



FY20 APPROPRIATIONS *for the* CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (CNCS) is an independent federal agency. Through its largest programs – AmeriCorps and Senior Corps - CNCS engages 325,000 trained, skilled members in locally-determined, results-driven service each year.

CNCS awards competitive grants to more than 3,000 community and faith-based organizations, including Habitat for Humanity, Teach For America, United Way, Boys and Girls Clubs, City Year, and Catholic Charities. These organizations place AmeriCorps and Senior Corps members at 50,000 service locations across the country, where their work ranges from fighting the opioid epidemic, to connecting returning veterans to jobs, and helping Americans rebuild their lives following natural disasters.

The modest federal investment in CNCS, which accounts for only .03 percent of the federal budget overall, is highly leveraged to maximize results and lessen dependency on government.

- For every \$10 invested in CNCS by the federal government, an additional \$15 is raised separately from private sources to fund the agency’s programs.
- Investments from companies like Walmart, Home Depot, Target, Cisco, AT&T and Citigroup increase the return on taxpayer dollars invested in national service.

CNCS programs strengthen local economies and help Americans find jobs. AmeriCorps and Senior Corps members are not only improving the lives of others, they are also improving their own.

- For every dollar invested in national service, there are returns to society of nearly four dollars in terms of higher earnings, increased output, and other community benefits.
- More than 500 companies and other employers—including Disney, Comcast NBCUniversal, CSX, Farmers Insurance, the cities of Nashville, Philadelphia and Phoenix -- have joined Employers of National Service and are prioritizing national service alumni in their hiring.
- 42 percent of alumni employed within 6 months of service found their job through a connection made in AmeriCorps.
- 84 percent of Senior Corps members report improved health after serving in the program. 88 percent report a decrease in feelings of isolation.

American voters want Congress to invest in CNCS.

- A poll conducted by TargetPoint Consulting found that 83 percent of voters want Congress to maintain or increase the federal investment in national service.

ENABLING LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO ACHIEVE RESULTS:

Every year, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps **assist 750,000 veterans** and military family members, and 23,500 veterans serve in these programs, applying the skills they gained in the military to tackle problems on the home front.

Since 2011, **more than 13,000 national service members** have responded to **more than 500 state and federally declared disasters** - including Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria and the California wildfires.

National service members **support students** in nearly 12,000 public, charter, and parochial schools nationwide.

Last year, national service members **provided free tax preparation services to 280,000** low-income families across the country.

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The White House submitted to Congress a FY20 budget proposal that recommends the elimination of CNCS, AmeriCorps, and Senior Corps. If enacted, this would have devastating effects on national service programs and the local communities these programs serve every day.

Voices for National Service urges Congress to protect this vital resource for American communities and prioritize funding for CNCS, AmeriCorps, and Senior Corps.

Additional funds should be appropriated in FY20 to expand AmeriCorps enrollment to 100,000 members per year, to reverse the 20% funding cut applied to RSVP in FY11, and to increase the hourly stipend for Senior Companions and Foster Grandparents from \$2.65 to \$3.00.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE FUNDING HISTORY

Program (dollars in millions)	FY19 Enacted	FY20 White House	FY20 House	FY20 Voices Req.
AmeriCorps State and National	425M	2.2M	450M	545M
AmeriCorps NCCC	32M	22.9M	33M	42M
AmeriCorps VISTA	92.4M	4.7M	95M	131M
National Service Trust (Ed Awards)	207M	0	218.6M	276M
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	50.4M	111K	51.8M	63M
Foster Grandparent Program	110.9M	111K	118.7M	118.8M
Senior Companion Program	46.9M	111K	50.8M	60.7M
State Commission Admin Grants	17.5M	0	17.5M	21M
Total CNCS	1.08 billion	93.7 million	1.14 billion	1.36 billion