



National Service in Arizona



MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN ARIZONA

More than 3,400 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in Arizona. Serving at more than 770 locations throughout the state, these citizens tutor and mentor children, support veterans and military families, provide health services, restore the environment, respond to disasters, increase economic opportunity, and recruit and manage volunteers.

This year, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) will commit more than \$18,040,000 to support Arizona communities through national service initiatives. CNCS invests in cost-effective community solutions--working hand in hand with local partners to improve lives, expand economic opportunity, and engage citizens in solving problems in their communities. Serving in many of the state's most impoverished communities, CNCS provides vital support to schools, food banks, homeless shelters, community health clinics, youth centers, veterans service facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based organizations at a time of growing demand for services. Through a unique public-private partnership, this federal investment will leverage an additional \$5,500,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars.

AmeriCorps: This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 1,600 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across Arizona. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Arizona Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism, which in turn awards grants to nonprofit groups to respond to local needs. Most of the remainder of the grant funding is distributed by CNCS directly to multi-state and national organizations through a competitive grants process. Other individuals serve through AmeriCorps VISTA, whose members help bring individuals and communities out of poverty by serving full-time to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses, and increase housing opportunities, and AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps), a 10-month, full time residential program for men and women between the ages of 18 and 24. In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members earn an education award that can be used to pay for college or to pay back qualified student loans. Since 1994, more than 18,000 Arizona residents have served more than 18 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$44,050,000.

Senior Corps: More than 1,800 seniors in Arizona contribute their time and talents in one of three Senior Corps programs. Foster Grandparents serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to more than 1,200 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 510 homebound seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes. RSVP volunteers conduct safety patrols, renovate homes, protect the environment, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services through more than 110 groups across Arizona.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. CNCS annually engages more than five million Americans in service to meet local needs through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and national days of service; improves communities through the Social Innovation Fund, and leads President Obama's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. To learn more visit NationalService.gov or Serve.gov or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

AmeriCorps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants ¹	Education Scholarships ²	Program Funding
AmeriCorps National	20	223	926	\$6,444,624	\$2,104,336 ³
AmeriCorps State Formula	16	196	573	\$1,375,961	\$2,580,551
AmeriCorps Tribes/Territories	2	1	40	\$197,575	\$595,274
AmeriCorps VISTA	9	82	86	\$488,360	\$1,399,220
AMERICORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	47	502	1,625	\$8,506,521	\$6,679,381
Senior Corps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	2	106	360	-	\$1,291,056
RSVP	5	112	1,273	-	\$446,082
Senior Companion Program	2	57	231	-	\$821,990
SENIOR CORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	9	275	1,864	-	\$2,559,128
Other Funding	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$298,440
OTHER FUNDING TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	1	-	-	-	\$298,440
PROGRAM TOTALS	57	777 ⁴	3,489	\$8,506,521	\$9,536,949
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)					\$18,043,469
TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)					\$5,509,331 ⁵
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT					\$23,552,800

Notes: The data shown represents a snapshot in time. CNCS project sites, participants, and funding change throughout the year, so the data may not reflect current conditions.

- This figure represents the number of awarded positions available to be filled in the 2014 - 2015 program year. For AmeriCorps VISTA, this represents the actual number of VISTA members in active service.
- This figure represents the maximum potential value of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards that can be earned by AmeriCorps members serving in Arizona. The award can be used in any state to pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay back student loans. The education award total is included in total CNCS funding.
- AmeriCorps National figures may include national programs headquartered in the state and/or operating sites of national programs that are headquartered in other states. Funding reflects the estimated proportionate share of the national grant associated with operating sites in this report. Some national organizations do not report operating site data, or it was not available at time of publishing, so figures may not reflect current conditions.
- The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple CNCS programs are operating.
- As part of its public-private partnership approach, CNCS requires grantees to leverage additional resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on the federal investment. This figure reflects non-CNCS cash and in-kind resources that CNCS grantees and project sponsors have committed to raise to support their programming activities across the state.



