

Association of Arizona Food Banks Program Year 2017 - 2018

Arizona Federal Legislative District(s) 1,3,4,6,7,8

PROGRAM FAST FACTS

Congressional District(s): AZ 1, AZ 3, AZ 4, AZ 6, AZ 7, AZ 8

State Legislative District(s):

Service Area by County/City: Pima, Maricopa, Navajo, Coconino, Apache

Project Federal Share:

Project Local Match:

2016 – 17 Volunteers Recruited:

2016 – 17 Volunteer Hours Served:

Value of Volunteer Hours:

2016 – 17 Cash and In Kind Support

Generated:

*[2016 Independent Sector Rate](#) for the Value of a Volunteer Hour in Arizona is \$23.57

Program Activities

- Volunteer recruitment in rural and tribal communities
- Summer Food Service Program outreach and expansion
- School Pantry expansion
- Development of client feedback systems in rural areas
- Creating community garden workshops on tribal nations using locally cultivated foods

Program Impact

Three VISTA service members will commence their service in March of 2018 and data will be collected and reported on in order to measure impact throughout the project

Community Need

- 15.8% of Arizona residents are food insecure
- Maricopa County has over 620,000 food insecure individuals
- 75% of residents living in tribal areas are at least 10 miles from a grocery store in Arizona
- The food insecurity rate for children in Apache County is the highest in the nation at 37.6%
- The Tohono O’Odham Nation in Southern Arizona went from having 20,000 acres of local crops available in 1930 to less than 25 acres by 2015.



Locally grown onions, squash, and zucchini on the Tohono O’Odham Nation

National Priority Area and Program Performance Goals

Healthy Futures-Food Security

- Improve food security for over 200 Arizonans
- Enhance delivery of services for at least 5 rural partner agencies
- Help boost participation at 10 rural and tribal sites for the Summer Food Service Program
- Recruit over 20 volunteers to expand delivery of community garden workshops

Mission

Because healthy people and communities prosper and flourish, we promote public awareness, build coalitions and partnerships, engage in advocacy to influence public policy, and support food banks to achieve a hunger-free Arizona.

Vision

A hunger-free Arizona.

History

Established in 1984, the Association of Arizona Food Banks (AAFB) is a private, non-profit organization serving five regional food bank members and a network of nearly 1,200 food pantries and agencies. AAFB developed a statewide gleaning project in 1993, launched a child and youth team in 2014 that provides info to school districts on increasing their participation in the School Breakfast and Summer Food Service Program, and engages in advocacy efforts that have brought about beneficial legislation for our member food banks and the people they serve.

Partnerships

St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance, Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona, San Xavier Co-Op Farm

