

# AMERICORPS: National Service. Local Impact.

For 30 years, AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors have been embedded in our communities, responding to our country's most immediate needs and supporting local nonprofit, faith-based, and community organizations. From natural disaster response to combatting the opioid crisis, and from providing services for veterans to helping seniors live independently, AmeriCorps grants and service members currently power over 2,000 local organizations nationwide.



## IN ITS 30TH YEAR, AMERICORPS IS IN JEOPARDY OF SHRINKING BY AT LEAST 30%

The House and Senate have drafted FY24 Labor-HHS Appropriations bills that fail to provide the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) with enough funding to protect its current and vital investments, including the gains made in recent years to the AmeriCorps living allowance. **As a result, these spending bills, compounded by the end of American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding and related rescissions, would eliminate between 26,000 and 61,000 AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors positions.**

PROGRAM	FY23 ENACTED SERVICE POSITIONS AWARDED	HOUSE FY24 REDUCTION IN SERVICE POSITIONS	SENATE FY24 REDUCTION IN SERVICE POSITIONS
AmeriCorps State and National	66,900	40,000 (60% cut)	22,100 (33% cut)
AmeriCorps VISTA	7,000	7,000 (100% cut)	3,600 (51% cut)
AmeriCorps NCCC	1,760	1,760 (100% cut)	320 (18% cut)
AmeriCorps Foster Grandparents	16,000	8,500 (53% cut)	No change
AmeriCorps Senior Companions	7,700	4,500 (58% cut)	No change
AmeriCorps RSVP	110,000	No change	No change
<b>Total Positions</b>	<b>209,360</b>	<b>61,760</b>	<b>26,020</b>

To meet growing community needs, Congress and AmeriCorps leadership have prioritized raising the living allowance and maximum cost per member to drive the recruitment and retention of a geographically and demographically diverse corps. As a result, the AmeriCorps member living allowance has increased from the equivalent of \$8.40/hour in FY20 to \$11.00/hour in FY24, and the AmeriCorps Seniors stipend has increased to \$4.00/hour. These commitments are now in jeopardy.

Without an increased investment in FY24, local nonprofits stand to lose the AmeriCorps resources required to continue delivering services that benefit millions of Americans. **In FY24, CNCS needs an increase of \$335.5 million, above the FY23 enacted levels, to sustain the gains made with ARP funds and to protect AmeriCorps member positions and the services they provide.**

# FY24 APPROPRIATIONS – CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (CNCS)

The House is considering a Labor-HHS Appropriations bill that cuts CNCS funding by 50%, the lowest level in nearly three decades, and the Senate Appropriations Committee has passed a Labor-HHS bill that keeps the national service programs funded at FY23 levels. A bipartisan group of senators, led by Chris Coons (D-DE) and Bill Cassidy (R-LA), have separately urged appropriators to increase CNCS funding by \$300 million in FY24.

PROGRAM	FY23 ENACTED	WHITE HOUSE FY24	SENATE FY24	HOUSE FY24
AmeriCorps State and National	\$557.09 M	\$650.8 M	\$557.09 M	\$425.262 M
VISTA	\$103.285 M	\$141.6 M	\$103.285 M	\$0
NCCC	\$37.735 M	\$43.3 M	\$37.735 M	\$0
RSVP	\$55.105 M	\$55.105 M	\$55.105 M	\$55.105 M
Senior Companions	\$56.449 M	\$63.809 M	\$56.449 M	\$31.449 M
Foster Grandparents	\$125.363 M	\$143.45 M	\$125.363 M	\$75.363 M
Volunteer Generation Fund	\$8.6 M	\$8.6 M	\$8.6 M	\$0
Days of Service	\$6.148 M	\$6.148 M	\$6.148 M	\$6.148 M
State Commission Support Grants	\$19.54 M	\$19.54 M	\$19.54 M	\$0
Evaluation	\$6.25 M	\$6.25 M	\$6.25 M	\$0
National Service Trust	\$230 M	\$213 M	\$180 M	\$0
Agency Salaries and Expenses	\$99.69 M	\$118.43 M	\$99.69 M	\$60 M
Inspector General	\$7.595 M	\$8.572 M	\$7.595 M	\$7.595 M
<b>Total CNCS</b>	<b>\$1.313 B</b>	<b>\$1.478 B</b>	<b>\$1.263 B</b>	<b>\$660.94 M</b>

**AmeriCorps is one of the best investments the federal government can make. Every \$1 Congress invests in AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors returns more than \$17 in benefits to our country.**



AmeriCorps provides employment services, benefits counseling, transportation, and other support to 245,000 veterans and military families each year. Approximately 15,000 veterans serve in AmeriCorps, applying the skills they learned in the military to the home front.



Since 2020, AmeriCorps has assisted over 20 million people in disaster areas, recruited or coordinated nearly 940,000 volunteers, served 6.1 million meals, staffed emergency shelters and donation centers, repaired homes, protected more than 1.6 million acres of land through firefighting and fire management, and more.



In communities across the country – urban and rural – AmeriCorps members of all demographics are providing on-the-ground support to 36,000 schools, homeless shelters, health centers, food banks, youth organizations, veterans’ facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based groups.