



## National Service in Rhode Island



### MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN RHODE ISLAND

More than 3,900 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in Rhode Island. Serving at more than 680 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 \$8,880,000 to support Rhode Island 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 \$4,160,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars.

**AmeriCorps:** This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 680 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across Rhode Island. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Serve Rhode Island, 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 6,100 Rhode Island residents have served more than 8.6 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$19,390,000.

**Senior Corps:** More than 3,200 seniors in Rhode Island 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 2,000 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 710 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 360 groups across Rhode Island.

**Social Innovation Fund:** The Social Innovation Fund transforms lives and communities using limited federal investment as a catalyst to grow the impact of nonprofits with evidence of strong results. It harnesses the expertise of grantmaking intermediaries to identify, evaluate and expand effective nonprofits and engages funding partners to contribute nearly three dollars to every one federal dollar invested. As the Social Innovation Fund network grows programs that work in Rhode Island, more people are able to overcome their most pressing challenges in the areas of economic opportunity, health, and youth development. The Social Innovation Fund is investing \$230,000 in expanding the impact of 3 nonprofits in Rhode Island.

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.

# Rhode Island At a Glance

	Projects	Service Locations	Participants <sup>1</sup>	Education Scholarships <sup>2</sup>	Program Funding
<b>AmeriCorps</b>					
AmeriCorps National	7	41	279	\$899,478	\$909,856 <sup>3</sup>
AmeriCorps State Competitive	9	69	192	\$1,021,536	\$1,594,334
AmeriCorps State Formula	7	26	145	\$317,046	\$597,440
AmeriCorps VISTA	9	45	64	\$356,340	\$1,026,368
<b>AMERICORPS TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>\$2,594,400</b>	<b>\$4,127,998</b>
<b>Senior Corps</b>					
Foster Grandparent Program	3	82	253	-	\$836,869
RSVP	7	365	2,842	-	\$441,360
Senior Companion Program	1	18	126	-	\$378,071
VISTA State	-	37	-	-	-
<b>SENIOR CORPS TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>3,221</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,656,300</b>
<b>Social Innovation Fund</b>					
Nonprofit Subgrantees	3	-	-	-	\$235,620
<b>SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$235,620</b>
<b>Other Funding</b>					
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$200,000
Volunteer Generation Fund	1	-	-	-	\$73,933
<b>OTHER FUNDING TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$273,933</b>
<b>PROGRAM TOTALS</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>683<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>3,901</b>	<b>\$2,594,400</b>	<b>\$6,293,851</b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)</b>					<b>\$8,888,251</b>
<b>TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)</b>					<b>\$4,163,757<sup>5</sup></b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT</b>					<b>\$13,052,007</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.

- 1 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.
- 2 This figure represents the maximum potential value of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards that can be earned by AmeriCorps members serving in Rhode Island. 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple CNCS programs are operating.
- 5 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 Rhode Island

## AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps members serving with the College Advising Corps at Brown University provide college and financial aid counseling to thousands of students across Rhode Island, including many first-generation and low-income students. According to a recent study conducted by the Stanford School of Education, students at Rhode Island high schools with a College Advising Corps AmeriCorps member are 5 percentage points more likely to attend college than students in similar schools without a member. In total, members annually serve more than 2,000 students in one or more advising sessions and more than 1,000 students in four or more sessions.

## AmeriCorps NCCC

Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency's mission is to protect life and property in the event of a disaster or crisis situation through a program of mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. Rhode Island was the first state to implement a statewide Special Needs Emergency Registry. The AmeriCorps NCCC team supported a community awareness campaign and registered more than 500 individuals in the Special Needs Emergency Registry. Additionally, they completed a survey of all facilities designated as shelters in the state (with support from the Red Cross) while the state investigated the possibility of providing regional sheltering during times of disaster.

