

COST - SHARE PARTNERSHIP FOR AMERICORPS PROGRAMMING



DOES YOUR ORGANIZATION NEED TIME, ENERGY, AND RESOURCES TO ADDRESS THAT UNMET NEED IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

AmeriCorps can help you increase your impact in the community in ways you never thought you had enough manpower to achieve. The Cost-Share Partnership is an inexpensive way to provide the people-power that your organization needs to help accomplish the goals you have for our community.

AMERICORPS...GETTING THINGS DONE FOR AMERICA

For over 15 years, AmeriCorps members have been providing direct service to organizations to help meet the goals of programs in unmet educational, environmental, public safety, health and other human needs. In Arizona alone, over 300 AmeriCorps members work with nonprofit organizations and public agencies – working to fight illiteracy, improve health services, reduce unemployment, increase housing opportunities, or bridge the digital divide. In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members receive a modest living allowance along with training that is aimed at making their service a learning experience that they can take with them into the future. When members complete their service, they receive either an education award of \$5,350 for full-time members, or \$2,675 for part-time members, that they can use to help pay for further schooling in a degree program or vocational training, or to pay off qualified student loans.

HOW IT WORKS ...AN EXPRESS APPROACH TO STARTING AN AMERICORPS PROJECT

The Cost-Share Partnership is a quick, easy and low-cost way to leverage the human resources needed to create energy within and run the ongoing projects within your organization without depending on unpaid volunteers or hiring another staff member. As a Cost-Share Partner, your organization contributes \$5,250 for a full-time member, or \$3,100 for a part-time member, to the Yavapai County AmeriCorps Project. In return, AmeriCorps covers the cost of a series of benefits and services for the AmeriCorps member(s) and your organization.

"...WE CANNOT DO THIS ALONE HERE IN WASHINGTON. WE CAN REBUILD OUR SCHOOLS, BUT WE NEED PEOPLE TO BE MENTORS AND TUTORS IN THOSE SCHOOLS. WE CAN MODERNIZE OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, BUT WE NEED VOLUNTEERS IN OUR HOSPITALS AND COMMUNITIES TO HELP CARE FOR THE SICK AND HELP PEOPLE LEAD HEALTHIER LIVES. WE CAN INVEST IN CLEAN ENERGY, BUT WE NEED PEOPLE TO USE ENERGY-EFFICIENT PRODUCTS IN THEIR HOMES AND TRAIN FOR THE GREEN JOBS OF THE FUTURE. ECONOMIC RECOVERY IS AS MUCH ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING IN YOUR COMMUNITIES AS WHAT WE'RE DOING IN WASHINGTON – AND IT'S GOING TO TAKE ALL OF US, WORKING TOGETHER."

-PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, JUNE 16TH, 2009

WHAT YOU GIVE

YOUR ORGANIZATION

- **Your Community Contribution:** \$5,250 per Full-time, 1700 hour member or \$3,100 per part-time, 900 hour member

WHAT YOU GET

AMERICORPS

- **Education Awards:** **\$5,350** for full-time members, or **\$2,675 education award** for part-time members
- **Payroll services:** Members receive their paychecks directly from Youth Count, Inc.
- **Training** in project management and leadership for members and project supervisor
- **Travel costs** associated with training
- **Liability coverage** for all members, under the Federal Employees Compensation Act and the Federal Torts Claims Act
- FICA
- Assistance with recruiting members

ESTIMATED TOTAL CONTRIBUTION: \$10,000+

FLEXIBLE PAYMENT OPTIONS

Your contribution to the Cost-Share Partnership does not need to be provided up front. There are several flexible options for reimbursing Youth Count for your share.

All public agencies and private nonprofit organizations can apply for an AmeriCorps Cost-Share Project. The Cost-Share Partnership is an excellent way to leverage additional funding resources. A foundation or corporate sponsor making a donation to your project can see where its dollars will be matched by AmeriCorps. In finding funding for your organization's share of the partnership, consider approaching:

- Community foundations
- State government funding sources
- Municipalities and school districts
- Colleges and universities
- Local corporations

THE YAVAPAI COUNTY AMERICORPS PROJECT

To learn more contact Christina Dickinson at the Yavapai County VISTA Project at cdickinson@ycvp.org, or **928.848.7871**. The Yavapai County AmeriCorps Project is headquartered out of Youth Count. The Project's mission is to build and sustain the efforts of Yavapai County service providers and community members to continually improve the quality of life across the region. We work to support efforts in creating a *just* and healthy community.