

COMMISSION FUNDAMENTALS

THE MAINE COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE (MCCS) builds capacity and sustainability in Maine's volunteer sector by funding programs, developing managers of volunteers, fostering adoption of high quality volunteer management practices, raising awareness of sector issues, and promoting service as a strategy.

The Commission was established in 1994 by Executive Order and under state statute in 1995. The 25 members of the Commission are appointed by the governor to three-year terms. As outlined in 5MRSA c373 §7502, each seat represents a specific part of Maine's volunteer sector. MCCS is the Maine government connection to the federal Corporation for National and Community Service.

MCCS began operating at a time when understanding of the links between volunteering, civic engagement, community resilience, and economic vitality were increasing. The history of the Commission reflects a commitment to using grant programs to strengthen communities through service.

Why focus on service as the strategy? Because service is a tactic for solving a range of community problems. It cultivates a sense of personal and civic responsibility. And, service is a fundamental building block of a civil society that works best as a public-private partnership.

Among the 14 statutory responsibilities associated with the partnership are the duties to conduct grant competitions for National Service program funds (primarily AmeriCorps State); provide technical assistance and training to Maine National Service programs as well as potential applicants; and advise the Corporation on needs to be addressed by VISTA, Senior Corps, and other direct grant programs.

MISSION

Foster community service and volunteerism to meet human and environmental needs in the State of Maine.

VISION

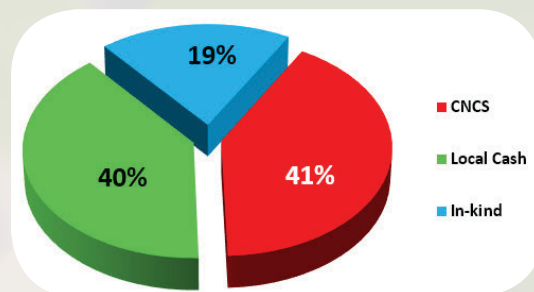
Vibrant, productive communities with involved, responsible citizens.

OFFICE TEAM

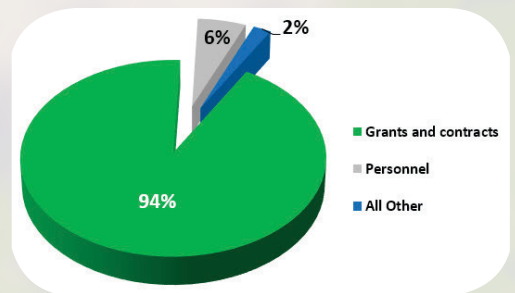
Maryalice Crofton, Executive Director
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FINANCES

Total Revenues
 \$4,621,531 Federal funds from CNCS
 \$1,901,574 Other cash (registration fees for training, private sponsorships of activities, grants, etc.)
 \$1,825,164 In-kind donations of services, space, supplies (valued according to Government Accounting Standards)



Total Expenses
 \$4,621,531 Personnel
 \$ 257,177 Grants and contracts*
 \$4,268,528 All other (includes communications, supplies, occupancy, indirect, etc.)
 \$ 95,826



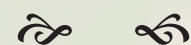
*Grants included AmeriCorps State, Commission Program Development & Investment Fund, and Commission Support. This data is for informational purposes only and is not an official financial statement.

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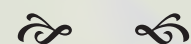
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SERVICE SNAPSHOT

1,673 PEOPLE BENEFITTED

Among them were ...

- ★ 708 students who completed educational programs
- ★ 529 students whose math, literacy, and/or academic engagement improved
- ★ 51 homebound elders who received on-going support to live independently

224 AMERICORPS MEMBERS

- ★ devoted 107,277 hours to service
- ★ recruited community volunteers who served 8,268 hours alongside AmeriCorps members
- ★ helped 26 local organizations strengthen volunteer management
- ★ 41% of AmeriCorps members moved to Maine in order to serve
- ★ 85% aquired new technical and leadership skills to add to their resume



MCCS TRAINING SNAPSHOT

255 VOLUNTEER MANAGERS TRAINED

- ★ 190 completed six hours of training on volunteer program operation
- ★ 51 completed 30 hours of training for managers of volunteers
- ★ 88% of AmeriCorps grantee staff completed a 20-hour training on data collection and evaluation design

49 COMMUNITY AGENCIES TRAINED

- ★ MCCS staff provided technical assistance and training related to planning and designing high quality volunteer programs including potential AmeriCorps grant proposals



GRANTS FOR SERVICE PROGRAMS

The Commission awards and manages federal funds granted to Maine by the Corporation for National and Community Service.(CNCS). After grant decisions, MCCS monitors grantee performance, outcomes, and compliance. It also ensures participants in AmeriCorps are eligible for program benefits. Under AmeriCorps, grant awards are three years.

