

## What is Evidence?



At the heart of all AmeriCorps programs is evidence - the data and reporting that measures program performance. The stronger the evidence, the greater confidence that the program is effective.

AmeriCorps and its programs such as AmeriCorps State and National (ASN) provide strategic grants to organizations that engage in service to address local and national challenges. ASN grants build organizational capacity and expand effective programming, while also assessing program performance across the evidence continuum. This helps AmeriCorps **maximize the impact of federal dollars**.

## Why Does Evidence Matter?

Through strategic grantmaking and collecting evidence, AmeriCorps:



**Measures program effectiveness** and how populations are impacted by service.



**Grows the list of effective programs** with proven outcomes by cataloguing successes.



**Demonstrates efficient use of federal funding** by investing in program models with real impact.



**Reaches more people** by providing insight into how to replicate and scale effective programs.



**Increases the understanding** of national service and its role in addressing national and local challenges.



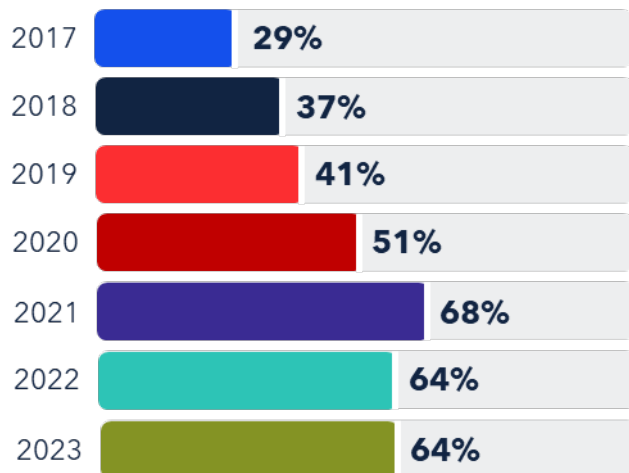
**Foster a culture of learning and continuous improvement** that enables national service to tailor engagement based on needs and purpose.

## How Is Evidence Applied To AmeriCorps?

In 2023, **64% of ASN competitive grant funding** was invested in programs with moderate to strong evidence of effectiveness.\*

ASN has increasingly invested in what works **by supporting programs with moderate to strong levels of evidence**:

### Percentage of ASN competitive funding awarded to projects with moderate or strong level of evidence



\*Evidence produced by study designs that support causal impact attributable to the intervention program model.

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