



## National Service in Wyoming



### MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN WYOMING

More than 1,100 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in Wyoming. Serving at more than 180 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 \$3,250,000 to support Wyoming communities through national service and social innovation 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 \$2,340,000 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 200 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across Wyoming. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the ServeWyoming, 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 hunger and illiteracy, improve health services, 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 2,700 Wyoming residents have served more than 2.9 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$6,330,000.

**Senior Corps:** More than 970 seniors in Wyoming 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 1,000 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 550 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 54 groups across Wyoming.

**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 Wyoming, 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 more than \$76,000 in expanding the impact of 1 nonprofit in Wyoming.

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 engages millions of 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 volunteer initiatives across the nation. 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.

# Wyoming At a Glance



<b>AmeriCorps</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants <sup>1</sup>	Education Scholarships <sup>2</sup>	Program Funding
AmeriCorps National	1	2	17	\$25,331	\$3,336 <sup>3</sup>
AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects	2	2	21	-	- <sup>4</sup>
AmeriCorps State Formula	5	12	152	\$313,918	\$704,624
AmeriCorps VISTA	8	26	19	\$110,005	\$293,189
<b>AMERICORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>\$449,253</b>	<b>\$1,001,149</b>
<b>Senior Corps</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	3	86	221	-	\$805,183
RSVP	2	54	653	-	\$362,280
Senior Companion Program	1	24	100	-	\$310,049
<b>SENIOR CORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,477,512</b>
<b>Social Innovation Fund</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Nonprofit Subgrantees	1	-	-	-	\$76,182
<b>SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$76,182</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>24</b>	<b>206 <sup>5</sup></b>	<b>1,183</b>	<b>\$449,253</b>	<b>\$2,804,843</b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (Including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)</b>					<b>\$3,254,097</b>
<b>TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)</b>					<b>\$2,348,054 <sup>6</sup></b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT</b>					<b>\$5,602,150</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.

- <sup>1</sup> This figure represents the number of awarded positions available to be filled in the 2016 - 2017 program year. For AmeriCorps VISTA, this represents the actual number of VISTA members in active service.
- <sup>2</sup> This figure represents the maximum potential value of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards that can be earned by AmeriCorps members serving in Wyoming. 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.
- <sup>3</sup> 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.
- <sup>4</sup> Wyoming is served by the AmeriCorps NCCC campus located in McClellan, California. In the past year, AmeriCorps NCCC teams have served on projects in Lander, Sheridan, Laramie, Jackson.
- <sup>5</sup> The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple CNCS programs are operating.
- <sup>6</sup> 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

ServeWyoming improves lives and strengthens communities through volunteerism. ServeWyoming oversees a portfolio of six AmeriCorps State programs that address critical needs across Wyoming. In 2014-2015, ServeWyoming supported 200 AmeriCorps members who served in 21 of the 23 Wyoming counties in the areas of education, environmental stewardship, economic opportunity, healthy futures, and capacity building. They taught and mentored 3,200 students and youth with academic and development needs, helped sustain Wyoming's natural resources and public lands, built capacity among 1,800 nonprofits, supported 180 military families, and supported 500 victims of domestic violence including providing financial literacy skills. ServeWyoming also serves as a statewide volunteer center known as Volunteer Wyoming. In 2015, more than 22,939 Wyoming citizens used Volunteer Wyoming through volunteer referrals, service events, matching database, pro bono matches, national days of service, volunteer management trainings, and through six Volunteer Guide resources statewide. ServeWyoming also provides training opportunities to nonprofits in search of strategies for recruiting, placing, managing, and recognizing volunteers.

## AmeriCorps State

The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters is to give children who face adversity strong and enduring professionally-supported one-on-one relationships that can change their lives for the better, forever. The AmeriCorps members who serve with Big Brothers Big Sisters advance this mission. They recruit and support new mentors who can improve the lives of Wyoming's youth. In the past year, the Greater Wyoming Big Brothers Big Sisters' AmeriCorps program created more than 300 mentor/youth matches, and every one of those matches has been sustained for at least six months to one year. This creates opportunities for "Littles" to improve in their education expectations, scholastic competency, attitudes, and academic engagement. AmeriCorps members recruited more than 900 volunteers who donated almost 25,000 hours of their time.

