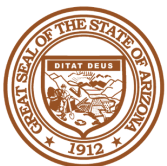


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June 29, 2022

Governor Douglas A. Ducey
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Dear Governor,

It has been a privilege and honor to serve as Chair of the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism. I would like to acknowledge the work of the Commission and their dedication to elevating the engagement of service and volunteerism in Arizona. By expanding awareness of volunteerism as a solution to Arizona's most pressing challenges, we have worked to strengthen cooperation, coordination, and collaboration between all national service programs funded through the AmeriCorps federal agency, including AmeriCorps Volunteers In Service To America, AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps and AmeriCorps Seniors programs.

This year, through funding from the Commission, **25 AmeriCorps State programs** across Arizona supported **758 AmeriCorps members** and earned approximately **\$1.7 million** in Segal Education awards. AmeriCorps members also recruited and managed an additional **2,330 volunteers** serving **17,333 hours** to meet critical needs in Arizona. In addition, five of the eight Planning Grantees from FY21 were selected for funding and able to begin their full programs this past September. Those that were selected noted that they would not have been ready to implement a full program without the Planning Grant opportunity.

Arizona's AmeriCorps members and the volunteers they recruit continue to have a significant impact on our communities. Over **16,586 children and youth** received much-needed educational and social support. More than **870 individuals received job training and placement services** and an additional **2,100 received independent living support**. Lastly, AmeriCorps members served nearly **1,300 veterans, active-duty military, and their family members**.

We look forward to next year and all that AmeriCorps can do to support communities throughout the State of Arizona.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna J. Davis".

Donna J. Davis, Chair
Commission on Service and Volunteerism

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COMMISSION PURPOSE AND STRUCTURE

The Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism was established under [Executive Order 2014-07](#) to advise and assist in the development and implementation of a comprehensive, statewide plan for promoting volunteer involvement and citizen participation. The Commission also serves as the state's liaison for national and state organizations that support the mission of the Commission.

The Commission consists of 14 Governor appointed members. Commission members guide and support state service plan activities and Commission initiatives.

This report summarizes key accomplishments and activities over the course of the 2021-2022 state fiscal year, including Commission activities and AmeriCorps state programs.

Vision

Build a better Arizona through service and volunteerism.

Mission

Create opportunities to strengthen Arizona communities through service and volunteerism.

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COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

National Competitive Application Support *November 2021*

The AmeriCorps federal agency sponsors a solicitation each fall in addition to the annual State AmeriCorps Competition. This is an opportunity for each state to access additional federal funds, and it provides an opportunity for programs operating across multiple states to apply for funding. The outcomes of this National Competitive solicitation are decided by the federal agency directly. Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF) staff and the Commission actively support applicants through the grant writing process.

A grant review team of Commission members, local issue area experts and GOYFF staff provided substantive feedback to five new and re-competing applicants and five continuation applicants in Arizona. Following application reviews, Arizona programs were awarded over \$2.7 million in new and continuation funding for the upcoming program year, which begins in September 2022. This funding is in addition to the annual state allocation and [American Rescue Plan Act](#) (ARPA) funds of approximately \$6 million for the next federal fiscal year.

AmeriCorps Week *March 13-19, 2022*

AmeriCorps Week is held nationally to recognize the commitment of millions of Americans who have chosen to serve their country through AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors, and to encourage others to follow in their footsteps of service. AmeriCorps Week provides an opportunity to salute AmeriCorps members and alumni for their service, thank AmeriCorps community partners, and raise awareness about the impact of AmeriCorps on our state and on the lives of those who serve. This year GOYFF-funded AmeriCorps Programs were highlighted through social media platforms and the [GOYFF website](#) to share the stories of service members and raise awareness of the program's impact in local communities. Governor Doug Ducey issued a [proclamation](#) spotlighting the contributions of AmeriCorps State & National, AmeriCorps VISTA and AmeriCorps Seniors programs.

Commission Retreat *March 23, 2022*

In March 2022, Commissioners gathered at the State Capitol for a full-day retreat to review the purpose of state service commissions as outlined in [45 Code of Federal Regulations Part 2522](#) and as established in the [State of Arizona Executive Order 2014-07](#). The retreat included discussions surrounding the development of the 2024 State Service Plan priorities.

Minutes from the retreat and all presentation materials may be viewed [here](#).

