

# HISTORY, LEGISLATION, AND FUNDING

The Corporation was created by Congress in 1993 to merge the work and staff of two predecessor agencies that provided opportunities for Americans of all ages and backgrounds to serve their communities:

- » ACTION, which administered VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America, now part of the AmeriCorps program), and Senior Corps, comprising the RSVP program (formerly the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program), the Foster Grandparent Program, and the Senior Companion Program; and
- » The Commission on National and Community Service, which administered programs for students from

kindergarten through college (predecessor to Learn and Serve America); intensive service programs for adults ages 18 and older (predecessor to AmeriCorps State and National); and national service demonstration models, including the National Civilian Community Corps (predecessor to AmeriCorps NCCC).

The Corporation's programs are authorized under the National and Community Service Act (NCSA) and the Domestic Volunteer Service Act (DVSA).

## APPROPRIATIONS HISTORY

Table 1. Corporation appropriations history, FY 1994–FY 2008 (dollars in thousands)<sup>i</sup>

Activity	Appropriation (after rescissions)							
	FY 1994 Enacted	FY 1995 Enacted	FY 1996 Enacted	FY 1997 Enacted	FY 1998 Enacted	FY 1999 Enacted	FY 2000 Enacted	FY 2001 Enacted
National and Community Service Act (NCSA)								
National Service Trust	\$98,751	\$115,070	\$56,000	\$59,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$69,846
AmeriCorps State & National Grants	155,500	219,000	215,000	215,000	227,000	237,000	233,395	230,492
Innovation, Demonstration, & Assistance	31,900	30,000	29,850	30,000	30,000	28,500	28,500	28,437
Evaluation	4,600	5,500	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	4,989
National Civilian Community Corps	10,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	17,892	20,954
Learn and Serve America	40,000	46,000	43,000	43,000	43,000	43,000	43,000	42,905
Program Administration/State Commissions <sup>ii</sup>	24,750	28,723	24,918	25,000	27,000	28,356	27,895	30,932
Partnership Grants	5,000	5,830	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	7,471	28,936
AmeriCorps VISTA	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Senior Corps								
RSVP	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Foster Grandparent Program	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Senior Companion Program	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Senior Demonstration Program	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>SUBTOTAL, SENIOR PROGRAMS</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>SUBTOTAL, OPERATING EXPENSES</i>	<i>370,501</i>	<i>468,123</i>	<i>397,268</i>	<i>400,500</i>	<i>425,500</i>	<i>435,356</i>	<i>433,153</i>	<i>457,491</i>
Salaries & Expense Account	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>SUBTOTAL, OPERATING EXPENSES AND S&amp;E</i>	<i>370,501</i>	<i>468,123</i>	<i>397,268</i>	<i>400,500</i>	<i>425,500</i>	<i>435,356</i>	<i>433,153</i>	<i>457,491</i>
Office of the Inspector General	944	2,000	2,000	2,000	3,000	3,000	3,985	4,989
<i>SUBTOTAL, OPERATING EXPENSES, S&amp;E, AND OIG</i>	<i>371,445</i>	<i>470,123</i>	<i>399,268</i>	<i>402,500</i>	<i>428,500</i>	<i>438,356</i>	<i>437,138</i>	<i>462,480</i>
Domestic Volunteer Service Act (DVSA)								
Volunteers in Service to America								
VISTA	37,715	42,676	41,235	41,235	65,235	73,000	80,574	83,074
VISTA Literacy Corps	5,009	5,024	—	—	—	—	—	—
VISTA Revolving Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>SUBTOTAL, VISTA</i>	<i>42,724</i>	<i>47,700</i>	<i>41,235</i>	<i>41,235</i>	<i>65,235</i>	<i>73,000</i>	<i>80,574</i>	<i>83,074</i>
Special Volunteer Programs	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Senior Corps								
RSVP	34,388	35,708	34,949	35,708	40,279	43,001	46,117	48,884
Foster Grandparent Program	66,117	67,812	62,237	77,812	87,593	93,256	95,988	98,868
Senior Companion Program	29,773	31,244	31,155	31,244	35,368	36,573	39,219	40,395
Senior Demonstration Program	—	1,000	—	—	—	1,080	1,494	400
<i>SUBTOTAL, SENIOR PROGRAMS</i>	<i>130,278</i>	<i>135,764</i>	<i>128,341</i>	<i>144,764</i>	<i>163,240</i>	<i>173,910</i>	<i>182,818</i>	<i>188,547</i>
Salaries & Expense Account <sup>iii</sup>	31,151	31,160	28,541	27,850	28,129	29,129	31,129	32,229
<i>SUBTOTAL, DVSA</i>	<i>204,153</i>	<i>214,624</i>	<i>198,117</i>	<i>213,849</i>	<i>256,604</i>	<i>276,039</i>	<i>294,521</i>	<i>303,850</i>
<b>TOTAL, CORPORATION</b>	<b>\$575,598</b>	<b>\$684,747</b>	<b>\$597,385</b>	<b>\$616,349</b>	<b>\$685,104</b>	<b>\$714,395</b>	<b>\$731,659</b>	<b>\$766,330</b>

i. Presents past appropriations under the new FY 2008 account structure.

