



## National Service in North Dakota



### MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN NORTH DAKOTA

More than 3,300 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in North Dakota. Serving at more than 640 locations throughout the state, these citizens tutor and mentor children, support veterans and military families, provide health services, restore the environment, respond to disasters, increase economic opportunity, and recruit and manage volunteers.

This year, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) will commit more than \$2,890,000 to support North Dakota communities through national service initiatives. CNCS invests in cost-effective community solutions--working hand in hand with local partners to improve lives, expand economic opportunity, and engage citizens in solving problems in their communities. Serving in many of the state's most impoverished communities, CNCS provides vital support to schools, food banks, homeless shelters, community health clinics, youth centers, veterans service facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based organizations at a time of growing demand for services. Through a unique public-private partnership, this federal investment will leverage an additional \$1,480,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars.

**AmeriCorps:** This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 190 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across North Dakota. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the North Dakota State Commission on National and Community Service, which in turn awards grants to nonprofit groups to respond to local needs. Most of the remainder of the grant funding is distributed by CNCS directly to multi-state and national organizations through a competitive grants process. Other individuals serve through AmeriCorps VISTA, whose members help bring individuals and communities out of poverty by serving full-time to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses, and increase housing opportunities, and AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps), a 10-month, full time residential program for men and women between the ages of 18 and 24. In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members earn an education award that can be used to pay for college or to pay back qualified student loans. Since 1994, more than 1,600 North Dakota residents have served more than 1.8 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$3,950,000.

**Senior Corps:** More than 3,100 seniors in North Dakota contribute their time and talents in one of three Senior Corps programs. Foster Grandparents serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to more than 2,100 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 630 homebound seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes. RSVP volunteers conduct safety patrols, renovate homes, protect the environment, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services through more than 520 groups across North Dakota.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. CNCS annually engages more than five million Americans in service to meet local needs through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and national days of service; improves communities through the Social Innovation Fund, and leads President Obama's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. To learn more visit [NationalService.gov](http://NationalService.gov) or [Serve.gov](http://Serve.gov) or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

# North Dakota At a Glance

	Projects	Service Locations	Participants <sup>1</sup>	Education Scholarships <sup>2</sup>	Program Funding
<b>AmeriCorps</b>					
AmeriCorps National	3	7	60	\$88,506	\$19,099 <sup>3</sup>
AmeriCorps State Formula	5	25	114	\$274,425	\$553,513
AmeriCorps Tribes/Territories	1	1	15	\$76,208	\$263,250
AmeriCorps VISTA	1	7	6	\$33,585	\$96,222
<b>AMERICORPS TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>\$472,724</b>	<b>\$932,084</b>
<b>Senior Corps</b>					
Foster Grandparent Program	2	50	175	-	\$672,565
RSVP	2	527	2,837	-	\$358,677
Senior Companion Program	1	32	113	-	\$317,349
<b>SENIOR CORPS TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>3,125</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,348,591</b>
<b>Other Funding</b>					
Disability Outreach	1	-	-	-	\$30,237
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$113,200
<b>OTHER FUNDING TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$143,437</b>
<b>PROGRAM TOTALS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>649<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>3,320</b>	<b>\$472,724</b>	<b>\$2,424,112</b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)</b>					<b>\$2,896,836</b>
<b>TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)</b>					<b>\$1,486,767 <sup>5</sup></b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT</b>					<b>\$4,383,603</b>

- Notes: The data shown represents a snapshot in time. CNCS project sites, participants, and funding change throughout the year, so the data may not reflect current conditions.
- This figure represents the number of awarded positions available to be filled in the 2013 - 2014 program year. For AmeriCorps VISTA, this represents the actual number of VISTA members in active service.
  - This figure represents the maximum potential value of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards that can be earned by AmeriCorps members serving in North Dakota. The award can be used in any state to pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay back student loans. The education award total is included in total CNCS funding.
  - AmeriCorps National figures may include national programs headquartered in the state and/or operating sites of national programs that are headquartered in other states. Funding reflects the estimated proportionate share of the national grant associated with operating sites in this report. Some national organizations do not report operating site data, or it was not available at time of publishing, so figures may not reflect current conditions.
  - The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple CNCS programs are operating.
  - As part of its public-private partnership approach, CNCS requires grantees to leverage additional resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on the federal investment. This figure reflects non-CNCS cash and in-kind resources that CNCS grantees and project sponsors have committed to raise to support their programming activities across the state.



