



National Service in Hawaii



MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN HAWAII

More than 3,100 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 450 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 \$9,060,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars. Nationwide, CNCS, its grantees, and project sponsors generated more than \$1.25 billion in outside resources from businesses, foundations, public agencies, and other sources in FY 2015.

AmeriCorps: This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 560 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 5,900 Hawaii residents have served more than 6.4 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$14,980,000.

Senior Corps: More than 2,500 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 310 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 220 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 250 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 or Serve.gov or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

Hawaii At a Glance



AmeriCorps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants ¹	Education Scholarships ²	Program Funding
AmeriCorps National	9	6	35	\$179,124	\$146,586 ³
AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects	2	2	20	-	- ⁴
AmeriCorps State Competitive	3	95	410	\$1,600,469	\$1,470,772
AmeriCorps State Formula	5	14	80	\$266,169	\$628,437
AmeriCorps VISTA	9	22	23	\$132,015	\$375,613
AMERICORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	28	139	568	\$2,177,778	\$2,621,408
Senior Corps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	1	43	146	-	\$456,768
RSVP	4	255	2,320	-	\$361,815
Senior Companion Program	1	13	132	-	\$400,089
SENIOR CORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	6	311	2,598	-	\$1,218,672
Other Funding	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$250,000
OTHER FUNDING TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	1	-	-	-	\$250,000
PROGRAM TOTALS	35	450 ⁵	3,166	\$2,177,778	\$4,090,080
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (Including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)					\$6,267,858
TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)					\$9,066,349 ⁶
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT					\$15,334,207

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 2015 - 2016 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 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.
- 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 Hawaii is served by the AmeriCorps NCCC campus located in McClellan, California. In the past year, AmeriCorps NCCC teams have served on projects in Aiea, Honolulu.
- ⁵ The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple CNCS programs are operating.
- ⁶ 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 or other revenue used to support their programming activities across the state. Last year, CNCS, its grantees, and project sponsors generated more than \$1.25 billion in outside resources from businesses, foundations, public agencies, and other sources.

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State Commission

The Hawaii Commission on National & Community Service manages a portfolio of eight AmeriCorps State programs that address the state's needs in the areas of education, environmental stewardship, disaster services, economic opportunity, healthy futures, and veterans and military families. In the 2014-2015 program year, 422 veterans were served as a result of AmeriCorps program efforts. AmeriCorps members in Hawaii serve each and every day to deliver on unmet community needs impacting a wide age range and a large diversity of people. Without these committed, engaged, and selfless service members, these efforts simply would not exist in these under-served and overburdened communities. Thousands of individuals in the community would receive little or no services and resources would be diverted away from those who need it most. AmeriCorps members provided critical services to homeless individuals to achieve stability and secure housing.

AmeriCorps State

Kupu AmeriCorps' 231 AmeriCorps members engaged 5,993 volunteers in service, which had a huge positive impact on the community and the environment. It also helped citizens to pursue higher education, become civically engaged, and find employment. AmeriCorps members completed projects on seven islands that helped conserve and protect natural resources and gave the members valuable mentorship and job training. Last year, members improved more than 1,180,670 acres of public lands, cleared more than 14,670 acres of invasive species, and, together with volunteers, gave 228,981 hours of service valued at \$5,298,620. Program participants had an average 51 percent increase in environmental literacy. Before they began their term, 52 percent of the members said they would have been unemployed if they had not served in Kupu AmeriCorps. Alumni who were surveyed a year after their term of service say that they are currently employed and/or enrolled in school (96 percent) or went on to complete at least one college course (76 percent). Furthermore, 81 percent said that they still volunteer in the community or actively seek volunteer opportunities.

