

Volunteer Florida 2015 Annual Report



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2014-2015 RESULTS

Volunteer Florida administers more than \$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, Volunteer Florida leverages \$32 in non-state funding.



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AmeriCorps
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A value of
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268
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academically

Volunteers Florida's 1,289 AmeriCorps members provided 1,690,773 hours of service in 2014-2015. This represents a value of \$36 million.*

In 2014-2015, Volunteer Florida grantees served 49,703 students through tutoring, mentoring, and educational services in 268 schools. 78% of students tutored and tested improved their academic skills.



15,759
additional
volunteers

served
221,120
hours

A value of
\$4.8
million

Volunteer Florida's programs recruited an additional 15,759 volunteers who served 221,120 hours - a value of \$4.8 million.

* Value of volunteer time provided by IndependentSector.org



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“We are thankful for the work of Volunteer Florida to encourage Floridians to get involved and serve in their communities. We recognized dozens of Floridians this year with the Champion of Service Awards for making an impact across our state, and we are thankful for their service.”

- Governor Rick Scott

2015 VOLUNTEER FLORIDA ANNUAL REPORT



Volunteer Florida Commission Chair Autumn Karlinsky



Volunteer Florida CEO Chester W. Spellman

PARTNERS AND FRIENDS,

We are proud to present Volunteer Florida's 2015 annual report!

2015 was a tremendous year for Volunteer Florida. We introduced five new AmeriCorps programs in Florida, representing \$2.1 million in new funding for Florida non-profits, schools, education foundations, and service organizations. We launched LeaderCorps, a first-in-Florida professional development curriculum for emerging leaders in Florida's AmeriCorps programs. We co-hosted the first ever service project, the #BringABook initiative, in conjunction with the Florida Chamber Foundation's Future of Florida Forum.

#BringABook was such a success that we plan to replicate the project at events across the state.

We invested in our Emergency Management department to make Florida more effective in disaster preparedness, and we expanded our volunteer services capabilities so that we can increase volunteerism in Florida and better serve Florida's volunteer centers and volunteer connectors.

Our Foundation worked closely with Governor Rick Scott, the Florida Cabinet, and the Florida Legislature to recognize more Florida volunteers, educators, veterans, and entrepreneurs. In fact, in 2015 we more than doubled the number of Champion of Service Awards



Volunteer Florida Commissioners

presented by Governor Scott and Volunteer Florida, highlighting more individuals and organizations for their volunteerism and service to Florida.

Our impact in Florida communities has never been stronger; in 2014-2015, 1,289 AmeriCorps members provided 1.69 million hours of service to Florida, a value of \$36 million. We are proud of our continued footprint in Florida's education community. Florida's AmeriCorps members served 49,703 students in 268 Florida schools during the 2014-2015 school year. Additionally, Florida's AmeriCorps members were eligible for \$6.5 million in college scholarships as a result of their service. As we kick off 2016, we extend

our gratitude to our Volunteer Florida Commissioners, Foundation Board members, professional staff, partners, and sponsors who continue to support our efforts. We could not #ServeFL without you!

Sincerely,

Autumn Karlinsky
Chester Spellman

Autumn Karlinsky, Chair
Chester W. Spellman, CEO

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS



VF Commissioner Susan Towler, Speaker of the Florida House Steve Crisafulli, and VF CEO Chester Spellman



"Volunteer Florida connects Floridians with the opportunity to serve their neighbors in a variety of ways, including serving at-risk students on a school campus, helping veterans find jobs, or working to protect our environmental resources. In return, national service members and volunteers receive job training and professional development which better prepares them for the workforce or to continue their education in Florida."

- Steve Crisafulli, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives

2015 NATIONAL OUTSTANDING COMMISSIONER

In September 2015, America's Service Commissions (ASC) awarded Volunteer Florida Commission Chair Autumn Karlinsky with the 2015 Outstanding Commissioner Award at the 2015 Innovation and Leadership Awards Reception in Arlington, VA.

