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## **California to Receive \$26.4 Million in AmeriCorps Grant Funding** *Funding will help AmeriCorps programs address community needs*

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** – CaliforniaVolunteers announced today that the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) has awarded \$26.4 million in grants to 47 projects that support the environment, educational and economic opportunities, and disaster assistance throughout the state.

“California continues to be an innovation hub of high-quality, impactful programs, all using the power of AmeriCorps members and volunteers to get things done,” said California’s Chief Service Officer, Karen Baker. “It is exciting to see the more than 13 percent increase in funding coming to our state.”

Annually, CaliforniaVolunteers oversees AmeriCorps programs that engage more than 3,000 AmeriCorps members who serve through nonprofit, faith-based, and local government at more than 900 locations across the State of California. They are part of the nearly 7,600 AmeriCorps members who serve in more than 1,600 sites in California.

Since 1994, more than 900,000 Americans have provided more than one billion hours of service addressing critical challenges from poverty and hunger to disasters and the dropout crisis. In California, nearly 120,000 AmeriCorps members have served close to 150 million hours and earned almost \$341 million in education scholarships. California AmeriCorps members supported by these grants are eligible to earn approximately \$15 million education scholarships to help pay for college or to pay off student loans.

“AmeriCorps members make a powerful impact on the toughest challenges facing our nation,” said CNCS CEO Wendy Spencer. “Building on California’s strong tradition of neighbor helping neighbor, AmeriCorps members will improve lives and strengthen communities across the state. As they serve others, AmeriCorps members will also expand opportunity for themselves - gaining skills and experience to jumpstart their careers.”

Of the 47 grants, 30 were awarded new grant funding for programs that will improve communities in the following priority areas:

- **Disaster Services** – Programs in this area will help communities when disasters strike, as well as assist in pre-disaster training.
- **Economic Opportunity** - Members will assist in job placement and training in these programs.

- **Education** – Various tutoring methods will be used within these programs to assist high-need students from kindergarten through high school. Tutoring will include areas such as reading skills, anti-bullying, behavioral, and school gardening.
- **Environment** – Programs in this area will improve the environment through restoration of watersheds and trails, as well as making wilderness areas safer and more accessible.
- **Health and Human Service Needs** – Members in these programs will connect communities to healthcare and education resources, as well as strengthen parental education for positive impacts in families.

A complete list of the 47 California programs awarded AmeriCorps grants can be found below:

<b>Legal Applicant City</b>	<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Focus Area</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>Grant Type</b>
Santa Cruz	American Conservation Experience (ACE) California	Environmental Stewardship	\$ 417,101	Competitive, New/Re-compete
Thermal	AmeriCorps Lectura (Promote)	Education	\$ 676,000	Formula, New/Re-compete
Santa Barbara	AppleCorps	Education	\$ 285,701	Formula, Continuation
Fortuna	Backcountry Trails AmeriCorps Program	Environmental Stewardship	\$ 386,044	Competitive, New/Re-compete
San Rafael	Bay Area Workforce AmeriCorps	Economic Opportunity	\$ 365,402	Competitive, New/Re-compete
San Rafael	BAYAC (Bay Area Youth Agency Consortium) AmeriCorps	Education	\$ 1,470,628	Formula, New/Re-compete
Sacramento	Birth & Beyond	Healthy Futures	\$ 979,889	Competitive, Continuation
El Centro	Borderlands	Education	\$ 485,395	Formula, Continuation
Bakersfield	Building Healthy Communities	Education	\$ 328,825	Formula, Continuation
San Francisco	CA JusticeCorps	Education	\$ 919,942	Formula, Continuation
Los Angeles	CA Safe Corps	Disaster Services	\$ 302,222	Competitive, New/Re-compete
Napa	CalSERVES	Education	\$ 489,850	Competitive, New/Re-compete
Napa	CalSERVES II (Augment-Fixed)	Education	\$ 339,174	Formula, New/Re-compete
Napa	CalSERVES PREP (Fixed-Amount)	Education	\$ 537,200	Formula, Continuation