19th Annual Governor's Volunteer Service Awards *May 2, 2022*

GOYFF hosted the 19th Annual Governor's Volunteer Service Awards in May 2022 to recognize individuals and groups committed to meeting critical needs in Arizona communities through

service and volunteerism. The Governor's Volunteer Service Awards honor exemplary individual and organizational volunteer efforts that have strengthened communities and improved quality of life for Arizonans. Awardees have dedicated their hearts, hands, and minds to their communities. Governor Ducey presented ten awards in the areas of Lifetime Achievement, Inspired Adult Leadership, Inspired Youth Leadership, Service to Community, National Service and Pandemic Response.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the awardees, view photos and watch the award presentations.

Service Enterprise Initiative

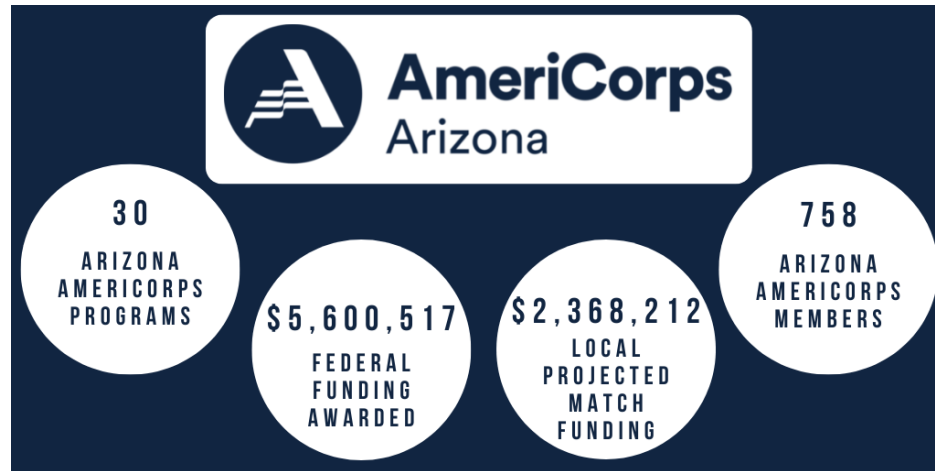
Service Enterprise certification signifies that non-profit organizations have the capability and management expertise to strategically use volunteers to improve the performance of their organization. For every \$1 invested in effective volunteer engagement, organizations can expect \$3-\$6 in return through more effective program delivery. Service Enterprises are significantly more adaptable, sustainable and better resourced to do their work.

The [Service Enterprise Initiative \(SEI\)](#) was relaunched in March 2022 through the [Arizona State University Lodestar Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Innovation](#) with funding from [Tucson Foundations](#). The Volunteer Generation Fund grant, which had previously supported SEI efforts, sunsetted in September 2020 leading the Commission to focus on sustainability planning for this initiative. The Commission partnered with a consultant to interview partners, stakeholders, and other states implementing SEI, resulting in the Lodestar Center for Philanthropy partnering with the Commission to reinstate this endeavor.

As SEI activities continue to expand throughout Arizona, the Commission will remain engaged in efforts to promote participation in the certification program.

2020-2021 AMERICORPS STATE PROGRAMMING

The 2020-2021 AmeriCorps Program year closed on August 31, 2021 with some significant outcomes. **Eight Planning Grantees** and **22 AmeriCorps State programs** supported **758 AmeriCorps members**, and earned approximately **\$1.7 million** in Segal Education awards. In addition, AmeriCorps members recruited and engaged an additional **2,330 volunteers** to serve over **17,300 hours to meet** critical needs in Arizona. AmeriCorps State Programs had a combined **enrollment rate of 79.35%**, exceeding the 77% national average for states and US territories.



The 2021-2022 AmeriCorps Program Year launched September 1, 2021, beginning a new 3- year State Formula grant cycle. This year's Formula Request for Grant Applications was a highly competitive process - receiving 32 applications, nearly double those received in the last cycle. A concerted outreach effort was made to potential first-time applicants, resulting in seven new organizations being selected to receive funding. These new organizations represent 26% of the AmeriCorps portfolio. Arizona received additional American Rescue Plan Act funding to support programs in COVID-19 recovery efforts. Overall, the state received nearly \$8.5 million in federal investments for AmeriCorps programming in the FY21-22 program year, which is an increase of \$2.9 million over the previous year.