Chair Karlinsky was appointed by Governor Rick Scott and confirmed by the Florida Senate to serve on the Volunteer Florida Commission in 2011. Elected by fellow Commissioners in 2014 to serve as Chair, Autumn has played a leading role in revitalizing the Volunteer Florida Foundation and working with the Governor's office to maximize Volunteer Florida's impact statewide.

Autumn has also worked to educate key policymakers about Volunteer Florida and our grantees, raising awareness of Volunteer Florida across the state. Volunteer Florida is grateful for Chair Karlinsky's service and leadership!



Chair Karlinsky and Chester Spellman with Senior Advisor for Public Policy and Coalition Development of America's Service Commissions Tom Branen



"Chair Karlinsky has had a tremendous impact in securing resources to maximize Volunteer Florida's impact statewide."

-Kaira Esgate, CEO of America's Service Commissions

FLORIDA CHAMBER FOUNDATION - #BRINGABOOK

In September 2015, Volunteer Florida was proud to co-host the first ever service project in conjunction with the Florida Chamber Foundation's Future of Florida Forum in Orlando. VF and the Florida Chamber Foundation collected 400 books at the event as part of the #BringABook project. #BringABook engaged business leaders and elected officials in service by requesting that they bring new or gently-used books with them to the Forum to donate to students in need.

City Year Orlando, which deploys over 60 highly skilled AmeriCorps members to serve in seven Orlando schools, distributed the books to Catalina Elementary School students, who got to take a book home to begin building their very own library.



Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner Adam Putnam



"Florida's business leaders and policymakers clearly recognize the importance of encouraging students to read at home. The #BringABook initiative is one of many ways that the business community is investing in talent and the future of Florida."

- Tony Carvajal, Florida Chamber of Commerce Foundation Executive Vice President

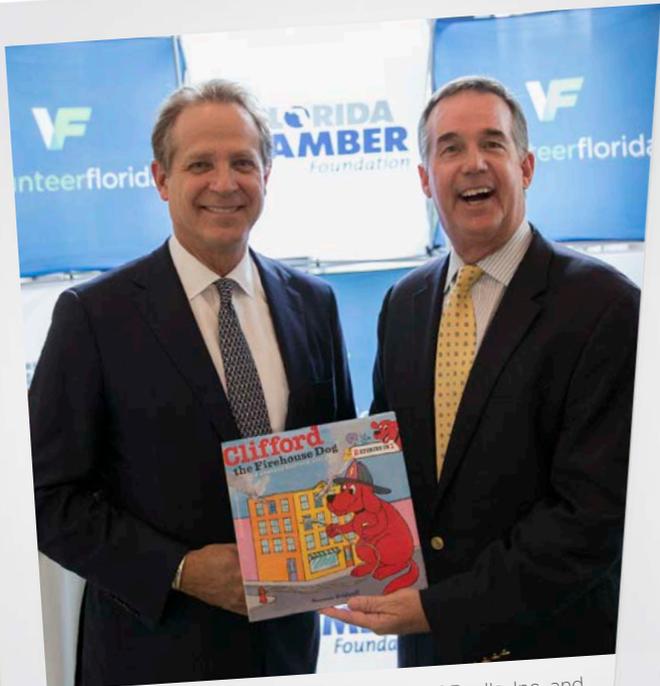
2015 #BRINGABOOK SERVICE PROJECT



Florida College System Chancellor Madeline Pumariega



Florida International University Vice President for Engagement Saif Ishoof



Steve M. Knopik, Chief Executive Officer of Bealls, Inc. and member of the Florida Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors with Florida Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater



FLORIDA VOLUNTEER MONTH

Florida Volunteer Month, celebrated every April, is a time to recognize our volunteers, grantees, sponsors, and partners in service. Millions of volunteers serve in Florida each year, making our communities safer, stronger, and healthier – and April is their month to shine!

In 2015, Volunteer Florida kicked off Florida Volunteer Month by partnering with Comcast to produce a public service announcement which aired across the state, encouraging Floridians to volunteer. We are grateful to Comcast for its support of Florida Volunteer Month.