ii. NCSA administrative expenses are included in the State Commission Admin. Grants program line item prior to FY 2004.

iii. Pursuant to P.L. 110-28 \$1.360 million was transferred from Innovation, Demonstration, and Assistance to the Salaries and Expenses account in FY 2007.

**Table 1. Corporation appropriations history, FY 1994–FY 2008 (dollars in thousands)<sup>1</sup>—continued**

Activity	Appropriation (after rescissions)						
	FY 2002 Enacted	FY 2003 Enacted	FY 2004 Enacted	FY 2005 Enacted	FY 2006 Enacted	FY 2007 Enacted	FY 2008 Enacted
<b>National and Community Service Act (NCSA)</b>							
National Service Trust	\$0	\$99,350	\$129,233	\$142,848	\$138,600	\$117,720	\$122,539
AmeriCorps State & National Grants	240,492	173,863	312,147	287,680	264,825	264,825	256,805
Innovation, Demonstration, & Assistance	28,488	35,269	11,159	13,227	16,280	29,771 <sup>iii</sup>	18,893
Evaluation	5,000	2,981	2,982	3,522	3,960	3,960	3,891
National Civilian Community Corps	24,896	24,838	24,853	25,296	36,730	26,789	23,782
Learn and Serve America	43,000	42,721	42,746	42,656	37,125	37,125	37,459
Program Administration/State Commissions <sup>ii</sup>	30,991	32,289	11,929	11,904	12,516	12,516	11,790
Partnership Grants	29,000	14,901	14,913	14,384	14,850	—	—
AmeriCorps VISTA	—	—	—	—	—	—	93,800
<b>Senior Corps</b>							
RSVP	—	—	—	—	—	—	58,642
Foster Grandparent Program	—	—	—	—	—	—	108,999
Senior Companion Program	—	—	—	—	—	—	46,144
Senior Demonstration Program	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>SUBTOTAL, SENIOR PROGRAMS</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	213,785
<i>SUBTOTAL, OPERATING EXPENSES</i>	401,867	426,212	549,962	541,517	524,886	492,706	782,744
Salaries & Expense Account	—	—	24,852	25,792	66,083	70,324 <sup>iii</sup>	67,759
<i>SUBTOTAL, OPERATING EXPENSES AND S&amp;E</i>	401,867	426,212	574,814	567,309	590,969	563,030	850,503
Office of the Inspector General	4,994	5,961	6,213	5,952	5,940	4,963	5,828
<i>SUBTOTAL, OPERATING EXPENSES, S&amp;E, AND OIG</i>	406,861	432,173	581,027	573,261	596,909	567,993	856,331
<b>Domestic Volunteer Service Act (DVSA)</b>							
<b>Volunteers in Service to America</b>							
VISTA	85,255	93,674	93,731	94,240	95,464	95,468	—
VISTA Literacy Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
VISTA Revolving Fund	—	—	—	—	—	3,500	—
<i>SUBTOTAL, VISTA</i>	85,255	93,674	93,731	94,240	95,464	95,468	—
Special Volunteer Programs	5,000	9,935	9,876	4,960	—	—	—
<b>Senior Corps</b>							
RSVP	54,884	58,501	58,156	58,528	59,685	59,685	—
Foster Grandparent Program	106,700	110,775	110,121	111,424	110,937	110,937	—
Senior Companion Program	44,395	46,260	45,987	45,905	46,964	46,964	—
Senior Demonstration Program	400	398	—	—	—	—	—
<i>SUBTOTAL, SENIOR PROGRAMS</i>	206,379	215,934	214,264	215,857	217,586	217,586	—
Salaries & Expense Account <sup>ii</sup>	32,213	34,346	36,469	38,688	—	—	—
<i>SUBTOTAL, DVSA</i>	328,847	353,889	354,340	353,745	313,050	313,054	—
<b>TOTAL, CORPORATION</b>	<b>\$735,708</b>	<b>\$786,062</b>	<b>\$935,367</b>	<b>\$927,006</b>	<b>\$909,959</b>	<b>\$884,547</b>	<b>\$856,331</b>

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