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AmeriCorps VISTA

Alliance of Arizona AmeriCorps VISTA Jeff Schlueter serving with United Way of Northern Arizona (UWNA) in Flagstaff helps strengthen the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program to increase the United Way's ability assist low-income taxpayers throughout northern Arizona. UWNA's VITA program helped fill in the gap of services when the local IRS office closed several years ago. With Schlueter's assistance, the United Way was able to enlist more than 200 volunteers to serve more than 5,000 hours. These volunteers helped more than 5,000 families and individuals to receive free tax services and claim more than \$2 million in Earned Income Tax Credits. Schlueter cultivated new partnerships to expand the program's service area. The VITA program now serves communities throughout Coconino and Navajo County and the Hopi reservation. To ensure that the program continues to provide quality service, Schlueter created client surveys to gather feedback so that the program can make future improvements. Thanks to Schlueter's efforts the UWNA's VITA program passed its federal audit with 100 percent compliance for the first time.

The Arizona Serves AmeriCorps VISTA project at Prescott College recruits and manages AmeriCorps VISTA members in Yavapai County and Tucson to serve with local nonprofits and government entities on projects that addressed poverty. Over the past year, these members managed 16,879 community volunteers who served 64,755 hours and helped raise \$609,285 in cash resources. One of these VISTA members, Adair Brown, served with the Tucson Mayor's Commission on Poverty and the Tucson Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness (TPCH). The Mayor's Commission, composed of business and nonprofit leaders, is developing a research driven, collective impact initiative to reduce poverty in Tucson. Adair assisted the Mayor's Commission with planning, research, and identification of area experts. With TPCH, Adair helped develop a community-wide coordinated assessment system for accessing homeless services. This tool ensures that scarce housing resources are used efficiently to assist people experiencing homelessness. Adair also recruited and managed more than 100 volunteers to assist with the Housing and Urban Development Point-in-Time Count of individuals experiencing homelessness, and then developed a manual to improve future counts.

AmeriCorps NCCC

The City of Casa Grande, Arizona is the largest city in Pinal County with just under 50,000 residents. Seventeen percent (17%) of Casa Grande families live under the poverty level and over 60% of students at Casa Grande schools are eligible for the free or reduced lunch program. The Community Services Department (CSD) of Casa Grande is one of eight providing services for the nearly 50,000 residents within city boundaries. The CSD partnered with an AmeriCorps NCCC team in order to provide high quality recreational experiences at a low cost for residences. An NCCC team was able to assist the city through work on Casa Grande Mountain, West Pinal Park, the Pinal County Fairgrounds, and the local rodeo grounds. During their time working at these sites, Corps members helped build three and a half miles and maintain seven miles of trail, painted the interior of two exhibit barns on the fairgrounds, constructed a 722 square foot patio at the front entrance of the fairgrounds, and built 50 feet of retaining wall at the fairgrounds. Due to the NCCC team, The City of Casa Grande now has safer hiking trails, improved facilities for events, and a better ability to attract tourists.

American Conservation Experience (ACE) operates under the conservation corps model to implement a variety of environmental restoration projects for land management agencies and non-profit organizations across the US. Members worked on four distinct projects with the ACE: thin a dense Ponderosa Pine forest, help build one mile of dirt bike trail in the Coconino National Forest-Kelly Canyon, eradicate invasive plant species in the Prescott, AZ area, and assist in the destruction and reconstruction of a dry stone masonry wall. Members of the Flagstaff community benefited in many ways due to the work of AmeriCorps NCCC. The team's work in thinning the ponderosa pine forest will help reduce the risk of wildfires. Residents of Flagstaff and visitors with dirt bikes will have the opportunity to expand their views of the Coconino National Forest due to the new trail. The removal of invasive plants will allow native plants to compete for growth along the waterways. Finally, a section of the Arizona Trail that runs from southern Utah to Nogales, AZ will be protected from large vehicles and ATVs through the construction of a stone wall, which will allow the community will be able to enjoy this trail.

