Serve Washington recognizes understanding the various streams of national service can be challenging. This chart will help answer questions to determine if national service may be a fit for your organization.

**START**

**Is your organization seeking to fill a community need beyond what you can currently provide?**

- **YES**
  - My organization/program(s) could meet a community need immediately by providing new or additional direct services to one or more beneficiary groups (students, seniors, veterans, the environment, etc.).
  - **YES**
    - Could you support, manage, and engage the equivalent of 10 full-time individuals (i.e. 20 part-time, or 40 summer only, etc.) to help you implement these services?
    - **YES**
      - Does your organization have a track record in managing grants including federal grants that require significant financial and programmatic support?
        - **YES**
          - Would your program provide services only within Washington?
            - **YES**
              - AmeriCorps
                - AmeriCorps VISTA may be a fit for your current needs.
            - **NO**
              - AmeriCorps
                - AmeriCorps National NCCC may be a fit for your current needs.
      - **NO**
        - AmeriCorps
          - AmeriCorps National funding may be a fit for your current needs.
  - **NO**
    - My organization/program(s) could meet a community need through direct services, but we need to build capacity first (fundraising, program development, marketing, systems development, etc.).
    - **YES**
      - Would your organization provide services in Washington and one or more other states?
        - **YES**
          - AmeriCorps
            - AmeriCorps State (Serve Washington) funding may be a fit for your current needs.
        - **NO**
          - AmeriCorps
            - AmeriCorps National funding may be a fit for your current needs.
    - **NO**
      - My organization/program(s) could meet a community need through a short term burst of support (3-8 weeks), but we don’t have the capacity to manage a long-term project or program right now.
      - AmeriCorps
        - AmeriCorps NCCC may be a fit for your current needs.

**Other Options**

National Service Resources can be beneficial to helping organizations meet many community needs but are not always a fit for every organization. If you cannot find a fit using this chart please consider one of the following:

1. You may be able to become a host site for National Service members through an existing AmeriCorps State, National or VISTA program.
2. You may be able to partner with an AmeriCorps Seniors program (RSVP, Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions) to meet some of your needs.
3. You may be able to meet your needs through building or expanding a traditional volunteer program.
This chart will help you better understand the National Service Family Tree. Below are the local and regional contacts to help you learn more once you have determined which stream of service is the best fit for you.

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**AmeriCorps VISTA or Senior Corps**
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**AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC)**
AmeriCorps NCCC Pacific Region
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**Resources**

- National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC)
- Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA)
- National Direct
- Senior Companions
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)
- Foster Grandparents

**About Serve Washington**

Serve Washington is proud to serve as the Governor’s Commission on Service, one of 52 state service commissions.

Serve Washington advances national service, volunteerism and civic engagement to improve lives; expands opportunity to meet the local critical needs of residents of Washington; and strengthens community capacity while creating healthy and resilient communities.

State service commissions were designed for every state to build the national service public and private partnership as a 1:1 match between states and the federal government. The Washington State Service Commission’s federal funds are matched with state, private and in-kind sources.

Serve Washington develops a State Service Plan, which serves as a blueprint for maximizing civic engagement, volunteerism and service in the state of Washington to meet unmet needs.

Serve Washington is the convening organization for all streams of national service in Washington.