



Support the Peace Corps!

Our Request:

- The Trump administration request to Congress calls for continuing to fund the Peace Corps in Fiscal Year 2026 at its present level (\$430.5 million).
- As Congress considers Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations, **please support no less than the president's request of \$430.5 million for the Peace Corps.**

Five Reasons to Support a Strong Peace Corps Appropriation:

1. **So Much for So Little:** It is often forgotten that our entire international affairs spending amounts to approximately one percent of total federal spending. It is less known that the Peace Corps makes up less than one percent of international affairs spending.
2. **Reverse Serious Staff Reductions:** Peace Corps is traditionally one of the leanest agencies in the federal government, and a healthy rotation of staff positions is built into the Peace Corps Act, limiting staff to 5 year terms at the agency. This is not a typically staffed federal agency, and Peace Corps desperately needs Congressional, OMB and OPM clearance to meet urgent staffing needs.
3. **Pacific Region Expansion:** There is bipartisan support for increasing Peace Corps presence in the Pacific region. There are plans in place to return to Palau in 2025. At the same time, four additional Pacific countries are asking the Peace Corps to return. Fulfilling these requests requires increased funding.
4. **A Huge Domestic Return on Investment:** 148 all-volunteer NPCA affiliate groups around the country regularly take part in volunteer projects and charitable fundraising. Individual Returned Peace Corps Volunteers also volunteer in their communities at twice the national average.
5. **A Decade of Austerity:** Over the past decade (Since FY 2016), Congress has only provided the Peace Corps with a five percent increase in its baseline funding. During this period, the agency has lost approximately 25 percent of its purchasing power.