



# National Service Orientation

Impacting Our Communities Through National Service



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## Outline

- Introduction to National Service
- Resources Available to Counties
- AmeriCorps VISTA
- Senior Corps Programs
- AmeriCorps Programs
- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC)
- Questions



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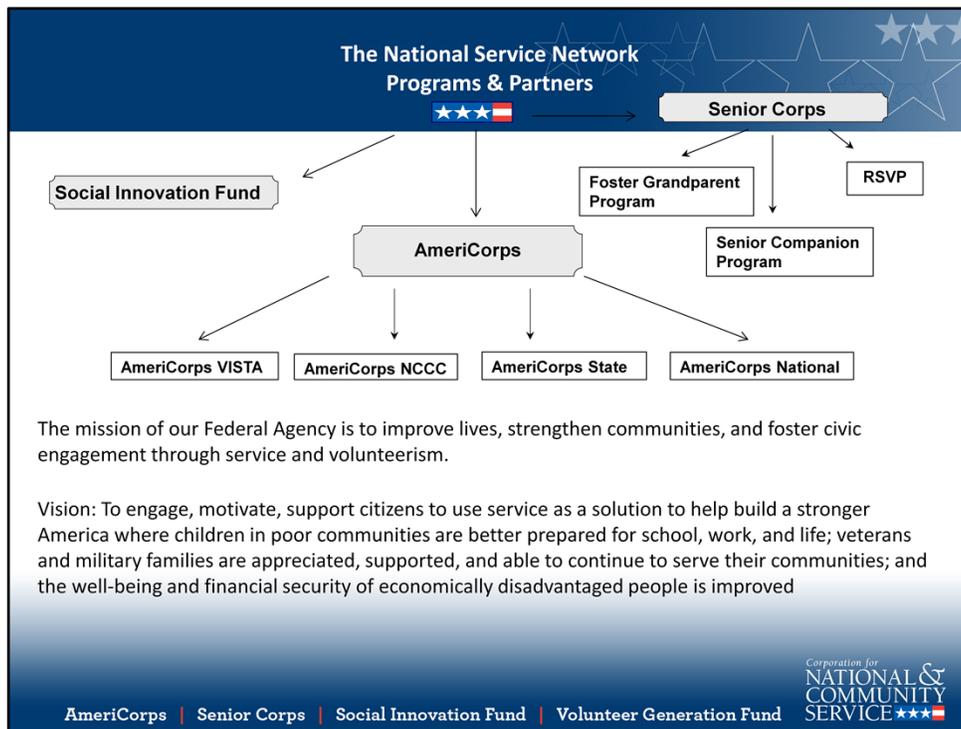


## Who Benefits from National Service? We All Do!

National Service today is meeting critical needs across America by:

- Teaching and tutoring
- Mentoring youth
- Building homes
- Fighting poverty
- Conserving the environment
- Responding to disasters
- Mobilizing volunteers
- Assisting veterans
- Much, much more...