The Legal Aid Society of Hawaii's 18 AmeriCorps Project Kaulike members serve at eight sites across Hawaii, helping people navigate the civil justice system and deliver on their promise of equal access to "justice for all," regardless of socio-economic status. Members gave critical service to low-income, disadvantaged, and self-represented litigants. They interview applicants, teach legal clinics, recruit volunteer attorneys, provide services at self-help centers, and give limited legal assistance. Members served 3,847 people, including 416 veterans and their family members, and recruited or supported 201 volunteers. Thanks to the AmeriCorps members, at least 120 people reached their desired result in family law (child support, protective order, divorce, visitation, etc.); 18 avoided eviction, maintained, or obtained housing; 3 people were able to prevent foreclosure; 9 people secured or preserved a public assistance benefit; and 15 received a tax benefit. Members at the courthouse-based self-help centers helped develop partnerships between the Hawaii State Judiciary, the Hawaii State Bar Association, and Legal Aid.

AmeriCorps VISTA

Tiona Miyashiro, an AmeriCorps VISTA member with Malama Kauai, developed "Natural Resources Career Pathways: A Guide to Kauai's Community Resources." This resource guide for Kauai educators, parents, and students offers more than 40 community resource profiles offering assistance to students seeking future careers in the Natural Resources Career Pathway, which is one of the six identified by the State of Hawaii Department of Education as core areas of economic growth for today's youth. The guide offers a multitude of guest speakers and mentors, internship and volunteer opportunities, educational options, career pathway maps, and more.

AmeriCorps VISTA member Meredith McNair joined the Hawaii Community Assets - Building Stability in Housing Project to assist Hawaiian Community Development Board in establishing a supply market for accessory dwelling units (ADUs). ADUs were approved as legal housing units by the City and County of Honolulu on September 14, 2015 in response to statistics which cite that Hawaii residents have the lowest annual average pay rates and highest housing costs in the nation. Immediately, Meredith got to work and convened key stakeholders in meetings to launch a pilot project to build five ADUs on Hawaiian Home Lands for impoverished families. In addition, she developed an ADU presentation that was presented by Hawaiian Community Development Board at the Annual Native Hawaiian Housing Caucus, which brought together 54 individuals from the public and private sectors to identify recommendations to address Hawaii's growing homeless crisis. The top recommendation to come out of the Caucus was the support to build 400 ADUs, starting with the 5-unit pilot project envisioned by Meredith.

Senior Corps Foster Grandparent Program

In Fiscal Year 2015, the Hawaii Foster Grandparent Program focused on helping pre-school age children demonstrate gains in social and emotional development. Foster Grandparent volunteers engaged students in learning and advancing their reading comprehension and ability. The volunteers also assisted students in their social and emotional development. Seventy-seven percent of children in pre-school settings including Head Start programs served by a Foster Grandparent volunteer demonstrated gains in their social and emotional development as reported by their teachers. Reflective of this success is the story of Puna (short for Kupuna which means senior) Frank who volunteers at Lanakila Head Start and is beloved by the children, staff, and parents. This past year, Generations United selected Puna Frank as National Senior Volunteer of the Year as a testament to her work supporting intergenerational programs.

Senior Corps RSVP

Kauai RSVP volunteers rallied in support of MLK Day of Service by hosting a school supply drive for Kekaha Elementary School in Lihue. Community members including the mayor and city council members gathered at the Lihue Neighborhood Center to drop off and collect donations. The festivities included the signing of the Mayor's MLK Day Proclamation with special mention to the Kauai RVSP program. The day culminated with over 900 pens, markers, crayons, pencils, and tablets being donated to the 389 students of Kekaha Elementary School.

Senior Corps Senior Companion Program

The Hawaii Senior Companion Program was featured on the evening news on the local CBS affiliate KGMB in Honolulu. The story featured the special relationship between Senior Companion volunteer, Gerrine Budig, and her client, Ellen Corrie. Ms. Corrie is legally blind and says she'd have to go into a nursing home without assistance from Budig. "Words can't really tell you enough how blessed I am because without her, I know I would have to go in a home because I could never manage it all by myself," explains Corrie. The Hawaii Senior Companion Program exceeded its annual performance outcome goal by 191 percent with 67 individuals reporting an increased sense of social support due to the help and assistance of their senior companion volunteer.

