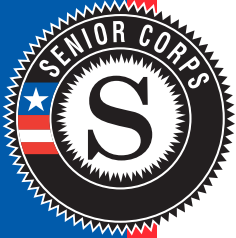


# National Service Disability Grants and Activities

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In keeping with our mission to provide opportunities for all Americans to engage in volunteering in order to foster civic responsibility and create a culture of service, the Corporation for National and Community Service is committed to the active participation of Americans with disabilities in all of our programs and initiatives. Thousands of people with disabilities serve as AmeriCorps members, Senior Corps volunteers, and Learn and Serve America students.

In addition to integrating people with disabilities into all our core programs, the Corporation has several grant programs specifically aimed at disability inclusion. By statute, 1 percent of total funding (up to \$5 million) that is appropriated by Congress to the Corporation for National Service Trust, AmeriCorps Grants, and the Innovation and Evaluation budget activities must be set aside for disability grants. The majority of these funds provide grants to state commissions on service and volunteering in support of outreach and accommodation of persons with disabilities in service projects.

In the field of disability funding, the Corporation focuses its grant making on three primary areas: outreach, placement and reasonable accommodations, and training and technical assistance. Following is a breakdown of key grant-making activities in these areas: outreach, placement and reasonable accommodation, and training and technical assistance.

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## OUTREACH

- Annual grants to state commissions on service and volunteering for outreach to Americans with disabilities.
- Open grant competitions for outreach to Americans with disabilities

Since 2001, 17 grants have been awarded to organizations to develop outreach materials and models for increasing the active participation of people with disabilities in national service. Grantees have included:

- The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, in partnership with SABE (Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered), and the Institute on Human Development and Disabilities at the University of Georgia.
- The Hampshire Education Collaborative, in partnership with the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, WGBY-57 Public Television; school districts in Hampshire, Hampden, and Franklin counties; Massachusetts Department of Mental Health, Department of Mental Retardation; and the Massachusetts Department of Education Community Service-Learning Program.
- International Association of Jewish Vocational Services (IAJVS), in partnership with IAJVS affiliates in Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, St. Louis, and Washington, DC; Youth Service America; and Big Brother/Big Sisters.
- Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH), in partnership with SHHH chapters nationwide.
- The West Virginia Commission for National and Community Service.

In 2005, an outreach competition focused on youth with disabilities making the transition from school to adult life, and veterans with disabilities. Grantees included:

- ABILITY Awareness in partnerships with Habitat for Humanity
- American Association of Community Colleges
- Points of Light Foundation in partnership with the AARP
- Denver Options, Inc.
- The Tarjan Center of the University of California, Los Angeles
- Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, Indiana University

## **PLACEMENT AND REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION**

- Annual grants to state commissions on service and volunteering for placement of Americans with disabilities in national service programs, and for reasonable accommodation of AmeriCorps program participants.

## **TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

- Competitive grant to an expert organization to provide training and technical assistance to national service programs on elements necessary for the creation of inclusive service environments that promote successful completion of meaningful volunteer service experiences. (Current training and technical assistance provider is the Institute for Community Inclusion of the University of Massachusetts/Boston and their partner, the Association of University Centers on Disability.)

## **CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. Each year the Corporation engages more than four million Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service to meet local needs through its Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America programs. For more information, visit [www.NationalService.gov](http://www.NationalService.gov).

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