




MINNESOTA BROADBAND TASK FORCE



**ACC is connecting
people to places and possibilities
in digitally disconnected communities
across America.**

ACC Members

**serve shoulder-to-shoulder
with local partners on the ground.**



**Over the past 2 years, ACC
AmeriCorps Members have
demonstrated a significant impact
in the communities they serve.**



ACC IMPACT SUMMARY

CUMULATIVE FROM AUGUST 2021 - AUGUST 2023*

119

Grants Pursued



Awaiting
46.2%



Awarded
53.8%

Totalling

\$63,912,904



97

Broadband Action Teams (BATs) formed with Members engaged

319

Town Halls & Public Workshops Hosted



7,760

Households connected to affordable broadband via ACP & Community Outreach

3,280

Households connected via new infrastructure



Broadband development across the nation is being fueled by passionate community members who are forming coalitions with the goal to see improved, or in some cases, simply gaining access to connectivity. These groups, referred to as Broadband Action Teams or BATs, are at the forefront of community action.

In our host communities, ACC AmeriCorps Members are at the helm, crafting and executing a vision to establish a firm foundation for their communities' digital equity agendas. Facilitating conversations between local leaders, internet service providers, and government agencies, Members explore funding, define local mapping needs, and help prepare their communities for infrastructure investment opportunities by creating or participating in a Broadband Action Team (BAT).



75

ACC Members Deployed through



AmeriCorps



7,755

Speed Mapping Tests Conducted

78



Public-Private Partnerships fostered and/or supported by Members



290

Digital Skill Building Workshops

It's clear we cannot alleviate social and economic inequities without addressing the community need.



Community & Economic Development



Health & Social Capital



Agriculture & Natural Resources



"ACC service has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. It's enabled me to give back to my hometown and its people, and meeting so many talented members from diverse backgrounds and places around America has truly been inspiring."

Tim Gerlach
International Falls, MN

Member Profile: Tim

Host Site: Koochiching County (International Falls, MN)

Program Area: Community & Economic Development

Impact: Collaborated with local officials to enhance digital resources for community members, expand broadband access, address affordability issues, and offer tech skill development programs.



"I've so thoroughly enjoyed my ACC experience. It has perfectly united two things that I love: agriculture and improving my community. I can't imagine a better program to bring these two worlds together."

Sidney Grantham
Bonifay, FL

Member Profile: Sidney

Host Site: University of Florida Extension, Holmes County (Bonifay, FL)

Program Area: Agriculture & Natural Resources

Impact: Collaborating with numerous Holmes County stakeholders and university faculty to advance agricultural tourism and improve agricultural practices through technology.



"My ACC experience has given me the opportunity to serve and improve a community that has done so much for my immigrant family. I've used digital storytelling to bridge divides in rural communities, enabling lowans from different walks of life to learn about one another, and to feel like they all truly belong in the state."

JJ Kapur
Des Moines, IA

Member Profile: JJ

Host Site: CultureALL (Des Moines, IA)

Program Area: Health & Social Capital

Impact: Designing and implementing an affordable, practical digital storytelling program that introduces rural lowans to their neighbors, whose life experiences and cultures differ from their own.

ACC Geography

14 STATES > 28 STATES

50 MEMBERS > 105 MEMBERS

JUST THE BEGINNING.

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What next?

01 Community Partnerships
Host sites, organizational partners, and communities to place our members, member recruitment, expanding geographic reach in Appalachia, Upper Midwest, Rural South and Tribal Communities.

02 Organizational Partnerships
Leverage our AmeriCorps recruitment and management to support other rural and legacy community-focused organizations and empower our members with additional technical resources and skillsets.

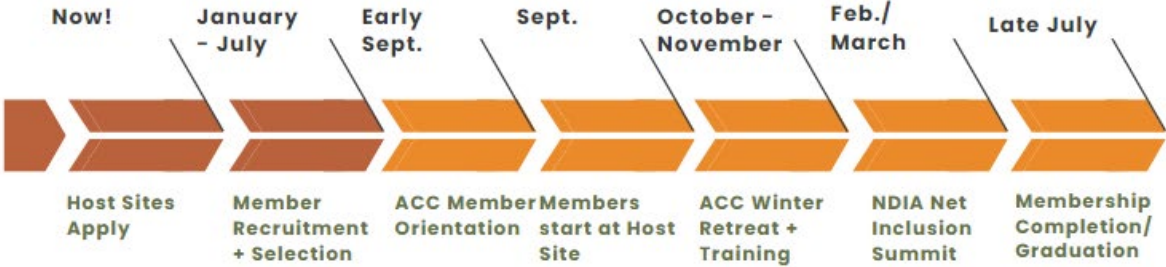
03 Funding the Gap
Locally-focused, nationally-scaled service work. For every \$1 of AmeriCorps funding, we are matching with \$2 in additional support. Grow philanthropic support and expand our reach.





PY'24 PROGRAM TIMELINE*

* Specific training dates TBD.



"Receiving an ACC Member from LFA has had insurmountable impact on our organization's broadband efforts. Our Member came to us with a wealth of knowledge, leadership capacity and confidence, and excitement to make a difference in our community. It has been a great experience for our organization and our community."