## National Service in Arkansas 2023 INVESTMENT REPORT











### Arkansas by the Numbers



1,709



Service Locations



Total Investment

## **Meeting Needs in Arkansas**

Working hand in hand with local partners, AmeriCorps is investing more than \$13.4 million in federal funding to support cost-effective community solutions in Arkansas. This federal funding enables more than 1,700 Americans of all ages and backgrounds united to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and expand opportunity through national service in Arkansas.

AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers are preparing today's students for tomorrow's jobs, helping communities and families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, connecting veterans to services, fighting the opioid epidemic, helping seniors live independently, rebuilding communities after disasters, and leading conservation and climate change efforts.

AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serve at more than 250 locations across Arkansas, 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, AmeriCorps and its partners generated more than \$5.2 million in outside resources from businesses, foundations, public agencies, and other sources in Arkansas last year. This local support strengthened community impact and increased the return on taxpayer dollars.

## What is AmeriCorps?

AmeriCorps is the federal agency for national service and volunteerism. We provide opportunities for Americans of all backgrounds to serve their country, address the nation's most pressing challenges, improve lives and communities, and strengthen civic engagement.



### in America

More than 200,000 AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serve each year, empowering millions more to meet needs in their communities. By bringing people together to serve communities, AmeriCorps is making service to others an indispensable part of the American experience.

## Segal AmeriCorps Segal AmeriCorps

After successful completion of service, AmeriCorps members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award to pay for qualified educational costs. Since 1994, more than 11,000 Arkansas residents have served approximately 18 million million hours and earned education awards totaling more than \$37.8 million. Higher education institutions and other organizations in Arkansas have received more than \$16.9 million in education award payments since 1994.

## National Service in Arkansas 2023 YEAR IN REVIEW



### **Our Programs and Initiatives**

AmeriCorps State and National awards grants to organizations to engage individuals in sustained service to address local, regional, and national challenges. Thousands of opportunities exist in locations across the country to serve with nonprofits, schools, public agencies, tribes, and community and faith-based groups. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to EngageAR Arkansas Service Commission, the Governor-appointed State Service Commission, which in turn awards grants to organizations to respond to local needs.

Public Health AmeriCorps supports the recruitment, training, and development of the next generation of public health leaders who will be ready to respond to the nation's health needs. In partnership with the Centers for Disease Control, Public Health AmeriCorps advances more equitable health outcomes, creates pathways to quality careers, and recruits members who reflect the communities they serve.

**AmeriCorps VISTA** places individuals with nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and tribal governments to expand reach and deepen impact in making sustainable change that alleviates the impact of poverty. Through fundraising, volunteer recruitment, program development, and more, AmeriCorps members gain experience and leadership skills that put them on track for a life of service in the public, private, or nonprofit sector.

**AmeriCorps NCCC** is a full-time, team-based, residential program for 18-26-year-olds. Whether building homes for families in need or accelerating our nation's capacity to respond to a crisis, AmeriCorps NCCC members engage in a variety of community identified projects during their service term, while developing leadership, teamwork, and professional skills. AmeriCorps NCCC FEMA Corps serves communities, in coordination with FEMA, through disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.

AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparents provides grants to organizations to engage low-income Americans aged 55 and older in providing one-on-one mentoring and academic support to children with special or exceptional needs. In 2022, Foster Grandparents in Arkansas served more than 1,600 young people with special needs.

AmeriCorps Seniors Senior Companions provides grants to organizations to engage low-income Americans aged 55 and older in providing supportive, individualized services to help homebound seniors and other adults maintain their dignity and independence. In 2022, Seniors Companions in Arkansas provided independent living support to more than 140 individuals.

AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP provides grants to organizations to engage Americans aged 55 and older in tutoring and mentoring youth, responding to natural disasters, supporting veterans and their families, and meeting other critical needs.

Volunteer Generation Fund supports voluntary organizations and state service commissions in boosting the impact of volunteers in addressing critical community needs.

MLK Day of Service is observed each year on the third Monday in January. It is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to deepen ties to communities, expand racial equity, and solidify service to others as a national commitment.