VF hosted a Florida Volunteer Month press event with Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum at the Goodwill Prosperity Center in Tallahassee and participated in the National Mayors Day of Recognition of National Service with Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer. VF also accepted a proclamation from Governor Rick Scott and the Florida Cabinet in honor of Florida Volunteer Month.



City of Tallahassee Mayor Andrew D. Gillum



Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer and Florida AmeriCorps members celebrate the 2015 Mayors Day of Recognition of National Service



Governor Rick Scott and the Florida Cabinet present a proclamation naming April 2015 as Florida Volunteer Month

During Florida Volunteer Month, we also inducted the inaugural class of Volunteer Florida's Leader Corps - a group of 21 service leaders representing Florida's AmeriCorps programs. They are educating Floridians about the power of national service and promote volunteerism and civic engagement in their local communities.

Throughout Florida Volunteer Month, VF continued to raise awareness about the importance of service and civic engagement by participating in four press conferences, celebrating volunteers who serve children and seniors, AmeriCorps members, public servants, and our grantees.

We awarded the Champion of Service Award to outstanding advocates at the April Florida Cabinet meeting, including Carolyn Lynn of Duval Reads, Comcast, Living Stones International, and Saif Ishaof, a phenomenal friend of national service.

Not only is Florida Volunteer Month about encouraging new volunteers; it is also about celebrating and saying "thank you" to those who take the time to serve.



Volunteer Florida's LeaderCorps Class with Rep. Shevri Jones



AMERICORPS



"Thanks to the leadership of Governor Scott and Volunteer Florida, the City of Jacksonville will benefit from an investment of \$2,054,425, which is projected to serve over 14,000 Jacksonville residents. Putting national service and volunteers to work in our classrooms gets students on track to graduate, pursue higher education, or enter the workforce."

- Lenny Curry, Mayor, City of Jacksonville

AmeriCorps

2015-2016
G R A N T E E S



Volunteer Florida is proud to administer funding for the following AmeriCorps programs in Florida:

- ▶ Big Brothers Big Sisters St Lucie-Indian River & Okeechobee
- ▶ Branches
- ▶ Breakthrough Miami, Inc.
- ▶ Centro Campesino
- ▶ City of Orlando
- ▶ City Year, Inc. - Jacksonville
- ▶ City Year, Inc. - Miami
- ▶ City Year, Inc. - Orlando
- ▶ Communities In Schools of Jacksonville
- ▶ Communities In Schools of Miami
- ▶ Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
- ▶ Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- ▶ Goodwill Industries Big Bend, Inc.
- ▶ Heart of Florida United Way
- ▶ Leon County School District
- ▶ Northwest Florida State College
- ▶ Palm Beach Literacy Coalition
- ▶ Peacemakers Family Center
- ▶ Polk Education Foundation
- ▶ Reading & Math, Inc.
- ▶ School Board of Gadsden County
- ▶ Step Up for Students
- ▶ Teach For America - Jacksonville
- ▶ Teach for America - Miami
- ▶ The Arc of Jacksonville
- ▶ University of North Florida



"Florida Reading Corps looks forward to working with Volunteer Florida to deploy 20 AmeriCorps members to Miami-Dade County to support our students and teachers. As a new Volunteer Florida grantee, we are very excited about the impact this funding will have on student early learning opportunities."

- Lindsay Dolce, Executive Director, Florida Reading Corps

IN 2015, VOLUNTEER FLORIDA WELCOMED FIVE NEW GRANTEEES:

City Year
Jacksonville

Florida
Reading Corps

Step Up
for Students

Operation
AmeriCorps

University of
North Florida
Teacher Residency
Program

This represents
an increase of
\$2,185,195
in federal funding
for 2015.

Service Spotlight

VETSUCCESS

Duval County

Volunteer Florida launched VetSuccess in November 2014 to provide direct support to veterans in Duval County. AmeriCorps members served at college campuses across Duval County to help veterans transition into civilian and college life, achieve academic success, and find good jobs upon graduation.

With Communities In Schools (CIS) of Jacksonville serving as the subgrantee, Volunteer Florida's VetSuccess on Campus program combined the resources, expertise, and infrastructure of CIS Jacksonville and Volunteer Florida.



