



Corporation for  
**NATIONAL &  
COMMUNITY  
SERVICE**

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## Arizona Serve

### Prescott & Tucson, Arizona

## Program Year 2016 - 2017

### Federal Legislative District(s)

#### PROGRAM FAST FACTS

**Congressional District(s): 3,4**  
**State Legislative District(s): 1,3,9,10**  
**Service Area by County/City: Prescott, AZ and Tucson, AZ**  
**Project Federal Share: \$700,060**  
**Project Local Match: \$228,978**  
**2015 – 16 Community Volunteers Recruited: 5,662**  
**2015 – 16 Volunteer Hours Served: 52,296**  
**Value of Volunteer Hours: \$1,177,705**  
**2015 – 2016 Cash and In Kind Support Generated: \$458,042**  
\*2013 Independent Sector Rate or the Value of a Volunteer Hour in Arizona is \$22.52

#### **Community Need**

In Arizona, 21% of people are living in poverty, including 24% of young children. The City of Tucson, where most of our AmeriCorps members serve, has the 6<sup>th</sup> highest poverty rate of any large city in the country. Arizona Serve works to fight poverty by improving economic opportunity, promoting access to education, and supporting community members in working toward healthy futures.

#### **National Priority Area and Program Performance Goals**

**Education:** The majority of our programming is focused on connecting students in the K-12 system with programming and services to ensure students graduate and have access to opportunities after graduation.

**Capacity Building:** AmeriCorps members with Arizona Serve help organization develop new programs and systems to expand their capacity to address poverty.

#### **Program Activities**

The AmeriCorps State and AmeriCorps VISTA members with Arizona Serve do groundbreaking and influential work. Our members do a variety of activities including volunteer management, tutoring, grant writing, curriculum delivery, and program development. We work with organizations with diverse missions and programs encouraging people to become engaged in the fight against poverty. What connects the work of all of our diverse members and partner sites is the focus on working together to strengthen communities.

In 2015, Arizona Serve, in partnership with the City of Tucson Mayor’s Office, was awarded an Operation AmeriCorps grant. This helped launch the Tucson Community Schools Initiative, which will help to improve graduation rates and increase post-graduation opportunities including college, jobs, paid internships, national service and military service.

#### **Program Impact**

In 2015, National Service members serving with Arizona Serve provided services to 16,614 people including 11,235 disadvantaged youth. Additionally, they generated over a million dollars in cash and in kind resources and leveraged the talents of over 4,000 community volunteers.



*AmeriCorps members serving at Pueblo High School on 9/11 Day of Service, 2016*

## Cont. Arizona Serve

### Mission

The mission of Arizona Serve is to empower communities to address poverty through service and volunteerism.

### Vision

Arizona Serve envisions that healthy, compassionate, engaged, and vibrant communities are able to meet their own needs and create their own visions for a sustainable and just future.

### History

Arizona Serve was created in 2006 when several Yavapai County service providers saw a need to build collaboration among AmeriCorps VISTA members and their projects.

Today, Arizona Serve is housed in Prescott College. Arizona Serve places AmeriCorps VISTA members and AmeriCorps State members in nonprofit organizations and schools across Pima and Yavapai Counties. Additionally, in 2015, Arizona Serve established a partnership with the Tucson Mayors office in order to implement the Tucson Community School Initiative.

Arizona Serve strives to create opportunities for collaboration between national service teams. Over the past year, Arizona Serve has shared training curriculum and systems with over a dozen national service programs across the country.

### Partnerships

**Tucson Partners Include:** Banner Health, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Tucson, Catholic Community Services, the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona, Compass Affordable Housing, The Easter Seals Blake Foundation, El Rio Health Center, Flowing Wells School District, Higher Ground Resource Center, Make Way for Books, Tucson Youth Development, City of Tucson, Our Family Services, Pima County Joint Technical Education District, The Primavera Foundation, Sunnyside Unified School District, Tucson Unified School District, and The United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona.

**Prescott Partners Include:** Yavapai Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys to Men, The Coalition for Compassion and Justice, U.S. Vets, Prescott Area Shelter Services, The West Yavapai Guidance Clinic Foundation, Prescott Unified School District, and Yavapai County Health Services

We are proud to partner with the Tucson Mayor's Office in order to realize the aims of the community schools initiative supported by Operation AmeriCorps.

### Other

In 2016, Arizona Serve expanded to include two additional national service grants—and AmeriCorps State grant placing 37 half time AmeriCorps State members and 54 minimum time members with partner sites, and an Operation AmeriCorps grant placing 15 AmeriCorps VISTA members and 24 AmeriCorps State members working collaboratively with partner agencies and in schools with the Tucson Community Schools Initiative.



*Tucson national service members celebrating Mayor's Day of Recognition for National Service, 2016*