



## Youth in Action AmeriCorps

2015-2016

**Flagstaff, Arizona**

**Federal Legislative District(s): 1**

### **PROGRAM FAST FACTS**

**Congressional District(s): 1**  
**State Legislative District(s): 2**  
**Service Area by County/City: Coconino County, Flagstaff, Arizona**  
**Project Federal Share: \$398,435**  
**Project Local Match: \$423,039**  
**Community Volunteers Recruited: 1,844**  
**Volunteer Hours Served: 16,308**  
**Value of Volunteer Hours: \$367,256.16**  
\*[2013 Independent Sector Rate](#) for the Value of a Volunteer Hour in Arizona is \$22.52

### **Community Need**

Youth in Action (YiA) AmeriCorps members address needs in education and economic opportunity in northern Arizona. Through the focus on these areas, YiA is working to address Coconino County's above average poverty rate of 21.8%, (compared to the national average of 15.9%), as well as the county's lower than average on-time high school graduation rate of 75.75% (compared to the national average of 81%).

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

#### **Economic Opportunity**

- 225 economically disadvantaged individuals with improved financial knowledge
- 275 individuals placed in jobs
- 350 community volunteers leveraged for 2500 hours of service

#### **Education**

- 65 students engaged as leaders in service learning
- 60 students receiving post-secondary preparation

### **Program Activities**

Youth in Action AmeriCorps members provide financial education, job placement services, and post-secondary preparation to residents of Coconino County. Additionally, AmeriCorps members engage youth as leaders in service-learning projects and implement best practices in volunteer management to leverage community volunteers that engage in building the capacity of nonprofits and local government agencies.

### **Program Impact**

YiA has provided Coconino County consistent AmeriCorps service since 1994. As one of the longest running programs in the state, YiA has contributed to the growth and success of National Service in Arizona. Our program has been very successful in helping members transition to full time paid employment in Coconino County. We offer a professional development training series for members and several of our alumni have gone on to be leaders in nonprofits and local government in the area.

For example, after serving a term last year with YiA at Goodwill, one member went on to obtain full time employment as a Job Coach with Goodwill.



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## Mission

Youth in Action AmeriCorps delivers a quality program that provides service opportunities to individuals who develop valuable professional skills and experience while benefitting our community.

## Vision

Youth in Action AmeriCorps builds a strong community through commitment to positive and active citizenship.

## History

Created in 1994, Youth in Action AmeriCorps is Arizona's longest running AmeriCorps program. In 2014 Youth in Action celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> consecutive year serving the Flagstaff community. Youth in Action members facilitate coordinated and proactive solutions to community oriented problems in the Flagstaff area through better-organized services, enhancement of on-going programs and the development of new programs. Youth in Action as a program has created a mechanism for participating agencies, and organizations to pool resources and maximize services to create opportunity for the Youth of Flagstaff.

## Partnerships

For the 2015-2016 year, Youth in Action AmeriCorps will partner with 11 different organizations and governmental sites throughout Flagstaff, Arizona. Youth in Action members are serving with: Arizona Historical Society, City of Flagstaff Sustainability Program, Flagstaff Arts Council, Goodwill of Northern Arizona, Grand Canyon Trust, Grand Canyon Youth, Killip Elementary School, Northern Arizona College Resource Center, NAU Outdoor Adventures, Pine Forest Charter School.

## Other

Youth in Action AmeriCorps has been successful at expanding the capacity of our partner sites. YiA partner sites have added jobs, increased the number of beneficiaries served, and developed new programs with the assistance of AmeriCorps members. Examples of new initiatives developed by AmeriCorps members are DIY Energy Efficiency program, Fix-It Clinics, High School Service Clubs, and Uplift Youth Conservation Summit, just to name a few.