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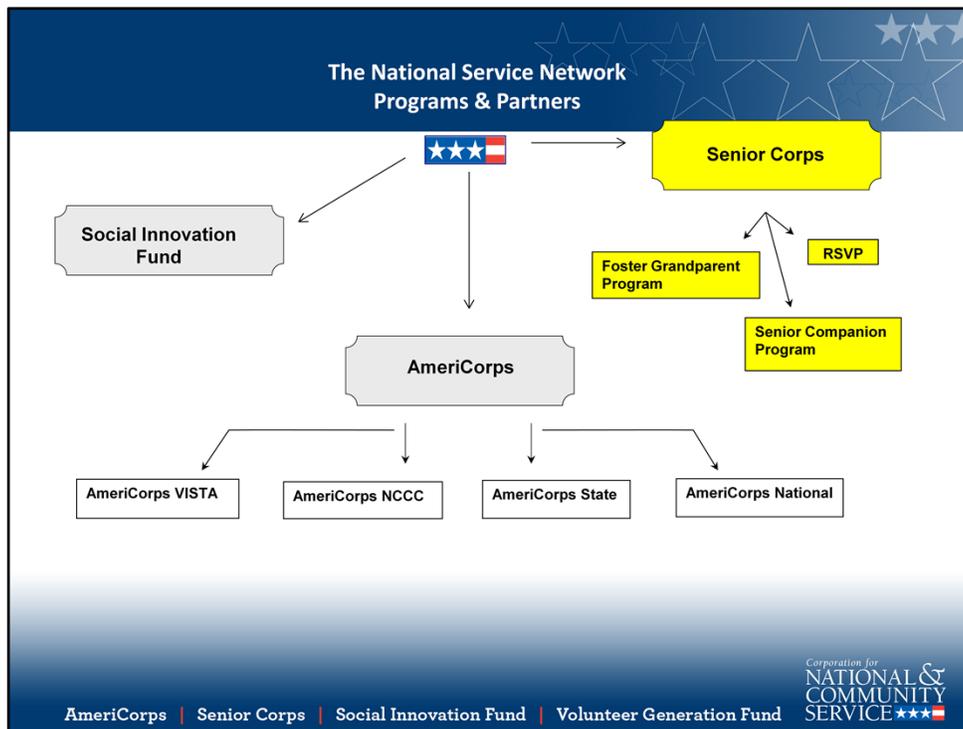
Arizona At a Glance						Corporation for NATIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE ★★★
<b>AmeriCorps</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants <sup>1</sup>	Education Scholarships <sup>2</sup>	Program Funding	
AmeriCorps National	19	153	1,003	\$6,602,992	\$1,933,435 <sup>3</sup>	
AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects	3	3	32	-	- <sup>4</sup>	
AmeriCorps State Competitive	1	5	24	\$69,300	\$165,760	
AmeriCorps State Formula	14	159	697	\$1,377,444	\$2,376,713	
AmeriCorps Tribes/Territories	2	2	13	\$75,075	\$309,230	
AmeriCorps VISTA	10	82	89	\$511,005	\$1,453,459	
<b>AMERICORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>1,858</b>	<b>\$8,635,816</b>	<b>\$6,238,597</b>	
<b>Senior Corps</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding	
Foster Grandparent Program	2	109	360	-	\$1,291,056	
RSVP	5	132	1,253	-	\$452,582	
Senior Companion Program	2	58	231	-	\$821,990	
<b>SENIOR CORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>1,844</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$2,565,628</b>	
<b>Other Funding</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding	
Martin Luther King Day	1	-	-	-	\$82,903	
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$324,423	
<b>OTHER FUNDING TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$407,326</b>	
<b>PROGRAM TOTALS</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>703 <sup>5</sup></b>	<b>3,702</b>	<b>\$8,635,816</b>	<b>\$9,211,551</b>	
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (Including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)</b>					<b>\$17,847,367</b>	
<b>TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)</b>					<b>\$7,523,184 <sup>6</sup></b>	
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT</b>					<b>\$25,370,552</b>	

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First we are going to focus on the Senior Corps programs which tap into the skills, talents and experience of nearly 500,000 Americans age 55 and over to meet a wide range of community challenges through 3 programs: RSVP, Foster Grandparent, and Senior Companion Program.

For more information: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/senior-corps>

## Foster Grandparent, Senior Companion, & RSVP Programs

- **FGP: Provide support to disadvantaged youth**
- **SCP: Provide support to frail or elderly low-income seniors or disabled adults, to assist them to live independently**
  - Engages individuals 55 & serve 15-40 hours per week/
  - Receive an hourly stipend
- **RSVP: Address all CNCS programming focus areas in partnership with local nonprofits/agencies**
  - Engages individuals 55 + with flexible service hours
  - Do not receive a stipend
  - Service assignments range from tutoring children, renovating homes, assisting victims of natural disasters, delivering meals, to recruiting community volunteers
- Eligible organizations are nonprofits, government entities and federally recognized Tribes
- Administered by the Corporation State Office



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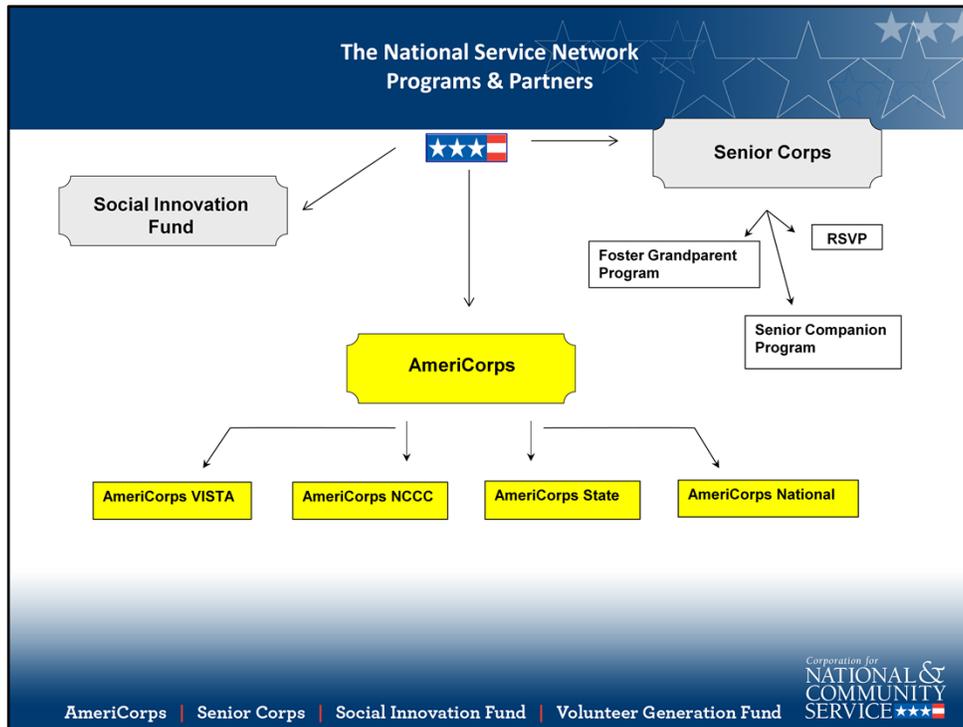
Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion programs are our stipended programs and the eligibility criteria and service benefits are the same.