The Teton Science Schools' AmeriCorps program develops service members as educators who build the capacity of local nonprofits and governmental agencies, increase scientific literacy in the community, and address the growing need for a scientifically engaged and literate citizenry. AmeriCorps members in the program have worked with organizations in a variety of ways. They have helped the Teton Science Schools' Teton Research Institute collect data on historic fire regimes in the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem, then used their experience and knowledge of fire ecology to create valuable curriculum resources for field education programs. AmeriCorps members created a "Little People's Market" at the Children's Museum to teach youth about local food and sustainable agriculture. They created activities and curriculum for the Teton Raptor Center to develop citizens' skills in raptor identification. In 2015, AmeriCorps members served 17 Teton County organizations and built more than 55 resources that helped the organizations increase their capacity to serve children and families.

## AmeriCorps VISTA

Serving with Campbell County CARE Board in Gillette, AmeriCorps VISTA member Andrica Wall coordinated the planning, facilitating and implementation of the CARE Board's first strategic planning session in more than six years. She developed a board member handbook which is a vital component of their sustainability planning and helped to implement semi-monthly human service agency meetings resulting in a more complete continuum of care for the individuals and families served by these agencies. Wall assisted with the CARE Board's successful Community Services Block Grant funding application. She also helped complete the local annual needs assessment that is geared toward identifying local strengths and weaknesses in the service delivery for low-income and at-risk populations in Campbell County.

AmeriCorps VISTA member Remy Cline served with Lovell, Inc. to develop a food hub in the Big Horn Basin. She wrote a successful \$23,687 specialty crop grant from the State of Wyoming Agriculture Department to provide for the creation of a Resources and Regulatory Guide for Wyoming Specialty Crop Farmers to assist local producers to build sustainable businesses and to make informed decisions when dealing with customers, especially institutions. A significant component of additional research conducted by the AmeriCorps VISTA member unveiled the need for a full engineering study regarding the use of waste heat tapped from the Lovell sugar beet plant to serve a large commercial greenhouse operation. This engineering study was conducted by the University of Wyoming - Building Energy Research Group. Discussions are underway with Western Sugar about developing a Memorandum of Understanding in order to maintain momentum and partnership on this signature project. According to Dave Reetz, executive director of Lovell, Inc., "The good work done so far would not have been possible without VISTA. It will be effectively utilized for the future benefit of low income individuals and low income communities throughout Wyoming."

## AmeriCorps NCCC

During the summer of 2015, an AmeriCorps NCCC team was brought into Sheridan to support the local YMCA. The Sheridan County YMCA serves 67 percent of the county as a common community center. The team was asked to serve alongside camp counselors at multiple summer camps in order to provide more attention to campers. The Sheridan County YMCA has limited funding and growing demands on their facilities. AmeriCorps NCCC provided programming support and completed maintenance projects that the YMCA staff may not have been able to complete. Through diligent service, the team was able to provide a great camp experience for the children of Sheridan County and a great camp environment for the children staying at The YMCA Camp of The Bighorns: Camp Roberts.

Late on the evening of June 3rd, 2015, flash flooding hit the communities of Manville, then Lusk. No lives were lost, but roughly 100 homes and businesses were affected, with 35 buildings sustaining major damage or being completely destroyed. An AmeriCorps NCCC team was called in to support the disaster response operation. The team helped manage the Volunteer Reception Center and the donation center. Members coordinated volunteers, collected and distributed food and clothing, and removed debris. Members made themselves available to listen to local residents when they needed to talk about their experience, and shared information about resources that would be beneficial to their specific situations. The AmeriCorps NCCC team played an important role in the rural community's immediate response to the disaster.

