

## Overview

To strengthen the nation's disaster response capacity, FEMA and the Corporation for National and Community Service will establish a dedicated workforce of service corps members within AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps solely devoted to disaster response, and recovery.

# FEMA CORPS



An Innovative Partnership to  
Strengthen Disaster Response and  
Recovery



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## What is FEMA Corps?

Every year, millions of Americans are impacted by disasters. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) have a strong history of working together to assist survivors of natural disasters. A partnership between FEMA and CNCS has been established to make an even stronger team in disaster response.

FEMA and CNCS have established a dedicated workforce comprised of members from within the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) solely devoted to disaster response and recovery. This innovative partnership creates an historic collaboration and enhances the federal government's disaster capabilities, increases the reliability and diversity of the disaster workforce, promotes an ethos of service and expands education and economic opportunity for young people.



## What are the Benefits of this partnership?

This innovative partnership benefits communities and individuals affected by disasters, disaster response organizations, those who serve in AmeriCorps NCCC, and the taxpayer.

- **Strengthening the Nation's Disaster Response Capacity:** The partnership provides a trained and reliable workforce dedicated to supporting disaster operations, while enhancing the entire emergency management workforce.
- **Modernizing Government Operations to Improve Performance:** This joint effort allows CNCS and FEMA to advance the President's management goals of working across government, managing across sectors, and promoting efficiency.
- **Creating Pathways to Work for Young People:** By providing training, experience, and educational opportunity, the partnership prepares thousands of young men and women for careers in emergency management and related fields.
- **Promoting an Ethos of National Service:** The partnership strengthens our nation's culture of service and civic engagement by mobilizing corps members and community volunteers to provide critical disaster services.

- **Achieving Significant Cost Savings to the Taxpayer:** The partnership reduces response and recovery costs and save millions of dollars by using AmeriCorps members to supplement FEMA's existing reserve program while also ensuring an always available workforce.

In joining forces, FEMA and CNCS are emphasizing the importance of a whole community approach to disaster response and recovery. The partnership also promotes an ethos of civic engagements while improving the delivery of service to disaster survivors.

Disasters take a devastating toll on communities every year. This powerful partnership will allow us to focus on the work we do to support disaster survivors and impacted communities during their greatest time of need.