## AmeriCorps VISTA

College Visions AmeriCorps VISTAs Alvaro Beltran, Gleyribel Rodriguez, and Francesca Zetar support 300 disadvantaged youth to enter, succeed in, and graduate from college. They've developed an innovative curriculum; submitted grants totaling more than \$25,000; and engaged more than 50 volunteers to provide peer mentorship, admission interview prep, college care packages, and much more. As a result, 95 percent of College Vision participants enroll in college and 67 percent graduate within five years. Alvaro is also a College Visions alum. College Vision VISTAs are increasing educational opportunity for low-income youth and strengthening the future of the state.

## Senior Corps

Capitol Region RSVP of Federal Hill House started the computer literacy program "Seniors Teaching Seniors" in 2003. The program set up five computer labs across the region, including at the Veterans Resource and Recovery Center in Providence, and senior volunteers began hosting computer literacy classes. The program has evolved to continue to offer up-to-date computer literacy classes ranging from general computer usage to specific topics such as using social media, avoiding scams on the Internet, and using tablets. In 2012, 25 Capitol Region RSVP volunteer computer instructors assisted 125 older adults in learning how to use computer technology to fit their needs of keeping in touch with relatives, getting a job, or saving money by moving to paying bills online safely.

## Social Innovation Fund

The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), an intermediary grantee of the Social Innovation Fund, is growing Financial Opportunity Centers – a workforce development and asset-building model that boosts earnings, reduces expenses, and coaches low-income families on how to make better financial decisions – to reach 7,500 total participants. LISC has three nonprofit subgrantees in the state receiving total annual grants of \$374,000, which they match dollar-for-dollar. A rigorous evaluation will provide greater evidence about the model's impact on employment, earnings, and savings.

# AmeriCorps in Rhode Island



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	680	32
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	182	8

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Central Falls	The Education Fellows Program (Current) The Learning Community	12	AmeriCorps State Formula
Charlestown	SCA Rhode Island (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	3	AmeriCorps National
Johnston	Financial Literacy and Budget Basics (Current) Tri-Town Economic Opportunity Committee	6	AmeriCorps State Formula
Johnston	VetSuccess Tri-Town competitive (Current) Tri-Town Economic Opportunity Committee	4	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Kingston	Jumpstart URI at University of Rhode Island (Completed) Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc.	77	AmeriCorps National
Kingston	Jumpstart URI at University of Rhode Island-I (Current) Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc.	80	AmeriCorps National
Pawtucket	Community Service Success (Current) The Housing Authority of the City of Pawtucket Rhode Island	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Pawtucket	Farm Fresh Rhode Island (Current) Farm Fresh Rhode Island	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Providence	Americorps Planning Grant (Current) Providence College	-	AmeriCorps State Formula
Providence	AS220 (Current) AS220	25	AmeriCorps VISTA
Providence	Charter Corps (Completed) Highlander Charter School	14	AmeriCorps State Formula
Providence	City Year Rhode Island-NATL (Current) City Year, Inc.	85	AmeriCorps National
Providence	CityArts Expanded Day Teaching Artist Project (Completed) Providence CityArts for Youth, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps State Formula
Providence	College Advising Corps (Current) Brown University	22	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Providence	Growing Capital Good Fund (Current) The Capital Good Fund	6	AmeriCorps VISTA
Providence	Inspiring Minds (Current) Inspiring Minds	10	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Providence	Inspiring Minds Academic Campaign (Current) Inspiring Minds	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Providence	Mt. Hope Corps (Completed) Mt. Hope Learning Center	15	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Providence	NONVIOLENCE PROJECT (Current) Institute for the Study & Practice of Nonviolence	16	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Providence	Ocean State Environmental Education Collaborative (Current) Save the Bay, Inc.	16	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Providence	PASA (Completed) After-School Corporation (The)	18	AmeriCorps National
Providence	Providence Children's Museum AmeriCorps Program (Current) Providence Children's Museum	16	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Providence	Providence Continuum of Supports (Current) Providence School Department	-	AmeriCorps State Formula
Providence	Ready to Learn Providence (Current) The Providence Plan	35	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Providence	Rhode Island (Current) Local Initiatives Support Corporation	7	AmeriCorps National
Providence	Rhode Island Free Clinic VISTA Program (Current) Rhode Island Free Clinic	7	AmeriCorps VISTA
Providence	Rhode Island Teaching Fellows (Current) The New Teacher Project	21	AmeriCorps National