AmeriCorps State Programs

ACCEL - Education

Through AmeriCorps State Funding, ACCEL is working with 15 AmeriCorps members to provide one-on-one instruction and support for students with severe autism and multiple disabilities at ACCEL campuses in Phoenix, Tempe, and Buckeye, Arizona. The ACCEL AmeriCorps program, ACCELerate, supports increased skill development of K-12 students with severe autism and multiple disabilities by elevating the skill level of paraprofessionals working with these students every day. AmeriCorps members will also gain essential skills and certifications in Augmentative and Alternative Communication, Assistive Technology, and Applied Behavior Analysis programming. Surrounding teachers with paraprofessionals who have advanced training will enhance the classroom experience for teachers and students. This program

aligns with the CNCS focus areas of Education and Economic Opportunity. CNCS' investment of \$224,940 will be matched with \$380,859 in state and local funding.

Find out more about the ACCEL AmeriCorps Program [here](#).

American Conservation Experience - Environmental Stewardship

American Conservation Experience is working with 36 AmeriCorps members to perform forest management, hazardous fuels reduction, and post-fire restoration activities in National Forests throughout the state. At the end of the program year, AmeriCorps members will be responsible for improving 300 acres and 15 miles of trail. AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 30 community volunteers to engage in forest restoration education. This program aligns with the CNCS focus area of Environmental Stewardship. CNCS' investment of \$293,400 will be matched with \$293,400 of federal and non-federal funding. Project partners include [Coconino National Forest](#), [Montezuma Castle National Monument](#), [Babbitt Ranches Landsward Foundation](#), and [National Forest Foundation](#).

Find out more about American Conservation Experience AmeriCorps Program [here](#).

Area Agency on Aging, Region One - Healthy Futures

The Area Agency on Aging, Region One is recruiting 25 AmeriCorps Encore members to meet community recovery needs following the COVID-19 pandemic. Members and volunteers will assist older adults with a variety of activities including: online companionship; learning to access food and supplies through existing online delivery systems; providing telephone reassurance; and offering referrals to needed services within Maricopa County. Members who have been trained in [RxMatters](#) programming and [Mental Health First Aid](#) will provide medication use education, and other prevention services where needed. At the end of the first program year, AmeriCorps members will be responsible for providing companionship, services, and education to 1,700 older adults, helping them to improve efficacy, health outcomes and reduce social isolation. In addition, AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 100 volunteers recruited from seven geographic areas across Maricopa County to provide services to isolated older adults to help access adequate food and companionship. This program aligns with the CNCS priority areas of COVID-19 Community Recovery and Reduction and Prevention of Drug and Opioid Abuse as a Healthy Futures initiative, while building capacity in the population of vulnerable older adults to access food, supplies, and companionship through services that promote Aging in Place and Access to Care. CNCS' investment of \$172,428 will be matched with \$180,627 from unrestricted Agency funds.

Find out more about the Caring Circles AmeriCorps Program [here](#).

Arizona Caregiver Coalition - Healthy Futures

The Arizona Caregiver Coalition is working with 11 AmeriCorps to provide caregiver support throughout Arizona. At the end of the first program year, AmeriCorps members will be responsible for serving 530 family caregivers and reducing caregiver burden. This program aligns with the CNCS focus area of Healthy Futures. CNCS' investment of \$82,478 will be matched with \$26,465 in public funding.

Find out more about the Arizona Caregiver Coalition AmeriCorps Program [here](#).

Arizona Conservation Corps - Environmental Stewardship

Arizona Conservation Corps, a Conservation Legacy program, is engaging 124 AmeriCorps members to serve in partnership with natural resource agencies on conservation service projects. These projects include: conserving forests, rivers, watersheds, trails and habitats; maintaining important natural resources and infrastructure; and developing environmental stewardship and workplace skills in members throughout Arizona. At the end of the first program year, AmeriCorps members will be responsible for improving 1,185 acres of public land and 159 miles of trails or waterways. In addition, AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 200 volunteers who will engage in four National Service Day projects to improve lands and trails. This program aligns with the CNCS focus area of Environmental Stewardship. CNCS' investment of \$521,180 will be matched with \$1,684,260 in public funding and \$187,140 in private funding.

Find out more about the Arizona Conservation Corps AmeriCorps Program [here](#).

