



## National Service in Hawaii



### MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN HAWAII

More than 3,800 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in Hawaii. Serving at more than 350 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 \$6,260,000 to support Hawaii 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 \$3,640,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars.

**AmeriCorps:** This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 540 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across Hawaii. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Hawaii Commission on National & 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 5,600 Hawaii residents have served more than 5.8 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$13,510,000.

**Senior Corps:** More than 3,200 seniors in Hawaii 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 340 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 200 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 170 groups across Hawaii.

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.

# Hawaii At a Glance

<b>AmeriCorps</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants <sup>1</sup>	Education Scholarships <sup>2</sup>	Program Funding
AmeriCorps National	6	6	13	\$111,669	\$101,605 <sup>3</sup>
AmeriCorps State Competitive	2	76	429	\$1,709,658	\$1,422,025
AmeriCorps State Formula	6	25	87	\$270,318	\$615,121
AmeriCorps VISTA	9	13	19	\$107,680	\$309,130
<b>AMERICORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>\$2,199,325</b>	<b>\$2,447,881</b>
<b>Senior Corps</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	1	45	146	-	\$456,768
RSVP	6	171	3,020	-	\$514,068
Senior Companion Program	1	17	132	-	\$400,089
<b>SENIOR CORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>3,298</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,370,925</b>
<b>Other Funding</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$250,000
<b>OTHER FUNDING TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>
<b>PROGRAM TOTALS</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>353 <sup>4</sup></b>	<b>3,846</b>	<b>\$2,199,325</b>	<b>\$4,068,806</b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)</b>					<b>\$6,268,131</b>
<b>TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)</b>					<b>\$3,640,761 <sup>5</sup></b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT</b>					<b>\$9,908,892</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 2014 - 2015 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 Hawaii. 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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## AmeriCorps State

As part of the movement to end educational inequity in Hawai'i, Teach For America recruits, selects, and trains teachers who are committed to seeing students from all backgrounds achieve in school and in life. With extensive training and support, AmeriCorps members work to ensure that children growing up in poverty-impacted communities are provided the educational opportunities they deserve. Every year Hawaii has teacher shortages and Teach for America helps to fill these gaps with dedicated, trained teachers. This is possible because of the support received from AmeriCorps. Teach for America trains more teachers for low-income communities than any other institution in the country. Unlike traditional teacher training programs or school districts, Teach for America measures the academic growth of each corps members' students using internal metrics and holds teachers accountable for their students' progress in real-time throughout their teaching commitment. This data is used to continuously adjust admissions, training, and support models to consistently increase the measurable impact of our members on their students' achievement.

With 230 AmeriCorps members, Kupu is Hawaii's largest AmeriCorps program. AmeriCorps members carry out a range of activities including watershed management, threatened and endangered species restoration, invasive species removal, coastal restoration, wetland rehabilitation, trail maintenance, cultural and environmental education, cultural site restoration, environmental education, and volunteer leadership and recruitment. Other key components to programming include job preparedness, life skills training, environmental education, and most recently training in sustainability areas such as renewable energy and sustainable agriculture. In one year, Kupu AmeriCorps members served more than 152,757 hours, cleared 8,713 acres, and mobilized 11,353 volunteers who served nearly 70,000 hours.

## AmeriCorps VISTA

The AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associate program offers individuals the opportunity to become involved in their local communities for several weeks during June through August. This past year, 78 VISTA Summer Associates helped plan and deliver summertime activities at the Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii, the Ionia County Intermediate School District, and seven other nonprofits and schools across the state. Activities included a middle-school STEM camp, a youth leadership camp, high school interns, the USDA Summer Food Service Program, the IM Kids 3rd Meal Program, summer-learning loss prevention programs, and community gardens. In summer 2014, 54 Associates, many of them recent high school graduates, helped implement Summer Bridge programs statewide for incoming high school freshmen. The Summer Bridge program eases the transition of incoming high school students in math, language arts, and study skills. Associates reevaluated and refined the project implementation calendar, conducted community outreach and enlisted community resources to bolster the program, consulted with incoming freshmen about transition and the expectations associated with completion of the project, and created binders with information needed for students to successful transition to high school.

