

Statewide Accomplishments

AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps members in Washington State serve at a variety of nonprofit and faith-based organizations, and state and local government agencies. Members serve in five national service priority areas: education, environmental, human needs, public safety, and emergency preparedness and response. In 2006, their statewide accomplishments included the following.

Educating for the Future

- Tutored more than 13,000 K-12 students.
- Mentored nearly 100 students in school success and achievement.
- Organized service-learning and community education projects benefiting 23,500 students.
- Provided more than 5,000 hours of education on civic engagement to more than 1,000 youth.

Building Prosperity

- Generated over 50,000 additional community volunteers.
- Assisted more than 400 people through partnerships with faith-based organizations.
- Organized more than 11,000 pounds of items at food and clothing banks.
- Constructed 40 housing units for low-income families or disabled individuals.
- Responded in the Gulf States to provide immediate and follow-up aid to victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.
- Managed donations of over 250,000 pounds of food for Hurricane Katrina victims.

Strengthening Families

- Expanded social service options for over 1,000 parents and children.
- Counseled more than 2,400 people in job development and placement.
- Provided peer mediation, leadership, and support groups and counseling to more than 1,500 youth.
- Completed renovation on nearly 25 properties for low-income, disabled, or elderly residents.

AmeriCorps Education Awards

Since 1994, more than 12,000 people have served in AmeriCorps programs in Washington. These individuals have qualified for education awards in excess of \$47 million to help cover educational costs. *

Many AmeriCorps alums have utilized their education awards in colleges and universities throughout Washington, as well as vocational and technical programs, college correspondence courses on local military bases, and college programs aimed at working professionals.

* National Service Trust

As a County Commissioner serving in a county with many unmet needs, we face a time that requires us to broaden the call for community members to help support their neighbors. Volunteerism and service combined with strategic funding decisions can not only help address critical needs, but also engage new generations of county residents to become involved in helping address critical challenges.



AmeriCorps provides a wealth of leadership and service experiences that enable members to become a valued source of civic vitality. Not only do former members make for excellent public employees, they take their volunteer experiences seriously and are often the first to ask others to serve. Service to community and nation – that is what makes AmeriCorps members and alums such a critical community asset.

–Axel Swanson,
Cowlitz County Commissioner

Protecting the Environment

- Planted more than 400,000 native plants and trees.
- Constructed or maintained 260 miles of trails and public park areas.
- Restored 36 miles of riverbanks, beaches, and fish habitat.
- Conducted almost 300 projects to repair dams or provide flood control.

Protecting Health and Safety

- Provided after-school violence prevention activities for more than 1,800 youth.
- Conducted career development activities for 120 juvenile offenders.
- Counseled nearly 700 individuals in substance abuse prevention.
- Offered support and advocacy to 4,500 youth and adult victims of domestic violence.
- Trained 1,000 people in emergency preparedness response, including youth and individuals with disabilities.
- Protected storm-damaged homes from further damage by placing tarps on the roofs of approximately 1,000 homes.