Four AmeriCorps members served in VetSuccess in 2014-2015; three of them were veterans themselves. They assisted 1,136 veterans with VA benefits, college registration, vocational training, and scholarships as well as assisting 24 military families with VA benefits.



"We are grateful for the opportunity to work with Volunteer Florida and AmeriCorps to more effectively connect veterans to job opportunities. A successful higher education experience for veterans means a greater likelihood of career advancement."

– Steve Gilbert, CEO of Communities In Schools of Jacksonville



“We know that Florida businesses are eager to hire veterans, whose work ethic and dedication are unparalleled. The best way to match veterans with job opportunities is to ensure that veterans on campus are given every tool to excel. This partnership will make that happen.”

- Sen. Aaron Bean (R-Fernandina Beach)

VETSUCCESS HELPS VETERAN AT FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

This spring, after undergoing a service-related surgery, Navy veteran Angela Jenkins found herself in need of assistance with a move. Hiring a moving company was expensive, and her injuries left her unable to move her belongings from her second-story apartment to a moving truck. VetSuccess AmeriCorps members serving at Florida State College at Jacksonville stepped in, enlisting the assistance of the Second Class Petty Officer Association from Naval Station Mayport. Together, they showed how service truly makes a difference – one individual at a time.



Service Spotlight

GOVERNOR AND MAYOR INITIATIVE: AMERICORPS ORLANDO PARTNERSHIP FOR SCHOOL SUCCESS (OPASS)

Orlando

In 2012, Volunteer Florida, Governor Scott, Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer, and the City of Orlando launched a public-private partnership to create a positive impact on the lowest-performing schools in Orlando. The "Governor and Mayor Initiative" (GMI) expands academic and social support for at-risk students in five high-poverty neighborhoods to increase academic improvement and get students on track to graduate. The Orlando Partnership for School Success was launched from this initiative. 2015 marks the third year of OPASS service to students!



32
OPASS
AmeriCorps
members

for a total of
50,531
hours served

served
1,260
students

a value of
\$1.1
million

in 9
schools and
community
centers

During the 2014-2015 school year, 32 OPASS AmeriCorps members served 1,260 students in nine different schools and community centers. Members served a total of 50,531 hours - a value of \$1.1 million.



AmeriCorps members recruited an additional 207 volunteers who served an additional 1,033 hours - a value of \$22,323.

86%

of students improved math and reading performance

89%

of students increased grades to "on track"

92%

of students improved school attendance

81%

reduction in school suspensions and expulsions



Orlando Partnership for School Success member John Thomas with a student

2015 Impact:

- 86% of students improved math and reading performance
- 89% of students increased their grades to 'on track' with and A, B, or C
- 92% of students served improved school attendance
- There was an 81% reduction in school suspensions/expulsions and zero arrests

OPERATION AMERICORPS ANNOUNCEMENT

In fall 2015, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) announced that Volunteer Florida was selected for an Operation AmeriCorps grant – one of just four of its kind in the nation. In partnership with the City of Orlando, the Operation AmeriCorps program will deploy 65 AmeriCorps members who will target high school juniors and seniors residing in Orlando's five lowest income neighborhoods. They will provide in-school and out-of-school support to students to ensure that every high school senior has a career or educational opportunity upon high school graduation.

\$894,301 – CNCS Funding

\$306,579 – City of Orlando Funding

\$1,200,880 – Total Investment

At the end of year one, approximately 740 juniors and 260 seniors will be served by the program. Two hundred seniors will successfully graduate and transition to college or career opportunities. Students' career and college tracks' outcomes include entrance into post secondary school, technical school, military enlistment, AmeriCorps, or employment.

Volunteer Florida is excited to be part of Operation AmeriCorps!



"It is great for our state's educators to have additional support from not-for-profit and community service organizations. This Volunteer Florida grant funding has the potential to positively impact the lives of countless students and families across the state, and it will help ensure Florida students are best prepared for success in college, career, and life."

– Florida Education Commissioner Pam Stewart

Service Spotlight

LEADERCORPS

Statewide

One of Volunteer Florida's most exciting initiatives in 2015 was the launch of LeaderCorps.