FINAL YEAR

AmeriCorps Somerset County
 Grantee: Medical Care Development
 CNCS Funds Expended: \$92,516
 Local Share: \$37,515 cash;
 \$15,989 in-kind

AmeriCorps members serve rural adults as Community Health Workers who connect one-on-one with people to set personal health goals, provide health education classes and help individuals access needed social support services. The goal is to help elders and people with disabilities continue to live independently.

FIRST YEAR

AIMS HIGH
 Grantee: LearningWorks
 CNCS Funds Expended: \$349,183
 Local Share: \$76,615 cash;
 \$277,078 in-kind

The AIMS HIGH program places teams of AmeriCorps members in elementary schools in Southern Maine to support student academic achievement and social and emotional learning through tutoring, mentoring and extended learning interventions, both in and out of class. AIMS HIGH partners exclusively with five low-performing schools that have improvement plans and need assistance to implement those plans.

Take2 Youth Opportunity Corps

Grantee: Goodwill Industries of Northern New England
 CNCS Funds Expended: \$205,180
 Local Share: \$168,445 cash;
 \$8,116 in-kind

At Take2 AmeriCorps members are both 17 – 24 year old disconnected youth who need education and job training skills and college students serving part-time as mentors for their colleagues. Through service, the members who need education and job skills work to get back on track. The service projects provide opportunities to earn credentials recognized by the construction and digital industry.

CONTINATION YEAR 2

Multilingual Leadership Corps
 Grantee: Goodwill Industries of Northern New England
 CNCS Funds Expended: \$275,187
 Local Share: \$92,658 cash;
 \$304,635 in-kind

The Multilingual Leadership Corps places AmeriCorps members in schools, housing communities, and educational nonprofits in Greater Portland and in Lewiston/Auburn.

Members serve K-12 English Language Learners (ELL) through the Check & Connect mentoring program. Members increase academic engagement among ELL students through in-school and afterschool support for academic skills, aspirations, enrichment, and community engagement.

SysSTEM REAL AmeriCorps

Grantee: RSU 14, Windham\Raymond
 CNCS Funds Expended: \$196,012
 Local Share: \$165,764 cash;
 \$14,162 in-kind

SysSTEM REAL AmeriCorps members serve alongside REAL School and RSU14 teachers to engage students identified as being at risk (grades 4-12) in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) Service-Learning program in five alternative school programs.

Maine Conservation Corps

Grantee: Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry
 CNCS Funds Expended: \$392,090
 Local Share: \$1,228,878 cash

The MCC has two AmeriCorps service options: Environmental Stewards and Field Teams.

Environmental Stewards serve individually with non-profits and public agencies to increase organizational volunteer capacity and aid in the development and implementation of host sites' land management plans.

Field Team members construct and rehabilitate sustainable trails on public lands including land owned by local communities and land trusts.

As they serve, members develop employment skills and create individualized plans for future employment.



MCCS VOLUNTEERS, AND SUPPORTERS

The Commission is grateful to these partners, volunteers, and supporters.

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2017 PARTNERSHIPS

MCCS partners with national and state organizations to build capacity and sustainability in Maine's volunteer sector.

- ★ **Points of Light's Service Enterprise** helps not-for-profit organizations look at internal staff capacity in a new way and leverage skilled volunteers to expand that capacity to achieve mission. The Commission provides assessment, training and coaching to agencies pursuing Service Enterprise status. It also maintains the network of Maine Service Enterprise trainers.



- ★ **Service Year Alliance** is a partner of the Commission. Both develop full-time, year-long service opportunities for young adults with the goal of making a year of service to the country an expectation and rite of passage for young Americans. MCCS is one of the founding partners and supports AmeriCorps participation as well as development of new full-time, one-year service options.



- ★ **Maine Emergency Management Agency** and MCCS continue to be partners in the area of donations and volunteer coordination. MCCS trained 79 AmeriCorps members to operate volunteer reception centers in emergencies. The Commission also moved to a new virtual platform to manage volunteers during disasters.



- ★ **America's Service Commissions (ASC)** is a Commission partner in development of volunteer and national service supports to after-school programs. At the national level, ASC is working with the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation and providing funds as well as technical assistance to eight state service commissions including Maine.