- Foster Grandparent Volunteers provide valuable assistance to children and youth from disadvantaged backgrounds and often serve in K-12 schools, Head Start centers and afterschool programs.
- Senior Companion Volunteers provide assistance to low-income frail and elderly adults (65+), some having physical, emotional, or mental health limitations. Volunteers serve in elder care facilities and private homes.
- FGP and SCP volunteers serve between 15 to 40 hours a week, receive a small hourly stipend, must be 55 or older to serve and meet annual income eligibility guidelines.

Eligible organizations that can apply for SCP-FGP funding are non-profits, government entities and federally recognized Tribes.

SCP and FGP funding is administered through the Corporation State Office.

For more information: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/senior-corps/>



Next up is the focus on the AmeriCorps programs which includes AmeriCorps VISTA, AmeriCorps NCCC and AmeriCorps State and National. AmeriCorps engages diverse individuals from across the nation and these members are afforded the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven direct or capacity building service.

## AmeriCorps VISTA

- VISTA core principals:
  - Anti-poverty
  - Community Empowerment
  - Capacity-building
  - Sustainable Solutions
- Focus on the Issue Areas of: Education, Healthy Futures, Economic Opportunity, Veterans and Military Families
- VISTA grantees are nonprofits, government entities and federally recognized Tribes and grants operate for an average of three years
- Administered by the Corporation State Office



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- AmeriCorps VISTA members provide in-direct service, engaging in capacity building activities like developing a fundraising plan or volunteer management plan for organizations with the goal of alleviating poverty.
- The core principals of VISTA are:
  - Anti-Poverty: support community efforts to alleviate and overcome poverty
  - Community Empowerment: involves the residents of the community in planning, developing, and implementing the project
  - Capacity Building: expands the ability of organizations to fight poverty by strengthening existing or building new infrastructure
  - Sustainable Solutions: serves as a short-term resource to help the organization and community achieve long lasting solutions to poverty
- VISTA projects focus on the Issue Areas of: Education, Healthy Futures, Economic Opportunity, Veterans and Military Families
- VISTA grantees are non-profits, government entities and federally recognized Tribes and grant periods –VISTA projects average three years.
- VISTA funding is administered by the Corporation State Office

For more information: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ameriCorps/ameriCorps-vista>

# AmeriCorps VISTA

- Eligibility:
  - 18 years or older
  - Must serve full time for one year
  - U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident



- Benefits:
  - Relocation (If moving more than 50 miles to service site)
  - Pre- Service Orientation and In Service Training
  - Living Allowance (Average in Arizona \$11,676 per year)
  - End of Service Award/Stipend (Current education award value \$5,775)

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## Member Benefits & Qualifications:

AmeriCorps VISTA is open to U.S. citizens, nationals, or lawful permanent residents, age 18 and older. Members must serve full time, for a one-year term of service. VISTAs serve in every state, U.S. territory, and in tribal communities.

VISTAs are given pre-service training, relocation allowance, a living allowance, and either the choice of an end-of-service education award or cash award.

## AmeriCorps State & National

- AmeriCorps State – Funding is allocated directly to States by the CNCS and is distributed through the State's Service Commission
- AmeriCorps National – Funded directly by CNCS through multi-state non-profit or governmental organizations



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- AmeriCorps State funding is distributed directly through states by way of the State's Service Commission, which was authorized under the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12638).
- The Arizona State Commission on Service and Volunteerism is housed within the Arizona State's Governor's Office, but not all state commissions reside within the Governor's Office.
- State Service Commissions duties include:
  - development of a comprehensive Unified State Plan for service and volunteering in the state;
  - Submit, administer, provide oversight and monitoring, and report on AmeriCorps grantees to CNCS.
- These Service Commissions award AmeriCorps State grants to nonprofit or governmental groups to respond to local needs.
- A large portion of AmeriCorps funding is distributed directly by CNCS, awarded to multi-state and/or national organizations by way of a competitive AmeriCorps National Direct grants process.
  - Some examples of AmeriCorps National Direct programs include Habitat for Humanity, City Year, Teach for America, and Public Allies.

