

National Service in Mississippi

Year in Review

MEETING NEEDS IN MISSISSIPPI

Last year more than 2,400 Americans of all ages and backgrounds met local needs, strengthened communities, and expanded economic opportunity through national service in Mississippi. The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) invested more than \$18.9 million to support cost-effective community solutions, working hand in hand with local partners to empower citizens to solve problems. AmeriCorps members and Senior Corps volunteers are preparing today's students for tomorrow's jobs, reducing crime and reviving cities, connecting veterans to services, fighting the opioid epidemic, helping seniors live independently, and rebuilding communities after disasters.

National service participants served at more than 400 locations across Mississippi, including schools, food banks, homeless shelters, health clinics, youth centers, veterans facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based organizations. Through a unique public-private partnership, CNCS, its grantees, and project sponsors generated more than \$6.0 million in outside resources from businesses, foundations, public agencies, and other sources in FY 2017. This local support strengthened community impact and increased the return on taxpayer dollars.

AMERICORPS



Last year, more than 1,200 AmeriCorps members met pressing local needs across Mississippi, making a lasting impact in communities while gaining valuable skills and experience to advance their careers. AmeriCorps members serve through one of three programs:

- **AmeriCorps State & National** engages men and women in intensive service at thousands of locations across the country through nonprofits, schools, public agencies, tribes, and community and faith-based groups. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service, the Governor-appointed State Service Commission, which in turn awards grants to organizations to respond to local needs.
- **AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America)** taps the skills, talents, and passion of Americans of all ages to support community efforts to overcome poverty.
- **AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps)** is a full-time, team-based residential program for 18-24 year-olds. Members develop leadership skills by serving in public safety, environment, and disaster projects. FEMA Corps, a unit of NCCC, focuses solely on disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.

In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award that can be used to pay for trade school, college, or graduate school; or to pay back qualified student loans. Since 1994, more than 15,000 Mississippi residents have served approximately 32 million hours and earned education awards totaling more than \$60.3 million.

SENIOR CORPS



Senior Corps taps the skills, talents, and experience of Americans age 55 and over to meet a wide range of community challenges. Last year, more than 1,200 Mississippi seniors met critical community needs while contributing to longer, healthier lives through one of three Senior Corps programs:

- **Foster Grandparents** serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to young people with exceptional needs.
- **Senior Companions** help homebound seniors and other adults maintain independence primarily 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.

Last year in Mississippi, Foster Grandparents tutored and mentored 2,300 young people, Senior Companions helped 300 seniors live independently, and RSVP volunteers strengthened the impact of 100 organizations across the state.

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	Disaster Services
	Economic & Workforce Development
	Education
	Energy & Conservation
	Health & Aging
	Veterans and Military Families

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At a Glance Report

AmeriCorps	Projects	Service Locations	Completed Participants	Education Scholarships	Federal Funding
AmeriCorps National	16	93	212	\$1,126,954	\$371,910
AmeriCorps NCCC	14	15	142	-	-
AmeriCorps NCCC Campus	-	-	320	\$1,860,800	\$6,322,112
AmeriCorps State	11	95	434	\$1,519,720	\$3,131,844
AmeriCorps VISTA	14	46	120	\$499,925	\$1,401,067
Federal Partnerships	3	3	3	\$17,405	-
AMERICORPS TOTAL	58	252	1,231	\$5,024,804	\$11,226,934
Senior Corps	Projects	Service Locations	Completed Participants	Education Scholarships	Federal Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	5	45	279	-	\$1,512,344
RSVP	6	102	837	-	\$211,067
Senior Companion Program	2	15	86	-	\$352,810
SENIOR CORPS TOTAL	13	162	1,202	-	\$2,076,221
Other Funding	Projects	Service Locations	Completed Participants	Education Scholarships	Federal Funding
Martin Luther King Day	1	-	-	-	\$1,000
September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance	2	-	-	-	\$2,000
State Commission Investment Funds	1	-	-	-	\$110,095
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$250,000
Volunteer Generation Fund	1	-	-	-	\$217,500
OTHER FUNDING TOTAL	6	-	-	-	\$580,595
PROGRAM TOTALS	77	414	2,433	\$5,024,804	\$13,883,750
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Education Scholarships)					\$18,908,553
TOTAL LOCAL PROJECT SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)					\$6,033,932
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROJECT SUPPORT					\$24,942,485

National service programs continue to improve lives and communities in Mississippi, with 1,025 AmeriCorps member and 1,135 Senior Corps volunteers currently serving.