Senior Corps Foster Grandparent Program

Northern Arizona University's Civic Service Institute engages Foster Grandparent volunteers to serve as tutors and mentors to disadvantaged youth living in Apache, Coconino, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Pima, Pinal, Yavapai and Yuma Counties. Last fiscal year, 193 FGP volunteers served 156,789 hours assisting 770 children. Of children assisted by FGP volunteers statewide, 100 percent showed improved motor skills; 91 percent demonstrated improved intellectual/thinking skills; 94 percent showed improved social/emotional skills; and 97 percent demonstrated improved language development skills as rated by classroom teachers. Furthermore, 96 percent of children showed improved confidence in their motor skills; 92 percent showed improved confidence in their intellectual/thinking skills; 92 percent demonstrated improved confidence in their social/emotional skills, and 97 percent demonstrated improved confidence in their language development skills.

Senior Corps RSVP

The RSVP Program of Northern and Western Arizona, sponsored by Northern Arizona University's Civic Service Institute, engages volunteers to serve in many capacities including healthy futures, education, and veterans and military families. In fiscal year 2014, RSVP volunteers had especially significant impacts working with students and addressing hunger issues. Eleven RSVP Literacy Coaches worked with 167 students throughout the 2013-2014 school year and 88 percent of students improved their reading skills. Additionally, 84 RSVP volunteers served 16,289 hours to improve food security in their local communities. These volunteers gleaned, organized, and distributed food for food banks, delivered Meals on Wheels to homebound elderly individuals, and prepared and served meals to those in need at food kitchens, serving 32,000 individuals throughout the year. Partner agencies reported that 98 percent of clients responded they were better able to feed themselves and address other priorities in their lives due to the meals and emergency food boxes they received.

Senior Corps Senior Companion Program

Our Family Services, located in Tucson, engages Senior Companion volunteers to assist seniors living independently in Pima County. Last fiscal year, 45 Senior Companions served 46,592 hours assisting 552 seniors and caregivers. Of the clients assisted by Senior Companion volunteers, 90 percent reported they were able to remain living independently due to the support they received from their Senior Companion volunteer. Clients reported receiving support in at least two of eight activities of daily living, such as assistance with transportation, light grooming, light meal preparation, etc. Of the caregivers assisted by Senior Companion volunteers, 80 percent reported decreased stress as a result of receiving respite services and 80 percent reported that they are better able to provide caregiving support to their elder, allowing the client to remain living in the home.



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of March 12, 2015)	1,625	47
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	965	26

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Apache Junction	Arizona State Parks (March 19 - May 8, 2014) Arizona State Parks	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Avondale	Avondale Education and Community Engagement Initiative (Current) City of Avondale	4	AmeriCorps VISTA
Avondale	City of Avondale (January 12 - February 20, 2015) City of Avondale	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Casa Grande	University of Arizona Cooperative Extension-Pinal County (January 12 - February 20, 2015) Arizona Board of Regents dba University of Arizona Cooperative Extension	11	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Chinle	Rough Rock AmeriCorps Program (Current) Rough Rock Community School Board, Inc. HERE	25	AmeriCorps Indian Tribes
Coolidge	SCA Arizona (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	29	AmeriCorps National
Flagstaff	American Conservation Experience (Current) The Corps Network	349	AmeriCorps National
Flagstaff	American Conservation Experience (March 19 - May 8, 2014) American Conservation Experience (ACE)	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Flagstaff	Arizona Conservtion Corps (Current) Conservation Legacy	61	AmeriCorps State Formula
Flagstaff	Civic Service Institute at Northern Arizona University (May 22 - July 18, 2014) Northern Arizona University	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Flagstaff	Coconino Rural Environment Corps NACC (Completed) Coconino County Community Services	-	AmeriCorps State Formula
Flagstaff	CREC/Northern Arizona Conservation Corps (Completed) The Corps Network	13	AmeriCorps National
Flagstaff	Flagstaff Area National Monuments (June 19 - July 17, 2014) North Central Arizona National Monuments	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Flagstaff	OYSI - CREC (Completed) The Corps Network	44	AmeriCorps National
Flagstaff	SCA Veterans Fire Corps Arizona (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	10	AmeriCorps National
Flagstaff	SCC - Flagstaff (Current) Conservation Legacy	-	AmeriCorps National
Flagstaff	Volunteer Generation through Intercultural Outreach (Current) American Conservation Experience	13	AmeriCorps State Formula
Flagstaff	Youth in Action AmeriCorps (Current) Arizona Board of Regents for and on behalf of Northern Arizona University	52	AmeriCorps State Formula
Florence	Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project (Current) Equal Justice Works	1	AmeriCorps National
Glendale	The IRC in Phoenix (Current) International Rescue Committee HQ	3	AmeriCorps National
Mesa	AZ - Mesa Community College (Completed) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	66	AmeriCorps National
Mesa	Concordia Charter School (January 12 - February 20, 2015) Concordia Charter School	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Mesa	Mesa Veterans, Education & Community Building Initiative (Current) Mesa United Way	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Mesa	NAFFA VISTA Project (Current) Native American Fathers and Families Association	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Mesa	Operation Second Wind (Current) Mesa United Way	39	AmeriCorps State Formula
Nogales	FEMA-Office of Border Patrol-Nogales, AZ (June 12 - July 30, 2014) FEMA-Office of Border Patrol-Nogales, AZ	38	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Nogales	Nogales, Arizona Logistics R09-029-AZ-ANY-ANY (June 6 - June 17, 2014) FEMA-Office of Border Patrol-Nogales, AZ	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects



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Nogales	University of Arizona Cooperative Extension: Nogales (March 19 - May 8, 2014) Arizona Board of Regents dba University of Arizona Cooperative Extension	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Parker	Arizona State Parks - Buckskin and Patagonia State Parks (November 3 - December 12, 2014) Arizona State Parks	11	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Phoenix	Alliance VISTA (Current) Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits	21	AmeriCorps VISTA
Phoenix	American Red Cross NPRC - Phoenix Region (Current) American National Red Cross DC	6	AmeriCorps National
Phoenix	Andre House (Completed) Catholic Volunteer Network	8	AmeriCorps National
Phoenix	Arizona Living Well CommunityCorps (Current) Technical Assistance Partnership of Arizona	31	AmeriCorps State Formula
Phoenix	Arizona Teaching Fellows (Current) The New Teacher Project	53	AmeriCorps National
Phoenix	AZ Dept of Economic Security/Division of Aging & Adult Svcs (Current) AZ Dept of Economic Security/Division of Aging & Adult Svcs	17	AmeriCorps VISTA
Phoenix	AZ Refugee VISTA Project (Completed) AZ Dept of Economic Security/Division of Aging & Adult Svcs	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Phoenix	Diocese of Phoenix (Current) University of Notre Dame	6	AmeriCorps National
Phoenix	Experience Matters AmeriCorps (Current) Experience Matters, Inc.	37	AmeriCorps State Formula
Phoenix	Family Campout & Stewardship Program (Current) Arizona State Parks	6	AmeriCorps State Formula
Phoenix	HandsOn Greater Phoenix (Current) HandsOn Greater Phoenix	8	AmeriCorps VISTA
Phoenix	HandsOn Service Corps (Completed) HandsOn Greater Phoenix	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Phoenix	Los Ancianos: Seniors Serving Seniors (Current) Area Agency on Aging Region One	21	AmeriCorps State Formula
Phoenix	Maggie's Place (Completed) Catholic Volunteer Network	24	AmeriCorps National
Phoenix	Notre Dame AmeriCorps - Phoenix (Current) Notre Dame Mission Volunteers Program, Inc.	6	AmeriCorps National
Phoenix	Playworks Phoenix (Current) Playworks Education Energized	11	AmeriCorps National
Phoenix	Public Allies Arizona (Current) Public Allies, Inc.	43	AmeriCorps National
Phoenix	Radio Campesina Internship Program (Completed) Cesar Chavez Foundation	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Phoenix	Social Venture Partners Network Initiative (Completed) Social Venture Partners International	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Phoenix	Teach For America - Phoenix (Current) Teach For America	250	AmeriCorps National
Prescott	Prescott College (Current) PRESCOTT COLLEGE	24	AmeriCorps VISTA
Prescott Valley	Community Counts AmeriCorps State (Current) Youth Count, Inc.	22	AmeriCorps State Formula
Sacaton	Veterans Serving Veterans (Current) Gila River Indian Community	15	AmeriCorps Indian Tribes
Tempe	Arizona State University (Current) Arizona State University	185	AmeriCorps State Formula
Tempe	AZ - Arizona State University (Completed) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	604	AmeriCorps National