Napa	CalSERVES VIP	Capacity Building	\$ 1,300,000	Competitive, Continuation
Sacramento	Child Welfare Service Improvement	Healthy Futures	\$ 603,310	Competitive, Continuation
Los Angeles	City Year Los Angeles	Education	\$ 2,500,000	Competitive, New/Re-compete
Sacramento	CivicSpark	Environmental Stewardship	\$ 638,267	Competitive, Continuation
Santa Ana	Disaster Resiliency for Vulnerable Populations	Disaster Services	\$ 160,000	Formula, New/Re-compete
San Francisco	Education Outside	Education	\$ 549,160	Formula, New/Re-compete
Oakland	Elev8 Youth Program	Education	\$ 694,980	Formula, Continuation
Alameda	First 5 Service Corps	Education	\$ 1,137,385	Competitive, New/Re-compete
San Bernardino	Forest Aid Corps	Disaster Services	\$ 256,273	Competitive, New/Re-compete
San Francisco	Healthy Choices AmeriCorps	Education	\$ 454,997	Formula, New/Re-compete
Los Angeles	Hope for the Homeless	Economic Opportunity	\$ 261,729	Formula, Continuation
San Francisco	Jumpstart CA	Education	\$ 1,168,322	Competitive, Continuation
Lakeport	Lake County AmeriCorps	Education	\$ 157,978	Formula, New/Re-compete
Los Angeles	Los Angeles Promise Corps	Education	\$ 583,070	Competitive, New/Re-compete
Salinas	Monterey County United for Literacy	Education	\$ 330,009	Formula, New/Re-compete
Anaheim	Muslim & Arab American Resource Corps	Healthy Futures & Economic Opp.	\$ 150,000	Formula, New/Re-compete
Redding	Northstate Rural Assets Project	Healthy Futures	\$ 252,208	Competitive, New/Re-compete
San Rafael	OCASA AmeriCorps	Education	\$ 251,049	Formula, New/Re-compete
San Jose	Our City Forest	Environmental Stewardship	\$ 987,871	Formula, Continuation
San Diego	PASS AmeriCorps (Fixed-Amount)	Education	\$ 452,845	Formula, Continuation
Oakland	Playworks California	Education	\$ 939,125	Competitive, New/Re-compete

Los Angeles	Promise Zone Operation AmeriCorps	Education	\$ 164,205	Competitive, New/Re-compete
Oakland	Reading Partners II (Augment-Fixed)	Education	\$ 390,000	Formula, New/Re-compete
Oakland	Reading Partners California	Education	\$ 819,000	Competitive, New/Re-compete
San Francisco	San Francisco Teacher Residency	Education	\$ 525,000	Formula, New/Re-compete
South Lake Tahoe	Sierra Nevada AmeriCorps Partnership	Environmental Stewardship	\$ 363,309	Competitive, New/Re-compete
Oakland	Super Stars Literacy	Education	\$ 363,958	Competitive, New/Re-compete
Riverside	University Eastside Community Collaborative (UECC)	Education	\$ 272,860	Formula, New/Re-compete
Los Angeles	Veteran Resource Corps	Veterans & Military Families	\$ 294,000	Formula, Continuation
Fortuna	Watershed Stewards	Environmental Stewardship	\$ 426,950	Competitive, New/Re-compete
Watsonville	Work Success Now!	Economic Opportunity	\$ 276,640	Formula, New/Re-compete
San Bernardino	Young Scholars	Education	\$ 323,040	Formula, Continuation
Sacramento	Youth Investment Center	Education	\$ 383,184	Competitive, Continuation
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 26,414,097</b>	

**About CaliforniaVolunteers**

*CaliforniaVolunteers is the state office that manages programs and initiatives to increase the number of Californians involved with service and volunteering, including the state AmeriCorps program and the management of volunteers and monetary donations during times of disasters. For more information, please visit [www.CaliforniaVolunteers.org](http://www.CaliforniaVolunteers.org).*

**About AmeriCorps**

*AmeriCorps is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency that engages more than five million Americans in service through AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, the Social Innovation Fund, and the Volunteer Generation Fund, and leads the President's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. For more information, visit [www.NationalService.gov](http://www.NationalService.gov).*

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