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## **Regional AmeriCorps Grant to Engage 3,834 Students in Service to Local Communities**

The Corporation for National and Community Service has awarded Colorado Campus Compact (CCC) \$962,736 to support AmeriCorps members who will focus on meeting critical community needs through providing education support services in K-12 schools, delivering healthcare services in medically underserved communities to uninsured/underinsured individuals and through assisting nonprofit organizations in building their capacity to serve local community needs through program development and delivery.



As architecture students from the University of Colorado Denver, these AmeriCorps volunteers worked with Design Build Bluff to build housing for Navajo families. Photo by Wes Hoffman

The Compact Service Corps Program will support AmeriCorps members serving through colleges and universities in Arizona, Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. This is Colorado Campus Compact's ninth year as an AmeriCorps sponsor, and will allow CCC to expand its impact on critical regional issues in K-12 education, community healthcare and nonprofit capacity building.

"AmeriCorps is an essential part of the solution to many of the social challenges facing our communities," said Stephanie Schooley, Executive Director of Colorado Campus Compact. "We're thrilled that the Corporation for National and Community Service has again recognized the value that AmeriCorps members serving with the Compact Service Corps offer to

communities. These AmeriCorps members will meet pressing local needs and strengthen our communities as they develop civic and leadership skills that last a lifetime."

The current year's AmeriCorps grant cycle was highly competitive, due to the strong and growing demand by organizations seeking AmeriCorps resources. Organizations requested nearly twice the number of grant dollars and AmeriCorps positions than could be funded.

"I congratulate this year's grantees for rising to the top in a highly competitive year," said John Gomperts, Director of AmeriCorps. "These organizations will increase their reach and impact on meeting local needs through the infusion of dedicated AmeriCorps members."

On a national level, AmeriCorps engages 80,000 Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service to meet critical needs. Its members serve through more than 14,000 nonprofit and faith-based organizations in rural and urban communities throughout the nation. Among other accomplishments, AmeriCorps members last year mobilized 2.6 million community volunteers, and tutored, mentored or served more than 2.5 million disadvantaged youth.

Since 2002, more than 31,500 students have provided over 12 million hours of service to their communities and country through Colorado Campus Compact AmeriCorps opportunities.

Compact Service Corps AmeriCorps members will serve through the following institutions of higher education throughout the region: (AZ) Arizona State University, Mesa Community College; (CO) Adams State College, Colorado Christian University, Colorado College, Colorado State University, Colorado State University Pueblo, Fort Lewis College, Front Range Community College, Mesa State College, Metropolitan State College of Denver, Morgan Community College, Naropa University, Newman University, Northeastern Junior College, Pueblo Community College, Red Rocks Community College, Regis University, University of Colorado Boulder, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, University of Colorado Denver, University of Denver, University of Northern Colorado, University of the Rockies; (MT) Flathead Valley Community College, Miles Community College, Montana State University Billings, Montana State University Bozeman, Montana State University College of Nursing Great Falls, Montana State University Great Falls College of Technology, Montana State University Northern, Montana Student Assistance Foundation, Montana Tech, Rocky Mountain College, University of Montana Helena College of Technology, University of Montana, University of Montana Western; (NE) University of Nebraska; (ND) Mayville State University, Minot State University, University of North Dakota; (SD) Augustana College, Dakota Wesleyan College, South Dakota State University, University of South Dakota.



AmeriCorps volunteer Marisa Farrah with her students. Farrah is student in the Boettcher Teachers Program at the University of Denver. Photo by Marisa Farrah

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Colorado Campus Compact works with colleges and universities to expand campus and community partnerships, develop civically engaged students and address local community challenges through hands-on student service and community-based learning. Interested individuals can learn about CCC online by visiting [www.ccompact.org](http://www.ccompact.org).

AmeriCorps is a national service program administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service that engages Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service to meet critical needs. Members tutor and mentor youth, expand health services, build affordable housing, run after-school programs, support veterans, help communities respond to disasters, and recruit and train volunteers. Interested individuals can learn about available opportunities and apply online by visiting [AmeriCorps.gov](http://AmeriCorps.gov).

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