Arizona State University, School of Social Work - Healthy Futures

The Arizona State University School of Social Work is engaging 60 AmeriCorps members to implement domestic violence prevention and intervention across a range of community-based social service agencies. At the end of the first program year, AmeriCorps members will be responsible for implementing healthy relationship modules with 500 people. In addition, AmeriCorps members will leverage 30 volunteers who will be engaged in working with the AmeriCorps members on-site. This program aligns with the CNCS focus area of Healthy Futures. CNCS' investment of \$540,000 will be matched with \$295,122 in public funding and \$19,316 in private funding.

Find out more about the Survivor Link AmeriCorps Program [here](#).

Arizona Superior Court, Maricopa County - Economic Opportunity

Through the Maricopa County Providing Access to Court Services (PACS) program, 45 AmeriCorps members are assisting court customers navigate an often-daunting judicial process as it pertains to family, civil, probate, criminal matters, and protective orders. PACS members create a supportive environment for customers, helping them navigate court forms, identify next steps, file court documents, and access resources at the Law Library Resource Center located at the four Maricopa County Superior Court locations. At the end of the first program year, AmeriCorps members will be responsible for helping 85,000 self-represented litigants understand and efficiently move through the legal process. In addition, AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional four volunteers who will be engaged in assisting foreign-language speaking customers with translations and interpretations. This program aligns with the CNCS focus area of Economic Opportunity. CNCS' investment of \$211,532 will be matched with \$127,917 in state and local funding.

Find out more about the PACS AmeriCorps Program [here](#).

Arizona Supreme Court - Economic Opportunity

The Arizona Supreme Court's Administrative Office of the Courts, in partnership with the Superior Court's Adult Probation Departments, is working with 50 AmeriCorps members to serve within the Adult Probation System across Apache, Coconino, Maricopa, Navajo, Pima,

Pinal, Yavapai and Yuma County. At the end of the first program year, AmeriCorps members will be responsible for supporting efforts to change probationer behavior or indicate an intent to change behavior to decrease risk of reoffending. In addition, AmeriCorps members will leverage 20 volunteer agencies to become new partner agencies or service providers. This program aligns with the CNCS focus area of Economic Opportunity. CNCS' investment of \$174,395 will be matched with \$62,606 in public funding.

Find out more about the Adult Probation AmeriCorps Program [here](#).

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley - Education

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley is engaging 25 AmeriCorps members to provide educational support, including tutoring and small group mentoring, at Boys & Girls Club facilities in the Greater Phoenix Area. At the end of the first program year, AmeriCorps members will be responsible for improving reading and/or math scores by at least 15% for 1,500 disadvantaged children who are demonstrating poor academic achievement and school absenteeism. In addition, AmeriCorps members will leverage 125 volunteers to provide further student support through after-school programming. This program aligns with the AmeriCorps focus area of Education. The AmeriCorps investment of \$271,475 will be matched with \$116,447 in public and private funding.

Find out more about the Arizona Serve AmeriCorps Program [here](#).

Education Forward Arizona - Education

The Arizona College Access Network, a College Success Arizona program, is engaging 50 AmeriCorps members to help prepare over 2,500 low-income, first-generation, students of color for success in postsecondary education. Members will support college access programming in low income, Title 1 designated high schools across Arizona. At the end of the first program year, AmeriCorps members will help students demonstrate increased preparation for postsecondary education through college admission and enrollment. In addition, AmeriCorps members will leverage 250 volunteers in statewide initiatives and service projects that support and improve communities across Arizona. This program aligns with the CNCS focus area of Education. CNCS' investment of \$411,329 will be matched with \$72,801 in public funding and \$67,600 in private funding.

Find out more about the AdviseAZ AmeriCorps Program [here](#).

Experience Matters - Education

Experience Matters is engaging 34 AmeriCorps members to serve at nonprofit or public agencies located within Maricopa County. At the end of the first program year, AmeriCorps members will be responsible for: reconnecting 67 youth to school/work; improving the academic performance of 120 K-12 students; and supporting efforts to create food security for 2,000 previously food insecure individuals/households. This program aligns with the CNCS focus areas of Economic Opportunity, Education, and Healthy Futures. CNCS' investment of \$144,658 will be matched with \$128,459 in private funding.

