

# FACT SHEET



## ABOUT US

As the lead agency for volunteerism and national service in Florida, Volunteer Florida administers more than \$32 million in federal, state and local funding to deliver high-impact national service and volunteer programs in Florida. Volunteer Florida also serves as Florida's lead agency for volunteers and donations before, during, and after disasters.

*Volunteer Florida was established in Florida Statute by the Florida Legislature in 1994 to administer AmeriCorps funding and serve as an advisory board to the Governor and Cabinet, Legislature, and statewide partners on volunteerism, community service, and civic responsibility issues.*



► *Volunteer Florida administers over **\$32 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, \$25 in non-state funding is leveraged.*

## VOLUNTEERISM

- Volunteer Florida strengthens Florida's communities by promoting volunteerism as a way to meet critical needs across the state. We actively build nonprofits' capacity by providing training and grants so that they can more effectively serve Floridians in need.
- Volunteer Florida's Rural Community Assets Fund, for example, provides \$100,000 in local grants to meet the acute educational needs of students in Florida's rural communities.

## NATIONAL SERVICE

- Volunteer Florida administers high-impact national service programs in Florida, including AmeriCorps, providing fiscal and programmatic oversight and holding grantees accountable for results.
- Volunteer Florida focuses on education, from early childhood reading interventions to getting high school students on track to graduate. 86% of Volunteer Florida's AmeriCorps grantees are education-based. Volunteer Florida is responsible for fiscal and programmatic oversight of over 55 grantees.
- In 2016, Volunteer Florida put 1,293 AmeriCorps members to work in 317 schools, serving 59,447 students. They provided 1.65 million hours of service, valued at \$36 million (independentsector.org).
- 74% of students tutored and tested increased their academic performance.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- In 2016, Volunteer Florida provided 32 trainings to 1,381 attendees from 20 counties and hosted a free nationwide training for an active shooter scenario, engaging 206 participants representing 117 organizations in 19 states.
- Volunteer Florida was a full part of every state disaster deployment in 2016, coordinating volunteers and donations for two floods, three tornadoes, two hurricanes, a tropical storm evacuation, and the Pulse Nightclub shooting.
- Volunteer Florida and partners engaged 22,670 volunteers during these events, a value of \$16,715,255 (independentsector.org).

## LEVERAGE (2016-17)

