



Volunteer Maine

Maine Commission for Community Service

The identity statement is also the criteria to use when Volunteer Maine needs to make a decision or modify/change strategy.

Component	Commission Statement
We advance our mission* to...	foster and inspire community service and volunteerism to address critical needs in the State of Maine.
guided by our core values and beliefs that service ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • engenders personal and civic responsibility that is fundamental to a just, inclusive, and civil society; • is a strategy for solving community problems; • strengthens communities by cultivating a sense of civic identity and common purpose; • works best when it is community-driven and government-supported; • recognizes that its beneficiaries, especially those who have been underrepresented, under resourced, and/or previously excluded, must be empowered to set priorities, and design and implement solutions to the challenges they face.
and seek to impact...	the capacity, sustainability, inclusivity, effectiveness, and efficiency of Maine's volunteer sector;
by serving (clients, beneficiaries) ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • managers of volunteers; • Maine national service grantees; • public and private nonprofit organizations seeking to engage volunteers, • organizations and agencies that extend programming to racial and indigenous populations, persons with disabilities, and socially marginalized and/or historically disadvantaged; • public and private agencies seeking to develop national service programs;
through (programs and services) ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • making, administering and evaluating volunteer program grants; • developing managers of volunteers; • fostering adoption of high-quality volunteer management practices; • providing support to organizations applying for national service; • providing support to organizations implementing national service programs; • raising awareness of volunteer sector issues, including those arising uniquely among racial and indigenous groups, persons with disabilities, and those who are socially marginalized and/or historically disadvantaged through research related to the status of volunteering and volunteer management; and • promoting service as a strategy;
and effectively using our assets ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a unique statewide focus on volunteerism; • the network of AmeriCorps alumni /Senior Corps volunteers; • superior volunteer management training/capacity building; • technical assistance capability & certified trainers; • knowledge, thought leadership & innovation; and • skill in convening diverse stakeholders.
sustained by resources from ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporation for National and Community Service • state funding for certain initiatives • training fees from non-national service participants • in-kind donations of goods and service • Maine Volunteer Foundation and other private funding.

*The mission is a summary of the statutory purpose, the section of the law that sets forth the mission for anybody created through statute. The actual language reads: *To foster the State's ethic of community service; encourage community service and volunteerism as a means of meeting critical human, environmental, educational and public safety needs throughout the State; serve as the State's liaison regarding national and community service and volunteer activities; foster collaboration among service agencies; receive gifts and grants, implement statewide service programs and make subgrants to state and local entities in accordance with the National and Community Service Trust Act*