Find out more about the Experience Matters' AmeriCorps Program [here](#).

Helen's Hope Chest - Healthy Futures

Helen's Hope Chest is working with 31 AmeriCorps members to provide services to foster and kinship families statewide. Members will also support innovative programming for youth recently aged out of the foster care system through [Foster360](#). At the end of the first program year, AmeriCorps members, referred to as Helen's Angels, will be responsible for: providing 176,000 items or packages of basic necessities to clients. Members will also provide services to ten youth who have aged out of the foster care system including connecting individuals with affordable housing, one-on-one navigation, employment preparation, assistance with educational goals, life coaching, and life skills training. In addition, AmeriCorps members will leverage 500 community volunteers to provide assistance to Arizona's foster, kinship, and aged-out youth population. This program aligns with the CNCS focus area of Economic Opportunity. CNCS' investment of \$106,522 will be matched with \$48,969 in private funding.

Find out more about the Helen's Angels AmeriCorps Program [here](#).

Hushabye Nursery - Healthy Futures

Hushabye Nursery is working with 14 AmeriCorps members to provide intensive prevention and interventions to Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) infants and their caregivers in Maricopa County. At the end of the first program year, AmeriCorps members will be responsible for 20% of infants receiving Eat, Sleep, and Console intervention and 70% of the participants demonstrating a reduction in substance abuse. In addition, AmeriCorps members will leverage 50 volunteers to engage in community resource referrals to support resiliency and maintain sobriety. This program aligns with the CNCS focus area of Healthy Futures - Reducing and/or Preventing Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse. CNCS' investment of \$182,248 will be matched with \$71,546 in private funding.

Find out more about the Hushabye Nursery AmeriCorps Program [here](#).

Hustle PHX - Economic Opportunity

Hustle PHX is engaging 7 AmeriCorps members to provide social entrepreneurship training and mentorship for Opportunity Youth, ages 16-24 who are not working or in school. At the end of the first program year, AmeriCorps members will support a total of 100 underserved Opportunity Youth in starting a business and/or developing entrepreneurship skills, with an emphasis on supporting young men and women of color. In addition, AmeriCorps members will leverage a total of 60 volunteers to provide Opportunity Youth with mentorship and support in the development of their businesses and entrepreneurship skills. The program aligns with the CNCS focus areas of Economic Opportunity. CNCS' investment of \$83,839 will be matched with \$29,430 in private funds.

Find out more about the Hustle PHX AmeriCorps Program [here](#).

Maggie's Place - Healthy Futures

Maggie's Place is engaging 20 AmeriCorps members to serve as Mobility mentors, providing intensive one-on-one prevention and intervention coaching to women experiencing prescription drug and opioid abuse in Maricopa County. At the end of the first program year, AmeriCorps members will be responsible for 70% of participants demonstrating a reduction in substance abuse. In addition, AmeriCorps members will leverage 88 volunteers to engage in community

resource referrals that support resiliency and maintain sobriety. This program aligns with the CNCS focus area of Healthy Futures - Reducing and/or Preventing Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse. CNCS' investment of \$309,291 will be matched with \$208,472 in private funding.

Find out more about the Maggie's Place AmeriCorps Program [here](#).

Northern Arizona University - Healthy Futures

The [Center for Service & Volunteerism at Northern Arizona University](#) is working with 45 AmeriCorps members to deliver in-home services/training of non-medical pain management alternatives to homebound adults age 50+ at risk for misuse/abuse of opioid medications in the following Arizona counties: Coconino, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, and Yavapai. At the end of year one, 125 of 150 clients seen will report reduction/abatement of opioid medication use and an increase in health and well-being. In addition, AmeriCorps members will leverage 150 volunteers to provide social support and transportation services. This program aligns with the CNCS focus area of Healthy Futures - Reducing and/or Preventing Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse. CNCS' investment of \$308,245 will be matched with \$49,893 in state/public funding, \$60,500 in other local funding, \$89,827 in private funding, and \$136,953 is foregone indirect in-kind/other costs by sponsor.

Find out more about the AMP AmeriCorps Program [here](#).