The Hawaiian Community Assets "Building Stability in Housing" AmeriCorps VISTA Project has greatly enhanced the organization's capacity to expand the reach and success of anti-poverty programs focused on affordable housing and financial literacy in Native Hawaiian communities. The VISTA members develop tools and resources to support effective partnerships, outreach, and evaluation processes in order to more effectively serve a greater number of families in need. In 2014, VISTA members served with community-based partners across the state, developing tools and systems that enabled Hawaiian Community Assets (HCA) to provide many more individuals with financial literacy and housing resources. This past year, HCA provided financial literacy services to more than 300 individuals, which resulted in 93 families securing or sustaining permanent housing. In addition, HCA trained 50 landlords for the Rapid Rehousing and Rapid Transition Program and provided 37 individuals with post-purchase homeowners' services. VISTA members also created foreclosure training manuals, and VISTA member John Malone wrote and secured a \$120,000 Google AdGrant to promote the HCA's free, HUD-certified financial and housing education programs.

## AmeriCorps NCCC

An AmeriCorps NCCC team served with the State of Hawaii's Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife during the summer of 2014. The team worked entirely on projects preserving the native habitat of Hawaii. Corps members removed invasive species, replanted native plants, and widened three miles of hiking trail. In addition, the team cleared eight campsites for public use at Peacock Flats Campground and installed eight waterbars to prevent trail erosion during the frequent rainstorms. AmeriCorps NCCC members also had the unique opportunity to remove predatory Wolf Snails in order to preserve the state's natural habitat. Corps members assisted Hawaii Conservation Alliance with their 22nd annual conservation conference. Members supported the event by timing presentations, assisting with set up and break down, and monitoring each session. This was the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources first time sponsoring an AmeriCorps NCCC team.

## Senior Corps Foster Grandparent Program

The Hawaii Foster Grandparent Program sponsored by the State of Hawaii Department of Human Services has developed a strong partnership with the University of Hawaii P-3 Initiative. The Hawaii P-3 Initiative program staff will be conducting monthly in-service trainings for all Foster Grandparent Program volunteers covering the five domains of child development. The Foster Grandparent program has also continued a strong partnership with the Executive Office on Early Learning. The FGP project is now in discussion with the office and its partners to develop programming to support students at some of the new pre-kindergarten classrooms across the state. Current discussions are focused on how Foster Grandparents could be trained in specific creative curriculum, aligned with specific student outcomes, to use in their 1-to-1 interaction with students. This creative curriculum would be tied to specific outcomes to measure student progress over the course of the year and the relationship with the Foster Grandparent Volunteer.

## Senior Corps RSVP

Twenty-five County of Maui RSVP Volunteers served in the Meals on Wheels Program. During the program year, 97,741 meals were served to 611 older adults allowing them to remain living independently in their own homes. The RSVP Volunteers increased the capacity of the Meals on Wheels Program to serve many more older adult clients. The program reported that they were able to serve 100 percent of the older adults that were referred for Meals on Wheels services. In addition, 100 percent of the Meals on Wheels clients were able to remain living independently in their own homes during the program year.

## Senior Corps Senior Companion Program

The Hawaii Senior Companion Program, sponsored by the State of Hawaii Department of Human Services, is helping make independence a reality for older adults in Hawaii. Senior Companion volunteers enhance their own health and social engagement by providing services such as respite, companionship and other assistance to support independent living for older adults with mobility and self-care limitations. In 2014, 84 Senior Companions served over 200 older adults, providing necessary support to enhance the clients' ability to better manage their activities of daily living and remain independent in their own homes. In addition, Senior Companions provided respite services to 67 caregivers of older adults.