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# National Service Impact in North Dakota

## AmeriCorps NCCC

The mission of Lutheran Disaster Response is to serve impacted individuals who may be especially vulnerable and are not able to recover from the effects of a disaster without additional assistance. On June 22, 2011 the Souris River overwhelmed local levees, impacting more than 4,000 homes in Minot and surrounding areas. Of those affected, only about 375 homeowners had flood insurance. AmeriCorps NCCC teams responded quickly by deploying with Lutheran Disaster Response and have continued to support long-term recovery efforts. Tasks included mucking and gutting homes and mold remediation. Additionally, teams have assisted with the setup of Hope Village, a multi-faith volunteer village. The current team is continuing these efforts and is helping the LDR move into the rebuilding stage. Members have gained knowledge of the inner workings of disaster recovery efforts.

## AmeriCorps VISTA

North Dakota State University's AmeriCorps VISTA members served at a dozen sites throughout the state at organizations helping people rise from poverty. These members were instrumental to the growth of the organizations by raising \$342,696 in cash and in-kind support through the recruitment and management of 337 volunteers serving more than 3,000 hours. A VISTA serving with Hope Village (an organization focused on long term recovery following the 2011 Souris River flood) organized a 30-day fundraising campaign that raised more than \$165,000. Hope Village volunteers have completely rebuilt about 100 homes. A VISTA serving with Council on Abused Women's Services North Dakota partnered with local abuse and sexual assault prevention organizations to host the first annual Race to Zero 4K in April. The event honored the strength of survivors and raised awareness for 138 participants and attendees.

## Senior Corps

RSVP North Dakota State University's 12 RSVP mentors logged 596 hours with 17 children mentoring one-on-one and in small group settings in school and faith-based environments. Based on survey data, 14 of 17 children showed improvements in behavioral areas and 13 of 17 showed improvements in self-control, communications, and reading/math literacy. Fifty-three FGP volunteers paired with 463 elementary students identified as "non-proficient" or "partially proficient" reading levels demonstrated improvement in three or four reading skills (student can retell story with significant detail, increased vocabulary, increased reading proficiency level, and increased work identification).

# AmeriCorps in North Dakota



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	195	10
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	95	4

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Bismarck	Youthworks At-Risk Youth Workers (Current) YouthWorks	13	AmeriCorps State Formula
Bottineau	SCA North Dakota (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	5	AmeriCorps National
Fargo	American Red Cross ND Preparedness & Response Corps (Current) American Red Cross - Minn-Kota Region	4	AmeriCorps State Formula
Fargo	North Dakota Reading Corps (Current) West Fargo Public School District	28	AmeriCorps State Formula
Fargo	North Dakota State University-Distance& Continuing Education (Current) North Dakota State University	6	AmeriCorps VISTA
Fargo	YMCA of Cass and Clay Counties AmeriCorps (Current) YMCA of Cass and Clay County	61	AmeriCorps State Formula
Fort Yates	GED Project (Current) Sitting Bull College	15	AmeriCorps Indian Tribes
Grand Forks	CSI: Grand Forks (Current) Housing Authority of the City of Grand Forks	8	AmeriCorps State Formula
Grand Forks	North Dakota (Current) Conservation Corps Minnesota and Iowa	2	AmeriCorps National
Mandan	FEMA- Joint Field Office- Mandan, ND (July 11 - August 22, 2013) FEMA- Joint Field Office- Mandan, ND	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Minot	Lutheran Disaster Response: ND Flooding (March 11 - April 26, 2013) Lutheran Disaster Response-North Dakota	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Minot	Lutheran Disaster Response: North Dakota Flooding (August 9 - September 27, 2013) Lutheran Disaster Response-North Dakota	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Minot	ND - Minot State University (Completed) Regis University-Colorado Campus Compact	68	AmeriCorps National
Minot	ND - Minot State University (Current) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	53	AmeriCorps National

Notes: If there are programs with identical names in separate entries, they are different grants to the same organization. If no members are shown, either the grant is for planning or technical assistance, or enrollment data was not available at the time of printing.

The city column refers to the location of the sponsor organization. AmeriCorps members may be serving in other locations than the city listed.

# Senior Corps in North Dakota



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	3,125	5
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	0	0

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Devils Lake	Lake Region RSVP (Current) Devils Lake Public Schools	225	RSVP
Fargo	NDSU FGP (Current) North Dakota State University	92	Foster Grandparent Program
Fargo	NDSU RSVP (Current) North Dakota State University	2,612	RSVP
Grand Forks	Red River Valley FGP (Current) Northeast Human Service Center	83	Foster Grandparent Program
Minot	LSS Senior Companions (Current) Lutheran Social Services ND	113	Senior Companion Program

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