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AmeriCorps

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Biloxi	Diocese of Biloxi University of Notre Dame	AmeriCorps National	2	5	\$28,875	\$4,383	5
Biloxi	Gulf Coast Veterans Golden Age Games (April 29 - May 14, 2017) Gulf Coast Veterans Golden Age Games	AmeriCorps NCCC	1	19	-	-	-
Canton	Canton Housing Authority Canton Housing Authority	AmeriCorps VISTA	-	-	-	-	1
Clarksdale	Clarksdale Area Habitat for Humanity Delta Regional Authority	Federal Partnerships	1	1	\$5,815	-	-
Clarksdale	Spring Initiative Delta Regional Authority	Federal Partnerships	-	-	-	-	2
Cleveland	Delta Reads Partnership AmeriCorps Program Center for Community Development, Delta State University	AmeriCorps State	8	14	\$40,545	\$94,852	14
Cleveland	Mississippi Delta Service Corps/AmeriCorps*VISTA Center for Community Development, Delta State University	AmeriCorps VISTA	8	24	\$79,884	\$222,798	3
Columbia	Rural Local Initiatives Support Corporation	AmeriCorps National	1	1	\$5,815	\$11,439	1
Columbus	Lowndes County "Healthy Living Initiative" Columbus Arts Council	AmeriCorps VISTA	8	16	\$93,170	\$259,058	10
Flowood	American Red Cross - Mississippi Points of Light Foundation	AmeriCorps National	1	1	\$2,888	\$6,407	-
Gautier	SCA Mississippi Student Conservation Association, Inc.	AmeriCorps National	1	1	\$5,730	\$760	-
Gautier	SCA MS Student Conservation Association, Inc.	AmeriCorps National	1	1	\$5,775	\$760	3
Gautier	SCA Veterans Conservation Legacy	AmeriCorps National	1	11	\$16,806	\$35,212	-
Gautier	SCA Veterans 2017-2018 Conservation Legacy	AmeriCorps National	-	-	-	-	3
Greenville	Mound Clearing (April 1 - April 19, 2017) Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH)	AmeriCorps NCCC	1	9	-	-	-
Greenville	Rural Local Initiatives Support Corporation	AmeriCorps National	-	-	-	-	1
Grenada	The Grenada School District AmeriCorps Program Grenada School District	AmeriCorps State	3	31	\$179,185	\$367,943	26
Gulfport	Anti-Hunger and Opportunity Corps Hunger Free America	AmeriCorps VISTA	-	-	-	-	1
Gulfport	Habitat for Humanity International Habitat for Humanity International-2012	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	1	\$5,815	\$16,125	-
Gulfport	Mississippi Gulf Coast, Inc., HFH of the Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.	AmeriCorps National	1	1	\$5,775	\$13,300	-
Gulfport	Rural Local Initiatives Support Corporation	AmeriCorps National	-	-	-	-	1
Gulfport	Workforce Training Institute AmeriCorps Gulf Coast Climb Community Development Corporation	AmeriCorps State	1	20	\$31,926	\$75,401	17
Gulfport	YouthBuild Gulf Coast YouthBuild USA, Inc	AmeriCorps National	-	-	-	-	13

