

# FACT SHEET



## ABOUT US

**Volunteer Florida strengthens Florida's communities through national service, fostering volunteerism and leveraging resources.**

- Administers AmeriCorps programs
- Coordinates volunteers and donations in a disaster
- Increases volunteerism through grants, trainings and recognitions

89% of Volunteer Florida's funding is sub-granted to educational foundations, nonprofits, faith-based organizations or government agencies for national service and volunteer programs. Current grantees include organizations such as Communities in Schools of Jacksonville, City Year Miami, and Step Up for Students in Pinellas County.

*Volunteer Florida (the **Governor's Commission on Community Service**) was established by the Governor's Executive Order in 1993 and the Florida Legislature in 1994 (F.S. 14.29). Volunteer Florida is administratively housed in the Executive Office of the Governor and guided by a bipartisan board of Commissioners who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.*

## AMERICORPS



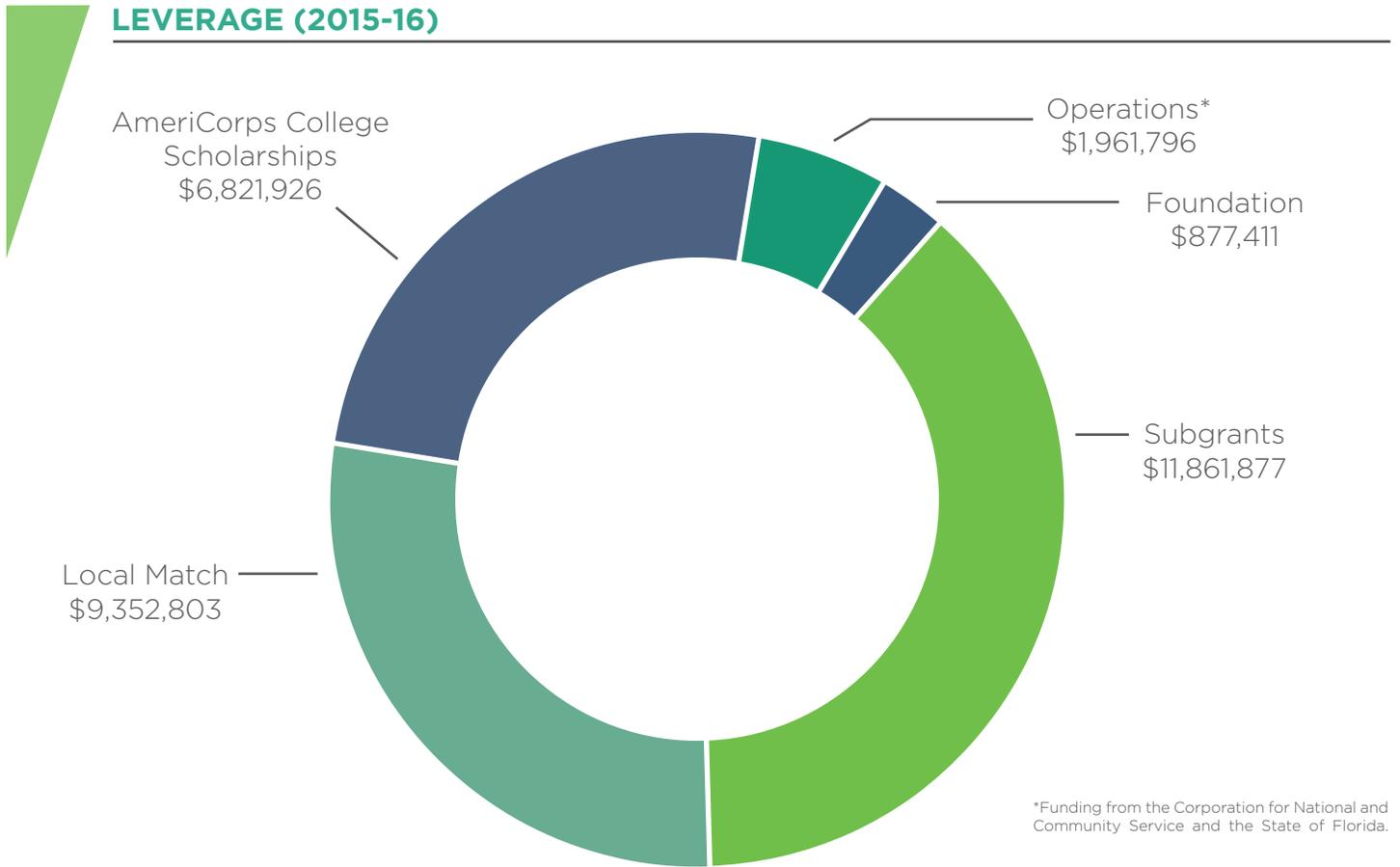
## 2015 IMPACT

1,289 AmeriCorps members provided 1.69 million hours of service, valued at \$36.5 million. ([independentsector.org](http://independentsector.org))

- 78% of students tutored and tested increased their academic performance

- AmeriCorps members served 49,703 students in 268 Florida schools
- Volunteer Florida's AmeriCorps members were eligible for \$6.5 million in college scholarships as a result of their service

## LEVERAGE (2015-16)



► Volunteer Florida administers over **\$31.7 million** in federal, state and local funding to deliver high-impact national service and volunteer programs in Florida. For every dollar invested by the State of Florida, \$32 in non-state funding is leveraged.

## VOLUNTEER SERVICES

► Volunteer Florida leads initiatives throughout Florida that use volunteerism as a strategy to meet needs. These initiatives include engaging Floridians in service for Florida Volunteer Month (April), service projects for national days of service including September 11 and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and increasing volunteerism through grants, trainings and recognitions.

► The Champion of Service Award was established in 2013 to honor individuals and groups for their outstanding efforts in volunteerism and service.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

► As Florida's lead agency for volunteers and donations before, during, and after disasters, Volunteer Florida recently secured a \$905,263 grant for long-term recovery in the Florida Panhandle following the 2014 flooding. In partnership with local agencies, volunteers have provided 43,663 hours of service, a value of \$984,600. (*independentsector.org*) Volunteer Florida administers the Florida Disaster Fund, which supports communities with recovery following disasters, including a recent grant of \$250,000.