



## FACTS

**\$700K**  
ANNUAL  
FUNDING

**2,100**  
AMERICORPS  
MEMBERS IN  
ND

**2.3**  
MILLION  
HOURS OF  
SERVICE

**\$5.3**  
MILLION  
IN EDUCATION  
AWARDS

## MEETING NEEDS IN NORTH DAKOTA

Last year, more than 200 Americans of all ages and backgrounds met local needs, strengthened communities and expanded economic opportunity through national service in North Dakota. The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) invested more than \$1.7 million in federal funding to support cost-effective community solutions, working hand-in-hand with local partners to empower citizens to solve problems.

## AMERICORPS: HELPING COMMUNITIES

AmeriCorps state programs address critical needs specific to communities located in North Dakota. Programs are open to U.S. citizens, nationals or lawful permanent resident aliens age 17 and older. Members may serve full- or part-time over a period not to exceed 12 months. Individuals can serve as AmeriCorps members in North Dakota depending on the location of currently funded AmeriCorps projects. AmeriCorps grants provide assistance to eligible organizations and agencies to recruit, train and supervise AmeriCorps members in meeting critical community needs in the areas of:

- Education
- Disaster services
- Health
- Environmental stewardship
- Economic opportunity
- Service to veterans and military families

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS


- Living allowances (established by project)
- Education awards for members (not to exceed the maximum federal college Pell Grant)
- Career development for members
- Community volunteer activity required by many colleges and universities

## FULFILLING A NEED


The North Dakota State Commission on National and Community Service conducts an annual competition for AmeriCorps funding. The following types of organizations and agencies are eligible to participate:

- State and local nonprofit organizations
- Community and faith-based organizations
- State, local and higher education institutions
- State and local governments
- U.S. territories


## DID YOU KNOW



218,019 volunteers contribute 15.6 million hours of service




Ranked 11th in the nation, 37.4% of North Dakota residents volunteer




Volunteer service is worth an estimated \$377.8 million




65.2% of state residents do favors for neighbors



25.5% of state residents do something positive for the neighborhood



39.7% of state residents participate in local groups or organizations



39.7% of state residents donate \$25 or more to charity

## PARTICIPATE AS AN ORGANIZATION

The North Dakota State Commissions on National and Community Service is leading the challenge in our state to serve communities in need. The goal is to provide resources such as AmeriCorps funding to eligible North Dakota organizations and agencies committed to providing service. AmeriCorps funding helps organizations and agencies recruit, train and supervise AmeriCorps members to meet critical community needs.

## AMERICORPS

AmeriCorps members meet pressing local needs across North Dakota, making a lasting impact in communities while gaining valuable skills and experience to advance their careers.

AmeriCorps members serve in one of three programs: AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC), AmeriCorps State and National and AmeriCorps Volunteers In Service To America (VISTA). All programs engage volunteers at locations across the country through nonprofits, schools, public agencies, tribes and community and faith-based groups.

- AmeriCorps State and National members engage in a diverse range of service projects at local and national organizations to address critical community needs of disaster services, economic opportunity, education, healthy futures, environmental stewardship and veterans and military families. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the North Dakota State Commission on National and Community Service, the governor-appointed State Service Commission, which in turn awards grants to organizations to respond to local needs.
- AmeriCorps VISTA taps the skills, talents and passion of Americans of all ages to support community efforts to overcome poverty.
- AmeriCorps NCCC strengthens communities and develops leadership skills by contributing to public safety, environment and disaster projects through direct, team-based service. Federal Emergency Management Agency (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 2,100 North Dakota residents have served approximately 2.3 million hours and earned education awards totaling more than \$5.3 million.