AmeriCorps in Hawaii



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of February 22, 2016)	568	28
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	36	6

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Aiea	Aiea, HI DSA R09-1827-HI-LOG-LOG (February 3, 2016 - Current) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - Distribution Center Hawaii	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Aiea	FEMA Region 9-Distribution Center Support-Aiea, HI (March 27 - July 25, 2015) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - Distribution Center Hawaii	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Eleele	Kauai Habitat for Humanity Fencing and Construction Project (January 12, 2016 - Current) Habitat for Humanity - Kauai	11	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Eleele	Kauai HFH (Current) Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.	2	AmeriCorps National
Hilo	Summer Bridge Enrichment Program (Current) Waiakea High School	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Holualoa	Holualoa Elementary School II (Current) Holualoa Elementary School	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Honokaa	Honoka'a High & Intermediate VISTA (Completed) Hawaii Department of Education- Honokaa High	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Honolulu	Building Stability in Housing (Current) Hawaiian Community Assets-AmeriCorps VISTA	7	AmeriCorps VISTA
Honolulu	FEMA-National IMAT Support-Typhoon Dolphin Staging-Honolulu, HI (May 15 - May 18, 2015) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - Region 3 Warehouse Herndon	6	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Honolulu	FoodCorps Hawaii (Current) FoodCorps, Inc.	9	AmeriCorps State Formula
Honolulu	HACBED VISTA Project (Current) Hawaii Alliance for Community Based Economic Development	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Honolulu	Hawaii Youth Conservation Corps (Completed) The Corps Network	-	AmeriCorps National
Honolulu	Hawaii Youth Conservation Corps (Current) Kupu	226	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Honolulu	Hawaiian Community Assets, Inc. - AmeriCorps State II (Current) Hawaiian Community Assets, Inc. - AmeriCorps State	10	AmeriCorps State Formula
Honolulu	HCAP Program Support (Current) Honolulu Community Action Program, Inc.	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Honolulu	HIPPY AMERICORPS (Completed) Keiki O Ka 'Aina Family Learning Centers	22	AmeriCorps State Formula
Honolulu	Honolulu HFH (Current) Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.	1	AmeriCorps National
Honolulu	Kupu, Hawaii Youth Conservation Corps (Current) The Corps Network	15	AmeriCorps National
Honolulu	Olelo Youth Xchange Media Clubs (Current) Olelo Community Media	22	AmeriCorps State Formula
Honolulu	Project Kaulike (Current) Legal Aid Society of Hawaii	18	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Honolulu	SCA AmeriCorps National Direct Hawaii (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
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Honolulu	SWCC Education Program Initiative (Completed) Susannah Wesley Community Center Inc.	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Honolulu	Teach For America - Hawaii (Current) Teach For America	8	AmeriCorps National
Honolulu	Teach For America Hawaii (Current) Teach For America	166	AmeriCorps State Competitive

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Honolulu	University of Hawaii - Office of Research Services (Current) University of Hawaii - Office of Research Services	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Kailua Kona	Kealakehe High School (Current) Kealakehe High School	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Kailua Kona	West Hawaii, HFH (Current) Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.	3	AmeriCorps National
Kalae, Molokai	Interval House National Direct Hawaii 2014 (Current) Interval House Crisis Shelters	4	AmeriCorps National
Kealahou	FarmCorps Hawaii (Current) Friends of Kona Pacific Public Charter School	15	AmeriCorps State Formula
Kilauea	Malama Kauai (Current) Malama Kauai	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Wailuku	Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. AmeriCorps Environmental Pro (Current) Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.	24	AmeriCorps State Formula
Wailuku	Maui Inc, HFH (Current) Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.	1	AmeriCorps National
Waipahu	Leeward District ELL Program: Safe Haven (Current) Leeward District ELL Program	2	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 February 22, 2016)	2,598	6
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	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
Paia	County of Maui RSVP (Current) County of Maui Department of Human Concern	500	RSVP

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

Other Programs in Hawaii



Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Program Type
Honolulu	State Administrative Grant (Current) Hawaii Commission on National & Community Service	State Commission Operations Support