LeaderCorps is a 12-month program designed to develop leadership skills and civic engagement through community service projects. One of the primary goals of LeaderCorps is to ensure that Florida's AmeriCorps members gain leadership skills and receive professional development opportunities as they prepare for higher education or the workforce.

The inaugural LeaderCorps class is comprised of 21 AmeriCorps members representing 15 programs across the state. These leaders were selected by Volunteer Florida for their commitment to service and leadership.

In less than two months, LeaderCorps members have executed a total of 11 service projects across the state. The projects focused on education, disaster preparedness, healthy lifestyles, and the environment.



500
disaster
buckets
prepared

14,000
pounds
of food
distributed



3,000
books
collected and
donated



8
miles of
Florida beach
restored

218
volunteers
recruited



1,600
young people
and families
served

60
businesses
providing
donations

Service Spotlight

FLORIDA STATE PARKS

Statewide

Volunteer Florida is proud of our 18-year history with Florida State Parks. As part of Florida Conservation Corps, AmeriCorps members focus on invasive exotic plant management and trail improvements in Florida's state parks. Spending a majority of their time outdoors, members treat and survey for invasive exotic plants in addition to performing trail improvements and assessments. Members also recruit volunteers to assist with invasive exotic plant management and educate park visitors and the local community about the damaging effects of invasive exotic plants on Florida's unique ecosystems. The second leading cause of habitat loss in Florida is the spread of invasive exotic plants.



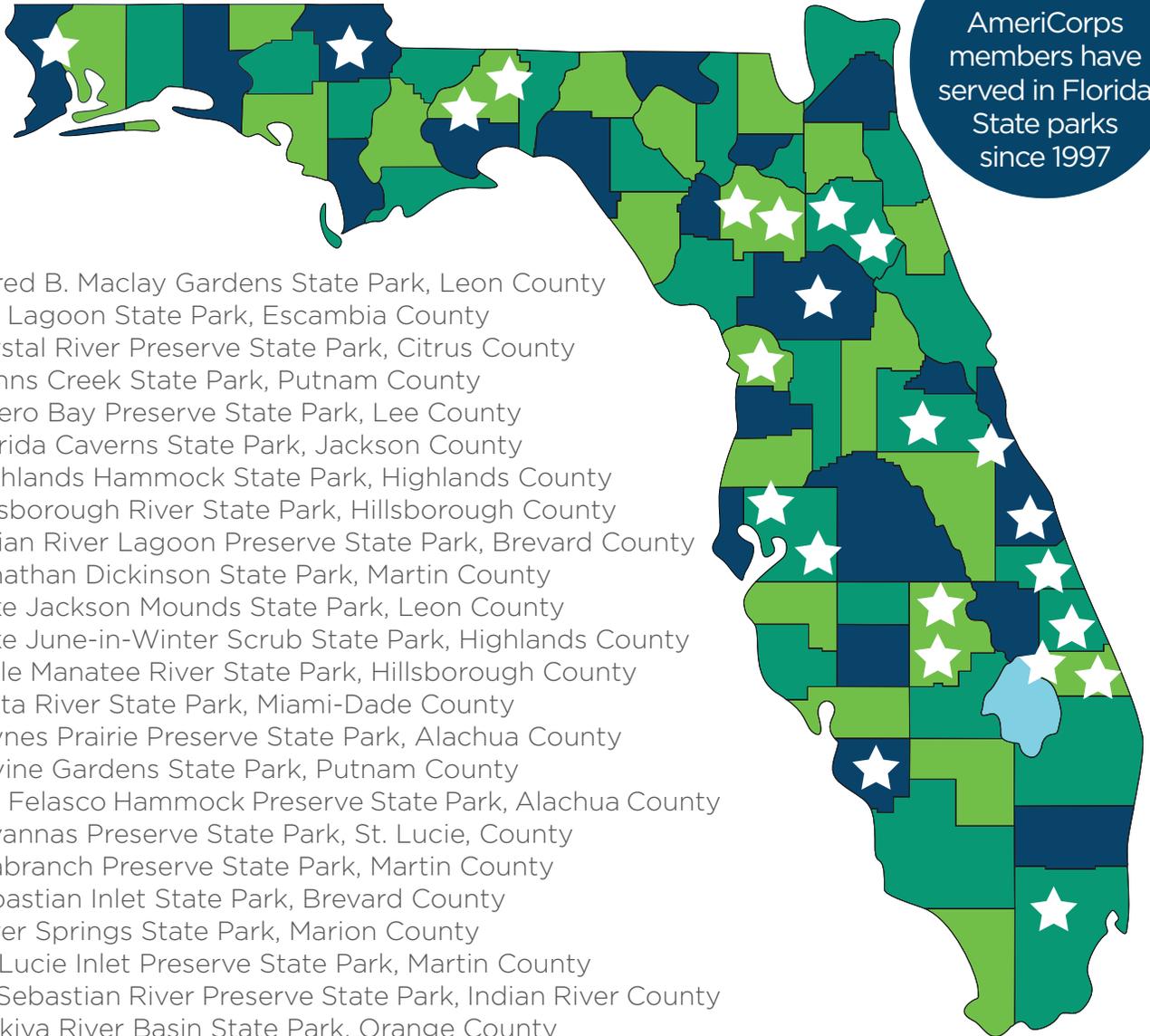
In 2015, 33 AmeriCorps members served in Florida Parks across the state. They improved 163 miles of trails and burned 32,708 acres of invasive exotic plants. At the same time, they educated 2,138 Floridians about Florida's environment.



