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Governor's Commission on Community Service
Fact Sheet

What is the Governor's Commission on Community Service?

The Governor's Commission on Community Service is made up of fifteen diverse Montanans appointed by the Governor and Chaired by the President of the University of Montana, George Dennison. They make recommendations to the Governor for appointing the Director of the Office of Community Service and manage national and community service programs of the Corporation for National and Community Service (AmeriCorps). The broader Goal the Commission has adopted is to enhance the civic engagement of all Montanans by:

* Encouraging citizens to engage in service
* Involving youth in the life and work of communities
* Expanding service opportunities for all Montanans

What are the programs and services?

- The Office sponsors the annual Governor's Conference on Civic Engagement for over 250 people.
- Governor's Awards for Civic Engagement - Commission assists the Governor in identifying individuals and organizations who have made outstanding contributions to their community.
- AmeriCorps Grants – Commission awards **over $2.5 million** to support five Programs.
  Over 300 public and private agencies sponsor AmeriCorps projects.
  Programs enroll 225 AmeriCorps Members who earn education awards totaling over $700,000.
- AmeriCorps Members pay over $60,000 in state withholding taxes on living stipends of $1,154,565.
- Training and Technical Assistance – The Office provides 8 training sessions (500 attendees) designed to give AmeriCorps programs and local partners the tools they need to address community problems.
- Planning Grants - Currently funding 7 planning grants to develop new AmeriCorps programs.

What results have we seen?

Education - AmeriCorps members working on projects that improve education:

- Tutored and/or taught 2451 students
- Mentored 872 students
- Develop Parent Resource Rooms in 20 schools which engage 15,000 parents with their schools

Natural Resources - AmeriCorps members working on natural resource enhancement projects:

- Built or restored 640 miles of trails
- Restored or conserved 141 miles of river
- Constructed 52 miles of fencing on public lands and improved 354 park structures

Human Needs - AmeriCorps members working on projects that meet human service needs:

- Improved the facilities of 72 community and/or faith based organizations
- Involved in constructing 13 housing units
- Delivered meals to over 700 people

Community Strengthening - AmeriCorps members working on projects that involved citizens directly in serving community needs:

- Generated 5,038 volunteers who gave 52,000 hours on community projects.

The Commission represents the lead agency in State Government that is actively working to strengthen the involvement of our citizens in solving local problems. We estimate that Montanan's volunteer over 15,000,000 hours each year with community agencies to meet critical needs ranging from education and youth services to economic development and the arts. This is a powerful resource that for the state and should continue to be developed. It also represents the arena where leaders are developed who can guide and grow Montana's future.

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