## AmeriCorps State & National

- Members assignments align with the Corporations Issue Areas of:
  - Education, Healthy Futures, Economic Opportunity, Veterans and Military Families, Environmental Stewardship, Disaster Services
- Eligibility:
  - U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident
  - 17 years and older
- Benefits:
  - Serve full, half or reduced half, quarter, or minimum time over a 12 month period
  - Depending on service commitment, members receive a living allowance, health coverage, childcare reimbursement, and are eligible for an Education Award



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### State & National:

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- These local networks, national organizations, and agency partners are committed to using National Service to address critical community needs in the areas of economic development, education, the environment, veteran's services, health, and disaster relief.

### Member Benefits & Qualifications:

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- Members service terms may range from full time to quarter time
- Individuals can serve as AmeriCorps members in every state, U.S. territory, and in tribal communities.
- Full-time AmeriCorps State and National members are given a living allowance; health coverage; childcare, if they qualify; and become eligible for an education award upon successful completion of their service term.

For more information: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ameriCorps/ameriCorps-state-and-national>



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Arizona  
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Commission  
on **Service** and  
**Volunteerism**

- 24 Governor appointed commissioners; meetings occur every other month
  - Approve AmeriCorps State application packages annually.
  - Typically two different funding opportunities:
    - Annual national competition for approximately \$260M
    - Every three years for combined national competition and state formula for approximately \$2.8M
  - Provide a training and technical assistance to all organizations interested in submitting a funding application

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**Arizona Conservation Corps, Flagstaff**  
Federal: \$241,740; Local: \$ N/A (Fixed Amount Program)

The Arizona Conservation Corps is a youth development, conservation corps program designed to reduce the risk of wildfire, conserve water resources, enhance/reduce the impact of recreation on public lands, restore riparian habitat and protect wildlife habitat.

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**Arizona Superior Court Maricopa County - Providing Access to Court Services**  
**Federal: \$112,158; Local: \$182,988 AmeriCorps Members—30**  
 AmeriCorps members serve in the Maricopa County Superior Court Law Library Resource Center, where they will provide assistance with gaining access to justice for unrepresented litigants by helping improve understanding about legal information and complete forms related to domestic relations and orders of protection.

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**Prescott College - Arizona Serve, Prescott**  
**Federal: \$352,472; Local: \$196,629 AmeriCorps Members—91**  
 Prescott College AmeriCorps members will serve to assist youth in attaining educational outcomes and support housing and financial literacy projects to address poverty in Yavapai County and Pima County.

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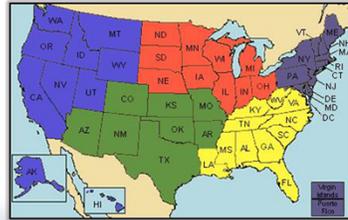
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# AmeriCorps NCCC

- National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) strengthens communities and develop leaders through team-based national and community service
- Members (18-24 years old) serve on teams, full-time for 10 months
- Federally funded program; application process
- Conduct short term projects (6-12 weeks)
- Projects are direct service focused in:
  - Natural and other disasters
  - Infrastructure improvement
  - Urban and rural development
  - Energy conservation
  - Environmental stewardship



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- AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) is a residential, team-based program that provides both direct and indirect service to communities.
- NCCC teams are made up of 8-12 Corps members and they work on different projects throughout their term of service with each project usually lasting between 5 and 10 weeks.
- Projects focus on:
  - o Natural and other disasters
  - o Infrastructure improvement
  - o Urban and rural development
  - o Energy conservation
  - o Environmental stewardship and conservation

# AmeriCorps NCCC



Vans, Team Leader & Stipends



Build and rehab homes



Painting, graffiti removal,  
ADA accessibility support



Recovery & Weatherization



Trail building, park support and  
prepping community gardens

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## Qualifications

- 18-24 years old for Corps Members, there is no upper age limit for Team Leaders
- U.S. Citizen or lawful permanent resident

## Benefits

- Living allowance
- Room and board
- Health coverage
- End of service education award or cash award
- Travel the country

For other service requirements and benefits of the NCCC program please visit [nationalservice.gov](http://nationalservice.gov)



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