmeriCorps National Programs serving Montana

**AmeriCorps Service Story:**

-Adrian Ciucci, Speaking at one of the Helena area AmeriCorps Service Week Projects

"The Montana Conservation Corps experience is far more than digging trails. The fine young men and women standing behind me with their dirty hard hats have come from everywhere, coast to coast, also arrived probably expecting to dig trails. The MCC is molding them, and myself, into people we did not even know we were going to be. This program is molding the future's finest young men and women; after we are done here in November we will return to our homes and the qualities that are being instilled in us here will be spread throughout the country, which is a very cool thing. A very cool thing."

## AmeriCorps Programs are developing tomorrow's leaders while serving Montana communities today!

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