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Hattiesburg	Campus Link AmeriCorps University of Southern Mississippi	AmeriCorps State	7	65	\$140,491	\$332,713	53
Hattiesburg	TRIAD AmeriCorps University of Southern Mississippi	AmeriCorps State	2	38	\$86,776	\$193,107	27
Jackson	America Reads-Mississippi Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning	AmeriCorps State	31	106	\$566,441	\$1,229,260	82
Jackson	American Red Cross Capacity Project American Red Cross of Mississippi	AmeriCorps VISTA	5	5	\$29,075	\$80,625	3
Jackson	Assisting with the Eco Ambassador Program (October 24 - December 15, 2017) Keep Jackson Beautiful, Incorporated	AmeriCorps NCCC	1	11	-	-	-
Jackson	City of Jackson AmeriCorps Program City of Jackson	AmeriCorps State	8	17	\$98,175	\$206,329	-
Jackson	Environmental and Energy Efficiency Assessments of Homes (March 31, 2018 - Current) Center for Social Entrepreneurship	AmeriCorps NCCC	-	-	-	-	8
Jackson	Environmental Education Learning Environments (January 5 - February 6, 2018) Jackson Zoological Society	AmeriCorps NCCC	2	16	-	-	-
Jackson	FoodCorps, Mississippi FoodCorps, Inc.	AmeriCorps State	10	12	\$69,380	\$149,400	7
Jackson	Genesis & Light's Educational Assistance Mentoring Project Genesis and Light Center	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	20	\$47,495	\$132,344	4
Jackson	Harvest Against Hunger Rotary First Harvest	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	1	\$5,815	\$16,125	1
Jackson	Jackson Community Garden Initiative (March 1 - April 19, 2017) Keep Jackson Beautiful, Incorporated	AmeriCorps NCCC	1	11	-	-	-
Jackson	Jackson Zoo Delta Regional Authority	Federal Partnerships	1	1	\$5,775	-	1
Jackson	Mississippi Center for Justice EOLC Equal Justice Works	AmeriCorps National	1	2	\$6,997	\$14,537	1
Jackson	Mississippi River Basin Model Clean Up (March 22, 2018 - Current) Friends of Mississippi River Basin Model	AmeriCorps NCCC	-	-	-	-	9
Jackson	Nonprofits Database (March 13, 2018 - Current) Mississippi Center for Nonprofits	AmeriCorps NCCC	-	-	-	-	6
Jackson	Preparing New Site for Community Center (March 26, 2018 - Current) Genesis and Light Center	AmeriCorps NCCC	-	-	-	-	9
Jackson	Public Allies Mississippi Public Allies, Inc.	AmeriCorps National	9	16	\$92,400	\$201,760	7
Jackson	Supporting Mississippi Children's Home Services (February 23 - April 19, 2017) Canopy Children's Solutions	AmeriCorps NCCC	1	9	-	-	-
Jackson	Tougaloo College Community Health Corps VISTA Tougaloo College	AmeriCorps VISTA	-	-	-	-	1

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Jackson	Veterans serving our Military Community Northtown CDC	AmeriCorps State	11	13	\$75,075	\$172,549	-
Jackson	Volunteer Mississippi (May 22 - June 2, 2017) Volunteer Mississippi	AmeriCorps NCCC	1	6	-	-	-
Leland	Delta Health Alliance Delta Regional Authority	Federal Partnerships	1	1	\$5,815	-	1
Lexington	Community Students Learning Center Community Students Learning Center	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	4	\$23,180	\$65,558	2
Macon	Teach, Enrich, Assist & Repair (TEAR) Project (January 5 - February 6, 2018) Mennonite Service Center, Inc.	AmeriCorps NCCC	1	8	-	-	-
Meridian	LCHFH Project Hope: Home repairs for veterans (January 5 - February 6, 2018) Habitat for Humanity- Lauderdale County	AmeriCorps NCCC	1	10	-	-	-
Mississippi State	Maroon Volunteer Center Mississippi State University	AmeriCorps VISTA	2	7	\$40,585	\$114,462	13
Oxford	Teach For America - Mississippi Teach For America	AmeriCorps National	62	155	\$895,125	\$77,500	-
Oxford	Teach For America - Mississippi Delta Teach For America	AmeriCorps National	8	8	\$46,520	\$4,000	101
Ridgeland	COOL Education Project Scientific Research (SR1)	AmeriCorps State	8	39	\$135,026	\$296,914	15
Shelby	Anti-Hunger and Opportunity Corps Hunger Free America	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	1	\$5,775	\$16,654	1
Shelby	Hunger Free America Hunger Free America	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	2	\$2,461	\$6,825	-
Starkville	Veterans & Low-Income Outreach Program Oktibbeha/Starkville Emergency Response Volunteer Services	AmeriCorps VISTA	2	4	\$23,220	\$65,029	-
Tupelo	MCC VISTA Career Connect Mississippi Corridor Consortium - Itawamba Community College	AmeriCorps VISTA	2	4	\$23,220	\$65,029	-
University	North Mississippi VISTA Project at UM University of Mississippi	AmeriCorps VISTA	12	30	\$114,454	\$323,780	13
University	UM College Corps University of Mississippi	AmeriCorps State	6	79	\$96,699	\$13,376	49
Vanceleave	American Red Cross Mississippi Region Points of Light Foundation	AmeriCorps National	-	-	-	-	1
Vicksburg	Affiliate Stewards Conservation Legacy	AmeriCorps Affiliate	-	-	-	-	1
Vicksburg	Building a Veteran Transition Center in Vicksburg, MS (November 18 - December 15, 2017) Vicksburg-Warren Veteran Transition Center	AmeriCorps NCCC	1	10	-	-	-
Vicksburg	CL Environmental Stewards The Corps Network	AmeriCorps National	1	1	\$1,538	\$195	-
Vicksburg	Fall Housing Rehab Project with City of Vicksburg (January 5 - February 6, 2018) City of Vicksburg	AmeriCorps NCCC	2	8	-	-	-
Vicksburg	Fall Rehabilitation Project (August 21 - August 28, 2017) City of Vicksburg	AmeriCorps NCCC	4	11	-	-	-