9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance calls Americans across the country to volunteer in their local communities in tribute to the individuals lost and injured in the attacks, first responders, and the many who have risen in service to defend freedom since Sept. 11, 2001.

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## **Program Funding**

	<b>Projects</b>	Service Locations	<b>Participants</b>	<b>Education Awards</b>	Federal Funding
AmeriCorps National	5	47	107	\$1,428,587	\$1,332,651
AmeriCorps State	11	69	352	\$811,708	\$2,260,736
AmeriCorps VISTA	20	42	187	\$761,791	\$2,649,889
Public Health AmeriCorps	3	2	14	\$60,994	\$228,044
AmeriCorps Programs Subtotal	39	160	660	\$3,063,080	\$6,471,320
	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	<b>Education Awards</b>	Federal Funding
AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Program	4	71	230	-	\$1,639,383
AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP	4	37	704	-	\$559,650
AmeriCorps Seniors Senior Companion Program	1	4	81	-	\$728,586
AmeriCorps Seniors Senior Demonstration Program	1	6	34	-	\$149,304
AmeriCorps Seniors Programs Subtotal	10	118	1,049	-	\$3,076,923
Other Funding					

	Projects	Service Locations	<b>Participants</b>	<b>Education Awards</b>	Federal Funding
AmeriCorps State Planning Grant	1	-	-	-	\$56,204
State Commission Investment Funds	1	-	-	-	\$406,471
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$295,000
Subtotal	3			-	\$757,675
Total Program Funding					\$10,305,918
Total AmeriCorps Funding Including Education Av	vards				\$13,368,997
Total Local Project Support (Non-AmeriCorps Res	sources)				\$5,202,019
Total AmeriCorps Funding + Total Local Proje	ct Support				\$18,571,016

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## **Program Funding**

City	Project Name Sponsor Organization	Program Type	Service Locations	Participants	Education Awards	Federal Funding
Harrison	SCA AR THE STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION, INC.	AmeriCorps National	3	3	\$14,063	\$632
Little Rock	City Year Little Rock - NATL CITY YEAR, INC.	AmeriCorps National	7	55	\$683,046	\$1,195,080
Little Rock	Arkansas Dream Center Equal Heart	AmeriCorps National	1	3	\$19,892	\$26,467
Little Rock	Teach For America - Greater Delta: Mississippi and Arkansas TEACH FOR AMERICA INC	AmeriCorps National	35	40	\$678,490	-
McGehee	Boys and Girls Club McGehee Equal Heart	AmeriCorps National	1	6	\$33,096	\$110,472
Conway	University of Central Arkansas BearsServe Leaders University of Central Arkansas	AmeriCorps State	11	31	\$56,546	\$177,143
Fort Smith	ARC&D Full Circle FarmCorps Arkansas Resource Conservation and Development Council	AmeriCorps State	6	25	\$120,663	\$386,223
Fort Smith	Jumpstart Arkansas University of Arkansas-Fort Smith	AmeriCorps State	7	38	\$55,452	\$173,647
Jonesboro	Neighborhood Red Wolves Community Engagement Program Arkansas State University	AmeriCorps State	3	28	\$40,859	\$128,000
Little Rock	Arkansas Reads Adult Learning Alliance, Inc.	AmeriCorps State	10	25	\$73,875	\$230,740
Little Rock	Pfeifer Camp KIWANIS ACTIVITIES OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS INC	AmeriCorps State	2	22	\$66,907	\$209,520
Little Rock	Our House, Inc Our House, Inc	AmeriCorps State	1	35	\$106,745	\$277,314
Monticello	AR Smart Start AmeriCorps Tutoring Southeast Arkansas Education SEAEC	AmeriCorps State	12	56	\$83,436	\$277,401
Monticello	Arkansas AmeriCorps Future Teacher Initiative Southeast Arkansas Education SEAEC	AmeriCorps State	8	32	\$70,409	\$8,160
Morrilton	Community Service, Inc. Tutoring/Mentoring Program Conway County Community Service, Inc.	AmeriCorps State	6	39	\$81,357	\$254,888
North Little Rock	Every Arkansan, Inc. Every Arkansan, Inc.	AmeriCorps State	3	21	\$55,458	\$137,700
Conway	Creative Institute of Central Arkansas Creative Institute of Central Arkansas	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	3	\$21,185	\$74,222
Conway	Pediatrics Plus Community Connections Pediatrics Plus Community Connections	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	5	\$35,975	\$132,306



