



SERVE DC

The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism

What is Serve DC?

Serve DC is the **District Government agency dedicated to promoting service** as a way to address critical community needs.

- The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism
- DC Commission on National and Community Service
- Emergency Support Function (ESF) #16: Volunteer and Donations Management



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TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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National Service

Serve DC is the DC Commission on National and Community Service, **one of more than 50 State Service Commissions** that administer federal Corporation for National and Community Service funds and coordinate national service initiatives in the District.



The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

- Federal grant-making agency created in 1993 by The National and Community Service Trust Act signed by President Clinton
- Nation's largest grantmaker supporting service and volunteering
- Supports two Programs:
 - **Senior Corps:** Engages Americans ages 55 and older in meaningful service to the community
 - **AmeriCorps:** Offers more than 75,000 opportunities a year for adults of all ages and backgrounds to serve through a network of partnerships with local and national nonprofit groups

What Does National Service Look Like?

The Corporation for National and
Community Service (CNCS)



AmeriCorps National Programs

CNCS State Offices

State Service Commissions & AmeriCorps State



Corporation for National and Community Service **AmeriCorps**



AmeriCorps VISTA

- Launched by President Johnson in 1964
- Anti-poverty capacity-building projects
- One-year, full-time service term
- Managed by CNCS State Offices

AmeriCorps NCCC

- Managed by CNCS
- Team-based and residential
- Five regional campuses
- 18-24 years old
- Ten month, full-time service term
- FEMA Corps

AmeriCorps State/National

- Partially funded through State Service Commissions and either local/national organizations
- Full-time and less than full time positions
- Direct service

AmeriCorps Member Benefits

- Benefits vary by Program and Service Sites
- Living Allowance and Health Insurance
 - Full-Time State/National Members, VISTAs, NCCC (required)
 - Less Than Full-Time State/National Members (optional)
- Education Award (National Service Trust)
 - FY13: \$5,550 and FY14: \$5,645
- Child Care Benefit (Full-Time Members)
- Loan forbearance if qualified

AmeriCorps State/National Grant Terms

- Grant Periods are typically three-year cycles and there are match requirements
- Grants awarded for up to one year at a time, based on performance and, if funds are available, continued funding requests must be submitted annually
- Amounts of grants will vary and are based on the number and type of AmeriCorps members being requested
- Members and Personnel budgeted in the grant (both CNCS and match) must be cleared for NSOPR, State, and FBI before their start date.
- Serve DC/State Commissions have separate grant terms and requirements from CNCS.

AC State Competitive Grant Competition Timeline

- **Late October:** NOFA is released
- **November:** Application is released
- **Early December:** Grant Application due to Serve DC
- **December:** Serve DC Staff, Peer Review Panel with Serve DC Commissioner review all applications
- **Late December:** Clarifications to applications requested by Serve DC
- **January:** Recommendations to CNCS for Competitive Funding
- **January:** Rejection Letters or Formula Letters
- **June :** Funding decisions released by CNCS
- **July:** Earliest that Competitive Programs can begin (per CNCS NOFO)

AmeriCorps State Formula Grant Competition Timeline

- **February/March:** NOFA is released
- **February/March:** Application is released
- **April:** Applications due to Serve DC
- **April:** Serve DC Staff, Peer Review Panel with Serve DC Commissioner review all applications
- **May:** Clarifications to applications requested by Serve DC
- **Late June to early July:** Formula Funding Decisions Released by Serve DC
- **August 1:** Earliest that Formula Programs can begin

AmeriCorps in DC

www.dcamericorps.org

Serve DC's new website that highlights the critical impact that AmeriCorps programs and members have in the District of Columbia.

- Specifically promotes and showcases the unique experiences and rewards of District-based AmeriCorps members and programs.
- Aims to engage more District residents, organizations and communities in national service and its benefits.



Getting Things Done in the District of Columbia

More than 1,400 AmeriCorps members serve in the District of Columbia. They work to fight poverty and advance economic opportunity and academic achievement at 60+ community- and faith-based organizations across the city.

"AmeriCorps has expanded my view of service. I've learned service is a lifestyle."

~ Rachel Veclotch,
AmeriCorps VISTA

Our Impact



AmeriCorps Makes a Difference

Experience firsthand the difference more than 1,400 dedicated, enthusiastic young people are making every day in every part of the District.

Connect with Serve DC

OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

Seasons of Service Days

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service; January
- Global Youth Service Day; April
- DC Public Schools Beautification Day; August
- September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance
- World AIDS Day; December

Serve DC Online

Visit Serve DC's website, www.serve.dc.gov, for up-to-date, easy-to-navigate volunteer and service news, information and events, including:

- Upcoming volunteer opportunities and service days
- Program overview information
- Downloadable resources, including toolkits, guides, and grant applications
- Press releases and newsletters

Social Media

Serve DC prides itself on its robust, responsive social media presence, including:

- **Facebook:** [facebook.com/IServeDC](https://www.facebook.com/IServeDC)
- **Twitter:** twitter.com/ServeDC
- **Tumblr:** servedc.tumblr.com
- **Flickr:** [flickr.com/photos/iservedc](https://www.flickr.com/photos/iservedc)
- **YouTube:** [youtube.com/weservedc](https://www.youtube.com/weservedc)

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Volunteer Opportunities



NeighborGood: Volunteer Opportunity Search



Thank you for your interest in service and volunteerism.

NeighborGood is a free, online DC-specific volunteer search engine. If you have any technical questions related to the search form, please contact our [Communications Specialist](#) via email.

Online Database by Caspio

Organizer	Quadrant	Ward	Focus Area
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Suitable for:

Kids (<13) Teens (13+) Seniors (65+) Groups

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