Florida Conservation Corps members engaged 536 volunteers in 2015. These volunteers served 2,581 hours - a value of \$59,543.

AmeriCorps members serve at the following Florida State Parks:

900
AmeriCorps
members have
served in Florida
State parks
since 1997



- ▶ Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park, Leon County
- ▶ Big Lagoon State Park, Escambia County
- ▶ Crystal River Preserve State Park, Citrus County
- ▶ Dunns Creek State Park, Putnam County
- ▶ Estero Bay Preserve State Park, Lee County
- ▶ Florida Caverns State Park, Jackson County
- ▶ Highlands Hammock State Park, Highlands County
- ▶ Hillsborough River State Park, Hillsborough County
- ▶ Indian River Lagoon Preserve State Park, Brevard County
- ▶ Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Martin County
- ▶ Lake Jackson Mounds State Park, Leon County
- ▶ Lake June-in-Winter Scrub State Park, Highlands County
- ▶ Little Manatee River State Park, Hillsborough County
- ▶ Oleta River State Park, Miami-Dade County
- ▶ Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park, Alachua County
- ▶ Ravine Gardens State Park, Putnam County
- ▶ San Felasco Hammock Preserve State Park, Alachua County
- ▶ Savannas Preserve State Park, St. Lucie, County
- ▶ Seabranck Preserve State Park, Martin County
- ▶ Sebastian Inlet State Park, Brevard County
- ▶ Silver Springs State Park, Marion County
- ▶ St. Lucie Inlet Preserve State Park, Martin County
- ▶ St. Sebastian River Preserve State Park, Indian River County
- ▶ Wekiva River Basin State Park, Orange County



"The Florida Conservation Corps program has provided an immeasurable value to Florida State Parks. The important job of protecting natural and cultural resources has been significantly enhanced by the contributions of the nearly 900 AmeriCorps members who have served in state parks over the past 18 years. We are looking forward to this partnership with Volunteer Florida continuing to grow and helping to meet critical needs in state parks for years to come."

- Donald V. Forgione, Director, Florida Park Service

SOUTHERN REGIONAL TRAINING

In April 2015, Volunteer Florida welcomed 400 individuals from ten states across the Southeastern U.S. to Florida for an extensive training event in partnership with CNCS. Volunteer Florida was thrilled to be selected as one of only five states across the nation to host a regional training event for CNCS. VF also partnered with Comcast to host a service project as part of the training.