Northern Arizona University - Education

The Center for Service and Volunteerism at Northern Arizona University is working with 56 AmeriCorps members to assist students in postsecondary education planning through the Arizona Ready for College and Career program. Members will support underserved middle, high school, non-traditional students, and enrolled college students in taking steps towards attaining postsecondary degrees. Services will be delivered in Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Pima, Pinal, and Yavapai counties. At the end of the program year, the members will provide 1:1 postsecondary preparedness and support to 2,800 individuals, with 1,500 of those students entering postsecondary educational institutions within one year of intervention and 1,000 completing their postsecondary degree within six years of intervention. Members will leverage an additional 100 volunteers to assist high school seniors and their families in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This program aligns with the AmeriCorps focus area of Education. The AmeriCorps investment of \$412,898 will be matched with \$8,309 in unrecovered indirect costs, \$138,350 in private funding, \$100,020 in State funding, and \$108,397 in public funding.

Find out more about the Arizona Ready for College and Career AmeriCorps Program [here](#).

Northern Arizona University - Environmental Stewardship

The Northern Arizona University Center for Service and Volunteerism is engaging 53 AmeriCorps members to conduct environmental education lessons and activities through 16 local organizations in northern Arizona. At the end of the first program year, AmeriCorps members will train 8,000 Arizonans, 6,000 of whom will report increased knowledge of environmental stewardship or environmentally conscious practices. This program aligns with the AmeriCorps focus area of Environmental Stewardship. The AmeriCorps investment of \$319,747 will be matched with \$94,690 in public funding and \$33,280 in private funding.

Find out more about the Environmental Stewardship AmeriCorps Program [here](#).

notMYkid, Inc - Healthy Futures

notMYkid is working with 30 AmeriCorps members to serve as Family Navigators and Peer Support Specialists in Maricopa County. At the end of the first program year, AmeriCorps members will help families access and navigate the behavioral healthcare system and provide peer support services for youth experiencing substance use disorder or mental health challenges. This program aligns with the CNCS focus area of Healthy Futures. CNCS' investment of \$244,500 will be matched with \$77,211 in private funding.

Find out more about the notMYkid, Inc AmeriCorps Program [here](#).

Pima Prevention Partnership - Education

The Pima Prevention Partnership (PPP) is engaging 24 AmeriCorps members to conduct targeted training, mentoring, and academic support to 220 vulnerable and economically disadvantaged youth, 12-18 years old, at three sites: Pima Partnership High School, Pima Partnership Academy and PPP's Youth and Family Services. At the end of the first program year, AmeriCorps members will: increase the number of high school students who have completed their grade-specific educational corrective action plan; increase the number of middle school students who score at grade level for 8th grade math; and increase the number of youth at all school sites who have substance misuse prevention knowledge, including opioid use prevention.. AmeriCorps members will leverage 175 youth and adult volunteers to engage in one or more of the following engagement activities: mentoring; career and college exploration events; college financial aid support activities; "Foundational Skills Math events" and substance misuse including opioid use prevention events. This program aligns with the CNCS Program focus area of Education. CNCS' investment of \$88,243 will be matched with \$95,092 in public funds.

Find out more about the Pima Prevention Partnership AmeriCorps Program [here](#).

Prescott College, Arizona Serve - Education

Arizona Serve, a Prescott College program, is engaging 89 AmeriCorps members to support education programs that ensure students in Yavapai, Pima, and Santa Cruz Counties have the support needed to be prepared for school, stay engaged in school, and support college enrollment. At the end of the first program year, members will be responsible for 500 students improving their academic engagement and 700 students entering postsecondary institutions. In addition, AmeriCorps members will leverage 1,000 volunteers to engage in reading to children, mentoring students, assisting with outreach activities, and participating in volunteer service projects. This program aligns with the CNCS focus area of Education. CNCS' investment of \$454,282 will be matched with \$23,000 in public funding and \$145,000 in private funding.

Find out more about the Arizona Serve AmeriCorps Program [here](#).

Prescott College, Arizona Serve - Economic Opportunity

Arizona Serve, a Prescott College program, is working with 70 AmeriCorps members across two focus areas. Fifty members will focus on improving economic mobility for opportunity youth, who have been disconnected from work or school for at least six months. AmeriCorps members will support opportunity youth in efforts to identify, obtain, and successfully retain a job. The

remaining 20 members will ensure vulnerable populations have access to safe and affordable housing in Yavapai and Pima County. At the end of the first program year, 21 opportunity youth members will improve their work readiness skills and earn several certifications. Also, 250 economically disadvantaged individuals will have safe, healthy, and affordable housing options. AmeriCorps members will engage 550 volunteers to provide career development workshops, vital outreach services, and participate in events including National Days of Service. This program aligns with the CNCS focus area of Economic Opportunity. CNCS' investment of \$404,643 will be matched with \$75,000 in public funding from the City of Prescott and Pima County and \$106,691 in private funding.

