



Support the Peace Corps!

Our Request:

- At the very least, continue to fund the Peace Corps in Fiscal Year 2026 at its present level (\$430.5 million).
- Please include robust funding for the Peace Corps in your personal appropriations request for Fiscal Year 2026.

Five Key Reasons to Support the Peace Corps:

1. **Service to Others:** Since 1961, a quarter million volunteers and staff have served in the Peace Corps in more than 140 nations. **Collectively, Peace Corps Volunteers have provided well over one billion hours of service to our nation.**
2. **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.
3. **A Huge Return on Investment:** A 2023 survey of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers found that 86% of respondents remain active as volunteers in their communities here at home, well above the national average. Thousands of these volunteers serve in leadership roles, helping their communities thrive.
4. **Very Little Investment in the Past Decade:** 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 already lost nearly 25 percent of its purchasing power.
5. **Bi-Partisan Support:** Over its 64 year history, the Peace Corps has experienced strong, bi-partisan support. Please make sure this support continues.