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Vicksburg	Members at the Southern Region campus of AmeriCorps NCCC perform service projects throughout MS, AL, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, and WV.	AmeriCorps NCCC Campus	-	320	\$1,860,800	\$6,322,112	-
Vicksburg	Repair & Rehabilitate Homes for Low Income & Elderly Residents (April 10 - April 19, 2017) City of Vicksburg	AmeriCorps NCCC	1	9	-	-	-
Vicksburg	Restoring Historic Resources in a National Park (March 12, 2018 - Current) National Park Service - Vicksburg National Military Park	AmeriCorps NCCC	-	-	-	-	8
Vicksburg	SCA GA Student Conservation Association, Inc.	AmeriCorps National	1	2	\$2,461	\$322	-
Vicksburg	SCA TN Student Conservation Association, Inc.	AmeriCorps National	1	3	\$3,692	\$483	-
Vicksburg	SCA TX Student Conservation Association, Inc.	AmeriCorps National	1	3	\$3,692	\$483	-
Vicksburg	The Power in YOUth (March 1 - April 19, 2017) The Exchange Club of Vicksburg Child and Parent Center, Inc.	AmeriCorps NCCC	1	5	-	-	-
Wesson	FIRST AmeriCorps VISTA FIRST	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	1	\$5,775	\$16,654	-
Wiggins	Community Training Works The Corps Network	AmeriCorps National	1	1	\$2,865	\$369	-
AMERICORPS TOTAL			256	1,231	\$5,024,804	\$11,226,934	525

Senior Corps

City	Project Name Sponsor Organization	Program Type	Service Locations	Completed Participants	Education Scholarships	Federal Funding	Current Participants
Biloxi	RSVP of Mobile County Mobile County Commission	RSVP	1	3	-	-	3
Clarksdale	Coahoma Opportunities RSVP Coahoma Opportunities Inc.	RSVP	11	120	-	\$40,000	108
Ellisville	Foster Grandparent Program of the Pine Belt Laurel-Jones County Council on Aging	Foster Grandparent Program	4	88	-	\$533,560	88
Gulfport	Harrison County RSVP Harrison County Human Resource Agency	RSVP	37	250	-	\$61,531	250
Gulfport	Harrison County Senior Companion Program Harrison County Human Resource Agency	Senior Companion Program	12	44	-	\$177,003	41
Hattiesburg	FGP of Hattiesburg Area Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District, Inc.	Foster Grandparent Program	-	-	-	-	40
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Hernando	DeSoto RSVP Porter Leath Children Center	RSVP	14	55	-	-	44
Indianola	Ms River Delta FGP Save the Children Field Office (AR)	Foster Grandparent Program	2	17	-	\$100,449	20

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Meridian	Lauderdale County FGP Multi-County Community Service Agency	Foster Grandparent Program	-	-	-	-	90
Meridian	RSVP Meridian/Lauderdale County United Way of East Mississippi	RSVP	23	184	-	\$63,690	184
Oxford	Lafayette County FGP Oxford/Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce	Foster Grandparent Program	14	64	-	\$384,192	84
Oxford	Lafayette County RSVP Oxford Park Commission	RSVP	16	225	-	\$45,846	45
Pascagoula	MDHS Jackson County Senior Companion Program Division of Aging & Adult Service1	Senior Companion Program	3	42	-	\$175,807	38
Pearl	FGP of the Capital Area Mental Health Association of the Capital Area	Foster Grandparent Program	20	71	-	\$314,743	-
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Waveland	Hancock County RSVP City of Waveland1	RSVP	-	-	-	-	48
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Other Funding

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Indianola	Gentry High School Youth Service America	September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance	-	-	-	\$1,000	-
Inverness	Inverness Elementary School Youth Service America	Martin Luther King Day	-	-	-	\$1,000	-
Jackson	Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service	State Commission Investment Funds	-	-	-	\$110,095	-
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Jackson	Mississippi Volunteer Center Network Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service	Volunteer Generation Fund	-	-	-	\$217,500	-
Ruleville	Ruleville Central High School Youth Service America	September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance	-	-	-	\$1,000	-
OTHER FUNDING TOTAL			-	-	-	\$580,595	-

PROGRAM TOTALS

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