

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 kinder-

garten 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)ⁱ

| Activity | Appropriation (after recissions) | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 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 ⁱⁱ | 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&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&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 ⁱⁱⁱ | 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> |
| TOTAL, CORPORATION | \$575,598 | \$684,747 | \$597,385 | \$616,349 | \$685,104 | \$714,395 | \$731,659 | \$766,330 |

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.

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|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| | FY 2002 Enacted | FY 2003 Enacted | FY 2004 Enacted | FY 2005 Enacted | FY 2006 Enacted | FY 2007 Enacted | FY 2008 Enacted |
| National and Community Service Act (NCSA) | | | | | | | |
| 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 ⁱⁱⁱ | 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 ⁱⁱ | 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 |
| Senior Corps | | | | | | | |
| 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 ⁱⁱⁱ | 67,759 |
| <i>SUBTOTAL, OPERATING EXPENSES AND S&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&E, AND OIG</i> | 406,861 | 432,173 | 581,027 | 573,261 | 596,909 | 567,993 | 856,331 |
| Domestic Volunteer Service Act (DVSA) | | | | | | | |
| Volunteers in Service to America | | | | | | | |
| 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 | — | — | — |
| Senior Corps | | | | | | | |
| 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 ⁱⁱ | 32,213 | 34,346 | 36,469 | 38,688 | — | — | — |
| <i>SUBTOTAL, DVSA</i> | 328,847 | 353,889 | 354,340 | 353,745 | 313,050 | 313,054 | — |
| TOTAL, CORPORATION | \$735,708 | \$786,062 | \$935,367 | \$927,006 | \$909,959 | \$884,547 | \$856,331 |

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