## Senior Corps Foster Grandparent Program

Foster Grandparent Joan Peters was one of this year's four finalists for the Wyoming Jefferson Award. According to Indian Paintbrush Elementary teachers, the kids don't just see her as helping some students, they see her as an actual grandparent and the glue that holds the school together. Grandma Joan has served for more than 15 years and even has her own school parking spot! The three Foster Grandparent programs in Wyoming cover 17 of the 23 counties. Last year, 196 Foster Grandparents served 152,982 hours with 1,515 children in 72 schools and nonprofit youth organizations. These Foster Grandparents mentored and tutored 895 K-12 students that demonstrated improved academic performance in literacy and/or math, 241 Pre-K students that demonstrated gains in social and/or emotional development, 78 students in after-school programs, and 64 children in domestic violence and homeless shelters. In recognition of the Foster Grandparent Program's 50th Anniversary, Senator John Barrasso wrote, "Every day you and your fellow volunteer grandparents dedicate gifts of time, wisdom, and compassion to our youth. As you guide, educate, and counsel these children, know that you are making important and worthwhile contributions to our state."

## Senior Corps RSVP

Stanford University's Chronic Disease Self-Management Program Training will now be implemented in all 50 states, including Wyoming, following a training of RSVP volunteers in Cheyenne. Five of Cheyenne Housing Authority's RSVP volunteers and staff and several community partners including staff from the University of Wyoming completed an extensive 5-day training and became certified as Master Trainers. The trainer RSVP volunteers will each conduct at least two 6-week workshops for the first time in Wyoming, and will train additional RSVP volunteers including volunteers serving with the Natrona County's RSVP in Casper, to conduct trainings and become workshop leaders within their 13 counties and Wind River Indian Reservation service area. The Stanford University CDSMP is an evidence-based program that uses state-of-the-art techniques to help veterans, low-income individuals, seniors and others with chronic conditions address issues related to the management and treatment of their condition, build self-confidence, improve their health status, and reduce their need for more costly medical care.

## Senior Corps Senior Companion Program

Last year 95 low-income Senior Companions served 62,371 hours one-on-one with 813 at-risk seniors and individuals with disabilities across the State of Wyoming through 29 nonprofit organizations and agencies. Of those, 50 of the 95 Senior Companions were veterans serving 190 veteran clients, helping to retain their independence and delay use of Medicaid funds for nursing home placement. The average daily cost of care in a nursing home is \$72,635 per year. For those 813 seniors the cost would have been at least \$59 million. The annual cost to operate SCP in Wyoming is \$496,424 including federal funding and local match, meaning the potential costs savings is more than \$58 million. One Senior Companion client wrote, "I truly want to thank you all for this fabulous program. I am 80 years old, don't have a car and am house-bound except for your program. It is a life saver to me, truly. I get to go to the grocery store and pick out my own food; go to the bank; just get out and see people again. I was very depressed before I found out about the Senior Companion. God Bless and please keep on helping us to stay happy and at home".

## Social Innovation Fund

The Social Innovation Fund (SIF) transforms lives by using evidence to find what works and make it work for more people. The SIF Classic and SIF Pay for Success programs harness the expertise of grant-making intermediaries to identify, evaluate and expand effective nonprofits serving low-income communities across America. As of September 2015 the John A Hartford Foundation SIF program in Wyoming has served over 450 beneficiaries by providing health services in rural communities, in addition to other achievements. Community Health Center of Central Wyoming provided mental health services 482 beneficiaries. The Social Innovation Fund is investing in expanding the impact on one nonprofit in Wyoming.

# AmeriCorps in Wyoming



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of February 10, 2017)	209	16
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	120	12