Find out more about the Arizona Serve AmeriCorps Program [here](#).

Prescott College, Arizona Serve - Healthy Futures

Arizona Serve, a Prescott College program, is engaging 49 AmeriCorps members to assist seniors aging in place, combat food insecurity, and promote health education initiatives in Yavapai and Pima County. At the end of the first program year, AmeriCorps members will be responsible for helping 1,700 individuals increase food security and providing 200 seniors with improved capacity for independent living. Additionally, 1,500 individuals will report increased health knowledge. AmeriCorps members will leverage 300 volunteers to engage in community gardening, gardening education, food distribution, health and nutrition mentorship. This program aligns with the CNCS focus area of Healthy Futures. CNCS' investment of \$283,949 will be matched with \$20,500 in public funding and \$113,128 in private funding.

Find out more about the Arizona Serve AmeriCorps Program [here](#).

Teach For America - Education

Teach For America-Phoenix is engaging 120 AmeriCorps members to teach for two years in low-income and under-resourced schools in Arizona. At the end of the first program year, AmeriCorps members will increase the academic achievement of over 9,000 students. In addition, AmeriCorps members will leverage 100 volunteers to support students in classrooms and schools. This program aligns with the CNCS focus area of Education, COVID-19, and Racial Equity. CNCS' investment of \$120,000 will be matched with \$1 million public funding and \$2 million in private funding.

Find out more about the Teach for America AmeriCorps Program [here](#).

The Be Kind People Project - Education

The Be Kind People Project is working with 31 AmeriCorps members to provide Social and Emotional and Personal Youth Development interventions to narrow the education achievement gap for 8,800 K-8 Arizona students in Cochise, Coconino, and Maricopa Counties. These interventions will take place through a variety of activities including: school assemblies; classroom instruction; after school and summer enrichment coaching and tutoring; leadership development; creative arts expression for removing structural racial inequities; mentoring; evidence-based learning material development; and educator professional development and support in 16 metropolitan and non-metropolitan Title 1 schools. At the end of the first program year, AmeriCorps Members will be responsible for student identification and application of social and emotional skills, attitudes, and mindsets that are likely to contribute to increased

education success and improved engagement of no less than 65% of students and an improvement in the school learning climate as measured by pre-and post-surveys in each of the 16 target schools. In addition, AmeriCorps members will leverage 220 volunteers to provide education materials and services to the schools. This program aligns with the CNCS focus area of Education. CNCS' investment of \$169,625 will be supported with \$195,666 from The Be Kind People Project through a combination of grants, public, and private funding.

Find out more about the The Be Kind People AmeriCorps Program [here](#).

University of Arizona Cooperative Extension - Education

The University of Arizona Wildcat Corps is engaging 70 AmeriCorps members to assist with education programming focused on improving academic engagement in all Arizona counties and Tribal Nations. AmeriCorps Members will be responsible for increasing student skills, attitude and/or mindset to support increased educational success. In addition, AmeriCorps members will leverage 1,500-5,000 volunteers annually to engage children and parents in activities that improve academic success. This program aligns with the CNCS focus area of Education. CNCS' investment of \$416,986 will be matched with \$148,523 from state, local and community funds.

Find out more about the UACE Wildcat Corps AmeriCorps Program [here](#).

University of Arizona Math - STEMM

The Arizona Board of Regents is engaging 70 AmeriCorps members to mentor and tutor students in mathematics in numerous Arizona schools, including Marana, Amphitheater, Tucson Unified, Sunnyside, Liberty, Gilbert, and Yuma. At the end of the first program year, AmeriCorps members will be responsible for improving academic engagement for 595 students. In addition, AmeriCorps members will leverage 100 volunteers to engage in community mathematics and STEM events. This program aligns with the AmeriCorps focus area of Education. The AmeriCorps investment of \$284,040 will be matched with \$55,468.80 in public funding and \$20,000 in private funding.

Find out more about the STEMM AmeriCorps Program [here](#).