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Tempe	Rebuilding Together Valley of the Sun (Current) Rebuilding Together, Inc	2	AmeriCorps National
Tucson	Arizona Conservation Corps (Current) The Corps Network	9	AmeriCorps National
Tucson	Arts for All, Inc. (Current) Arts for All, Inc.	10	AmeriCorps State Formula
Tucson	Diocese of Tucson (Current) University of Notre Dame	8	AmeriCorps National
Tucson	Operation Desert Home (Current) American Red Cross Southern Arizona Chapter	38	AmeriCorps State Formula
Tucson	OYSI - Southwest CC (Completed) The Corps Network	52	AmeriCorps National
Tucson	OYSI Arizona Conservation Corps (Current) The Corps Network	86	AmeriCorps National
Tucson	Pima Community College Adult Education Corps 2 (Current) Pima County Community College District	7	AmeriCorps State Formula
Tucson	SGC - Sonoran Desert (Current) Conservation Legacy	22	AmeriCorps National
Tucson	Southwest Conservation Corps - Sonoran Desert (Completed) The Corps Network	8	AmeriCorps National
Tucson	The IRC in Tucson (Current) International Rescue Committee HQ	2	AmeriCorps National
Tucson	The Nature Conservancy AmeriCorps (Current) The Nature Conservancy - Arizona	5	AmeriCorps State Formula
Tucson	The Partnership AmeriCorps Project (Current) Pima Prevention Partnership	16	AmeriCorps State Formula
Tucson	UA Wildcat Corps (Current) Arizona Board of Regents - University of Arizona	30	AmeriCorps State Formula
Tucson	University of Arizona Cooperative Exten VISTA Project (Completed) Arizona Board of Regents - University of Arizona	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Tucson	YouthBuild San Luis, AZ (Current) YouthBuild USA, Inc	30	AmeriCorps National
Willcox	Chiricahua National Monument (May 22 - June 18, 2014) National Park Service- Southeast Arizona Group	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Yuma	Building A Brighter Future for Yuma (Current) City of Yuma, Arizona	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Yuma	Western Arizona Community Alliance, Inc. (Current) Western Arizona Community Alliance, Inc.	4	AmeriCorps VISTA

Notes: If there are programs with identical names in separate entries, they are different grants to the same organization. If no members are shown, either the grant is for planning or technical assistance, or enrollment data was not available at the time of printing.

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Senior Corps in Arizona



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
CURRENT (as of March 12, 2015)	1,864	9
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	685	2

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Flagstaff	FGP of Arizona (Current) Northern Arizona University	209	Foster Grandparent Program
Flagstaff	RSVP of Northern & Western AZ (Current) Northern Arizona University	300	RSVP
Flagstaff	RSVP of Northern, Western and Southern AZ (Completed) Northern Arizona University	335	RSVP
Flagstaff	RSVP of Southeastern Arizona (Current) Northern Arizona University	96	RSVP
Flagstaff	SCP of Northern and Central Arizona (Current) Northern Arizona University	168	Senior Companion Program
Mesa	East Valley RSVP (Current) East Valley Adult Resources	385	RSVP
Phoenix	Experience Matters (Current) Experience Matters, Inc.	190	RSVP
Phoenix	Maricopa County RSVP (Completed) Area Agency on Aging Region One	350	RSVP
Tucson	RSVP-Tucson 2013 (Current) Pima Council on Aging Inc	302	RSVP
Tucson	Senior Companion Program (Current) Our Family Services, Inc.	63	Senior Companion Program
Window Rock	Navajo Nation Foster Grandparent Program (Current) Navajo Tribe Area Agency on Aging	151	Foster Grandparent Program

Note: The city column refers to the location of sponsor organization. Volunteers may be serving in other locations than the city listed.