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Conway	University of Central Arkansas VISTA Program University of Central Arkansas	AmeriCorps VISTA	3	6	\$8,756	\$28,686
El Dorado	RISE Initiative and E3RPlus Literacy Coalition-South Central Arkansas	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	7	\$50,265	\$183,938
Fayetteville	In-Home Tutoring for Refugees Canopy NWA	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	1	\$6,895	\$22,590
Fayetteville	Peace at Home Capacity Building Project Peace at Home Family Shelter	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	3	\$20,685	\$67,770
Fayetteville	University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES	AmeriCorps VISTA	10	16	\$114,320	\$413,056
Fayetteville	Volunteer Action Center and Full Circle program development University of Arkansas System	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	6	\$19,627	\$64,304
Little Rock	Better Community Development, Inc. Better Community Development Inc	AmeriCorps VISTA	2	4	\$29,580	\$116,168
Little Rock	Anti-Hunger Corps Hunger Free America, Inc	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	1	\$6,895	\$22,590
Little Rock	JA Arkansas: Moving At-Risk Youth from Poverty to Prosperity Junior Achievement of Arkansas	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	3	\$20,685	\$67,770
Little Rock	Central Arkansas Library System Little Rock, City Of	AmeriCorps VISTA	5	6	\$14,691	\$52,947
Little Rock	Educating, Equipping, and Empowering Homeless Families in AR Our House, Inc	AmeriCorps VISTA	2	20	\$51,428	\$173,307
Little Rock	Program Support for United Cerebral Palsy of Arkansas United Cerebral Palsy of Central Arkansas, Inc.	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	1	\$7,395	\$29,042
Little Rock	Urban League of the State of Arkansas Urban League of the State of Arkansas Inc	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	1	\$7,395	\$29,042
Lowell	United Way of Northwest Arkansas, Inc. II United Way of Northwest Arkansas, Inc.	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	5	\$34,475	\$112,950
Magnolia	Southern Arkansas University VISTA Southern Arkansas University	AmeriCorps VISTA	6	92	\$262,274	\$888,168
Marvell	BOYS GIRLS ADULT COMMUNITY CENTER BOYS GIRLS ADULT COMMUNITY CENTER	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	5	\$35,475	\$125,854
Monticello	UAM Center for College & Career Readiness (UAM-CCR) University of Arkansas at Monticello	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	1	\$6,895	\$22,590
Pine Bluff	Center on Rural Innovation: Multi Community VISTA Project Center on Rural Innovation, Inc	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	1	\$6,895	\$22,590
Little Rock	Our House, Inc II Our House, Inc	Public Health AmeriCorps	1	8	\$27,580	\$115,148



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Pine Bluff	Boys and Girls Club of Jefferson County American Heart Association, Inc.	Public Health AmeriCorps	1	3	\$19,869	\$56,448
	Arkansas Rural Health Partnership American Heart Association, Inc.	Public Health AmeriCorps	-	3	\$13,546	\$56,448
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Batesville	Batesville FGP White River Area Agency on Aging, Inc	AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Program	16	37	-	\$308,901
Gillham	Western Arkansas FGP Dequeen Mena Educational Cooperative	AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Program	25	78	-	\$482,740
Monticello	Southeast Arkansas FGP Southeast Arkansas Education SEAEC	AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Program	16	76	-	\$496,742
Augusta	ARcare ARcare	AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP	4	94	-	\$93,795
El Dorado	Tri-County RSVP South Arkansas Regional Health Center, Inc.	AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP	6	140	-	\$128,414
Wrightsville	AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP of Central Arkansas Future Builders	AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP	27	275	-	\$155,366
Wrightsville	Future Builders' AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP of Southeast AR Future Builders	AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP	-	195	-	\$182,075
Hot Springs	SCP of West Central Arkansas-Senior Specialists Area Agency on Aging of West Central Arkansas INC	AmeriCorps Seniors Senior Companion Program	4	81	-	\$728,586
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