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of March 12, 2015)	548	23
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	42	8

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Eleele	Kauai HFH (Current) Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.	2	AmeriCorps National
Hilo	Hilo Improvement Program (Completed) Downtown Improvement Association	8	AmeriCorps State Formula
Hilo	Summer Bridge Enrichment Program (Current) Waiakea High School	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Holualoa	Holualoa Elementary School II (Current) Holualoa Elementary School	4	AmeriCorps VISTA
Honokaa	Honoka'a High & Intermediate VISTA (Current) Hawaii Department of Education- Honokaa High	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Honolulu	Abilities Unlimited Empowerment and Employment Program (Completed) WINNERS AT WORK, INC. dba ABILITIES UNLIMITED	6	AmeriCorps State Formula
Honolulu	ALU LIKE AmeriCorps Program (Completed) ALU LIKE, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps State Formula
Honolulu	Building Stability in Housing (Current) Hawaiian Community Assets-AmeriCorps VISTA	6	AmeriCorps VISTA
Honolulu	FoodCorps Hawaii (Current) FoodCorps, Inc.	9	AmeriCorps State Formula
Honolulu	HACBED VISTA Project (Current) Hawaii Alliance for Community Based Economic Development	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Honolulu	Hawaii Youth Conservation Corps (Current) Kupu	239	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Honolulu	Hawaii Youth Conservation Corps (Current) The Corps Network	-	AmeriCorps National
Honolulu	HCAP Program Support (Current) Honolulu Community Action Program, Inc.	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Honolulu	HIPPY AMERICORPS (Current) Keiki O Ka 'Aina Family Learning Centers	22	AmeriCorps State Formula
Honolulu	Kupu Urban Corps (Completed) Kupu	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Honolulu	Mokuleia Hawaii Environmental Restoration and Protection (June 3 - July 16, 2014) Department of Land and Natural Resources - Division of Forestry and Wildlife	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Honolulu	Olelo Youth Xchange Media Clubs (Current) Olelo Community Media	8	AmeriCorps State Formula
Honolulu	Project Kaulike (Completed) Legal Aid Society of Hawaii	18	AmeriCorps State Formula
Honolulu	Project Kaulike (Current) Legal Aid Society of Hawaii	19	AmeriCorps State Formula
Honolulu	SCA AmeriCorps National Direct Hawaii (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Honolulu	SCA Hawaii (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	5	AmeriCorps National
Honolulu	SWCC Education Program Initiative (Current) Susannah Wesley Community Center Inc.	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Honolulu	Teach For America Hawaii (Current) Teach For America	190	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Honolulu	Timebank Hawaii (Completed) Executive Office on Aging	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Kailua Kona	Kealakehe High School (Completed) Kealakehe High School	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Kailua Kona	West Hawaii, HFH (Current) Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.	2	AmeriCorps National
Kalae, Molokai	Interval House National Direct Hawaii 2014 (Current) Interval House Crisis Shelters	4	AmeriCorps National



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Kealahou	Farm to Food Service Project (Current) Friends of Kona Pacific Public Charter School	7	AmeriCorps State Formula
Kilauea	Malama Kauai (Current) Malama Kauai	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Wailuku	Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. AmeriCorps Environmental Pro (Current) Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.	22	AmeriCorps State Formula
Waipahu	Leeward District ELL Program: Safe Haven (Current) Leeward District ELL Program	1	AmeriCorps VISTA

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 Hawaii



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
CURRENT (as of March 12, 2015)	3,298	8
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	0	0

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Hilo	RSVP of Hawaii County (Current) Hawaii County Office of Aging	1,120	RSVP
Honolulu	City & County of Honolulu RSVP (Current) City & County of Honolulu; Department of Community Services	350	RSVP
Honolulu	City & County of Honolulu RSVP (Current) City & County of Honolulu; Department of Community Services	350	RSVP
Honolulu	Hawaii FGP (Current) Hawaii Department of Human Services	146	Foster Grandparent Program
Honolulu	SCP of Hawaii (Current) Hawaii Department of Human Services	132	Senior Companion Program
Lihue	KAUAI RSVP (Current) Kauai County Agency on Elderly Affairs	350	RSVP
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Paia	County of Maui RSVP (Current) County of Maui Department of Human Concern	500	RSVP

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