



Healthy Futures Programs Provide a Beneficial Return on Investment.

Healthy Futures is critical to how AmeriCorps ‘gets things done for America.’ AmeriCorps offers transformative resources, including funding and AmeriCorps members, to address pressing health challenges through national service, especially in underserved communities.

AmeriCorps and its partners focused on Healthy Futures support the health needs within communities, including mitigating public health crises, increasing access to care, supporting aging in place, and addressing childhood obesity. AmeriCorps members engage communities and share valuable resources to support Healthy Futures across the country.

Return on investment (ROI) analyses help quantify a program’s benefits relative to its costs, assessing program performance and demonstrating value to stakeholders, while building the larger evidence base. Calculating ROI for AmeriCorps programs can entail looking at benefits (relative to costs) experienced by:

- AmeriCorps members, such as increases in their wages and educational attainment.
- Government, such as increases in tax revenue and programmatic savings.
- Society, such as improvements in community health and maximization of community resources.

Healthy Futures programs shift life courses. These programs not only demonstrate positive and healthy outcomes, they generate value from the funding invested in these programs. In terms of ROI:

- [AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Program and Senior Companion Program](#) generate a return of **\$3.50** per funder dollar invested.
- [AmeriCorps Urban Safety Program \(Detroit\)](#) generates a return of **\$1.63 to \$3.07** per funder dollar invested.
- [Birth & Beyond Home Visitation Program](#) generates a return of **\$0.50 to \$2.11** per funder dollar invested.

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The [AmeriCorps Office of Research and Evaluation](#) assists AmeriCorps and its partners in collecting, analyzing, and disseminating data and insights about AmeriCorps programs and civic life in America.

About AmeriCorps

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