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Casper	Natrona County VITA (January 14, 2017 - Current) United Way of Natrona County	11	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Cheyenne	Equal Justice Wyoming (Current) Wyoming Center for Legal Aid	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Cokeville	Town of Cokeville, Community Development (Current) Town of Cokeville, Community Development	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Gillette	Campbell County Community Development (Completed) Campbell County CARE Board	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Green River	City of Green River (Current) City of Green River	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Green River	Southwest Wyoming Recovery Access Programs II (Completed) Southwest Wyoming Recovery Access Programs	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Jackson	Alpine Meadows Construction Project (January 14, 2017 - Current) Habitat for Humanity - The Greater Teton Area	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Jackson	Building Capacity for Out-of-school STEM Learning (Current) Teton Science Schools	48	AmeriCorps State Formula
Jackson	Latino Resource Center AmeriCorps (Completed) Latino Resource Center	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Jackson	Youth Program Summer Facility Project Support (April 27 - May 24, 2016) City Kids Wilderness Camp	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Lander	Lander Area Flooding Recovery (November 4 - November 30, 2016) Wyoming VOAD	13	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Laramie	Action Resources International III (Completed) Action Resources International	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Laramie	Action Resources International IV (Current) Action Resources International	6	AmeriCorps VISTA
Laramie	BBBS Sited Based Mentoring (Current) Greater Wyoming Big Brothers Big Sisters	32	AmeriCorps State Formula
Laramie	Laramie Valley Food Access Program Support (March 23 - May 24, 2016) Feeding Laramie Valley	12	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Laramie	Wyoming Advocate Corps (Current) Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	12	AmeriCorps State Formula
Laramie	Wyoming Conservation Corps (Completed) University of Wyoming **	24	AmeriCorps State Formula
Laramie	Wyoming Conservation Corps (Current) University of Wyoming **	40	AmeriCorps State Formula
Lovell	Food Hub (Current) Lovell Inc	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Moose	SCA WY (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	17	AmeriCorps National
Moose	SCA Wyoming (Completed) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	46	AmeriCorps National
Powell	PEP Entrepreneurship Institute (Completed) Powell Economic Partnership, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Rock Springs	Rock Springs Young At Heart (Current) Rock Springs Young At Heart	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Sheridan	Dementia Friendly Sheridan (Current) Senior Citizens Council	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Sheridan	Sheridan and Johnson Counties Affordable Home Construction (January 12 - March 15, 2016) Habitat for Humanity - Eastern Bighorns	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects

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CURRENT (as of February 10, 2017)	209	16
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	120	12

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Sundance	SCA Veterans Fire Corps Wyoming (Completed) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	7	AmeriCorps National
Worland	Absaroka Head Start (Current) Absaroka, Inc.	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Worland	Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentoring (Current) Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Northwest Wyoming	20	AmeriCorps State Formula

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 Wyoming



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
CURRENT (as of February 10, 2017)	974	6
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	0	0

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Casper	Prairie Mountain RSVP (Current) Community Action Partnership of Natrona County	325	RSVP
Cheyenne	Cheyenne/ Southeast Wyoming FGP (Current) Peak Wellness Center, Inc.	78	Foster Grandparent Program
Cheyenne	Southern Wyoming Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (Current) Cheyenne Housing Authority	328	RSVP
Cheyenne	Wyoming State SCP (Current) Wyoming Senior Citizens, Inc.	100	Senior Companion Program
Laramie	Foster Grandparents of the Wyoming Rockies (Current) Action Resources International	46	Foster Grandparent Program
Riverton	Wyoming Senior Citizens, Inc. (Current) Wyoming Senior Citizens, Inc.	97	Foster Grandparent Program

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 Wyoming

Program HQ Location	Nonprofit Subgrantee Name	Description
Casper, WY	<p data-bbox="310 331 435 359"><i>Intermediary</i></p> <p data-bbox="310 394 735 447">Community Health Center of Central Wyoming The John Hartford Foundation</p>	<p data-bbox="891 394 1547 867">The John A. Hartford Foundation plans to disseminate the IMPACT model of depression treatment through community health clinics as subgrantees to serve low-income, rural communities in Wyoming, Washington, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho. The IMPACT model is a collaborative care approach in which a primary care provider (PCP) and care manager team, along with a psychiatric consultant, provide treatment for depression. The care managers and PCPs retain primary responsibility for treatment and receive advice from the psychiatric consultant when patients are not improving. The key anticipated outcomes for the SIF IMPACT evaluation include the following: 1) Increased access to effective depression treatment for low-income patients in rural areas; 2) Decreased depression and improved social and occupational functioning among these patients; and 3) Improved economic well-being of individuals and families served including: a) Reduction of costs related to health care expenditures; b) Improvements in employment and related income; and c) Reduction in care-related costs for depression that are borne by family members.</p>

# Other Programs in Wyoming



Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Program Type
Casper	Commission Administrative Grant (Current) ServeWyoming - Wyoming Commission on National and Community Service	State Commission Operations Support