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Providence	RICC AmeriCorps*VISTA (Current) Providence College	13	AmeriCorps VISTA
Providence	Scholarships for Service (Current) Providence College	100	AmeriCorps State Formula
Providence	Serve Rhode Island (May 12 - May 31, 2013) Serve Rhode Island	-	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Providence	Serve Rhode Island VISTA Program (Current) Serve Rhode Island	4	AmeriCorps VISTA
Providence	Teach For America - Rhode Island (Completed) Teach For America	51	AmeriCorps National
Providence	TFA- Rhode Island (Current) Teach For America	65	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Providence	YouthBuild Providence, RI (Current) The Providence Plan	82	AmeriCorps National
Riverside	East Bay Community Action AmeriCorps (Current) East Bay Community Action Program	10	AmeriCorps State Formula
Warwick	RI Vet Corps Project (Current) Westbay Community Action, Inc.	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Warwick	Westbay RI Vet Corps Project (Current) Westbay Community Action, Inc.	17	AmeriCorps State Formula
Westerly	Serve Rhode Island (May 12 - May 31, 2013) Serve Rhode Island	7	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Woonsocket	AmeriCorps at CCF (Current) Connecting for Children & Families, Inc.	8	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Woonsocket	Family Resources Community Action (Current) Northwestern Connecticut AHEC	1	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.  
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# Senior Corps in Rhode Island



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	3,221	11
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	940	2

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Charlestown	Washington County RSVP (Current) Seniors Helping Others	317	RSVP
Cranston	Cranston RSVP (Current) City of Cranston	284	RSVP
Cranston	Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs (Current)	126	Senior Companion Program
Pawtucket	Blackstone Valley Community Action Program Blackstone Valley Community Action Program	355	RSVP (Completed)
Pawtucket	Blackstone Valley Community Action Program (Current) Blackstone Valley Community Action Program	266	RSVP
Providence	Capitol Region RSVP (Current) Federal Hill House Association	326	RSVP
Providence	Providence FGP (Current) Federal Hill House Association	123	Foster Grandparent Program
Riverside	East Bay Foster Grandparent Program (Current) East Bay Community Action Program	53	Foster Grandparent Program
Riverside	East Bay RSVP (Current) East Bay Community Action Program	584	RSVP
Warwick	Westbay RSVP (Completed) Westbay Community Action, Inc.	585	RSVP
Warwick	Westbay RSVP (Current) Westbay Community Action, Inc.	585	RSVP
West Warwick	West Warwick Senior Center FGP (Current) West Warwick Senior Center, Inc	77	Foster Grandparent Program
Woonsocket	RSVP of Northern Rhode Island (Current) Retired Senior Volunteer Association, Inc.	480	RSVP

Note: The city column refers to the location of sponsor organization. Volunteers may be serving in other locations than the city listed.

## Nonprofit Subgrantees in Rhode Island

Program HQ Location	Nonprofit Subgrantee Name <i>Intermediary</i>	Description
Providence, RI	Providence Housing Authority Local Initiatives Support Corporation	The Providence Housing Authority's Olneyville/Hartford Family Opportunity Center, effectively bundles education and employment services, financial counseling and income supports so that low-income clients can achieve long-term economic stability.
Providence, RI	Amos House Local Initiatives Support Corporation	Amos House is establishing a Financial Opportunity Center delivering bundled workforce development, financial counseling and coaching, and public benefits access.
Woonsocket, RI	Family Resources Community Action Local Initiatives Support Corporation	Family Resources Community Action and NeighborWorks Blackstone River Valley are creating a Financial Opportunity Center building on the employment, financial counseling, and income support services they and their partners currently provide in the community.