The Southern Regional Training brought together AmeriCorps programs and Senior Corps programs to receive critical fiscal and programmatic training. National speakers included Wendy Spencer, CEO of CNCS, Bill Basl, Director of AmeriCorps for CNCS, and Erwin Tan, M.D., Director of Senior Corps for CNCS. Speakers from Florida included Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer, Florida Division of Emergency Management Director Bryan Koon, and Tony Carvajal, Executive Vice President of the Florida Chamber Foundation.



"I am thrilled that Volunteer Florida could host the Southern Regional Training conference. The conference is an opportunity to share lessons learned, meet our colleagues face-to-face, and discover new ways to 'get things done for America!' The opportunity to do service – the crux of what we do each day – is the cherry on top."

– Wendy Spencer, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service



“State and local government leaders are increasingly turning to volunteers and national service as a cost-effective strategy to address local challenges. The City of Orlando has seen a substantial benefit from Volunteer Florida and its local grantees and partners, who serve thousands of students in our schools and community centers to keep them on track to graduate.”

- City of Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer

SOUTHERN REGIONAL TRAINING SERVICE PROJECT

In partnership with Comcast Cares Day, the nation’s largest single-day corporate volunteer event, Volunteer Florida brought together volunteers to assemble 2,000 hygiene kits and 2,000 snack packs for children and families in Central Florida. We were proud to mobilize our colleagues from neighboring states in service to Florida families!



400
VF visitors
to Orlando

2,000
hygiene kits
assembled

2,000
snack packs
compiled

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



"We look forward to continuing our partnership with Volunteer Florida. Florida's AmeriCorps members are specifically trained in emergency response so that they can help communities with local response to disasters as well as recruiting new volunteers to assist Floridians in times of need."

- Bryan Koon , Florida Division of Emergency Management Director

TRAINING

Volunteer Florida is the state's lead agency for volunteers and donations before, during, and after disasters. Local governments and non-profits across the state turn to Volunteer Florida before disasters strike for training on volunteers and donations management. Volunteer Florida provides training to these local partners to ensure that government, non-profits, and the business community are positioned to most effectively utilize volunteers and manage donations during and after disasters.

Florida's AmeriCorps members and grantees receive disaster preparedness training, such as shelter operations, mass feeding, debris removal, and community outreach. Florida is unique in that it is one of the only states in the nation that requires this training for AmeriCorps members.

The VF Emergency Management Department has provided "Emergency Management 101" training to eight AmeriCorps programs and 177 AmeriCorps members throughout the state in 2015. The remaining programs received training through local volunteer programs.

Local governments frequently request assistance from VF staff in times of disaster. Volunteer Florida Emergency Management staff was deployed in 2015 to assist with disaster response in Pasco County following severe flooding. The weather event resulted in the declaration of a State of Emergency by Governor Scott. Volunteer Florida also supported the Emergency Operations Center during Hurricane Erika and coordinated 40 non-profits' and partners' activities in preparation for landfall.



Next Meeting

- What: Midterm Planning Meeting
- When: February 18, 2016
- Time: 10:00AM
- Location: Kelly Training Room

VF provided 45 trainings to 1,597 individuals representing 23 counties

In 2015, Volunteer Florida provided 45 trainings to 1,597 individuals representing 23 counties.

PASCO COUNTY FLOODING DEPLOYMENT - AUGUST 2015

Following a significant rain event in August 2015, Volunteer Florida staff deployed to Pasco County to assist with local response and recovery. Volunteer Florida assisted with the operations of a regional volunteer reception center as well as managing six volunteer teams. As a result of the Emergency Management training they received from Volunteer Florida, Pasco County was able to tap into the AmeriCorps Coalition of Escambia and Santa Rosa (AmeriCorps ACES), who served as call center operators.



Flooding in a Pasco County neighborhood



A Salvation Army volunteer in waders helping residents in Pasco County

FEMA GRANT

Following devastating flooding in the Florida Panhandle in 2014, Volunteer Florida successfully secured a \$905,263 FEMA grant to assist families and businesses with recovery efforts in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, and Bay Counties.

Volunteer Florida selected the COPE Center in DeFuniak Springs to provide disaster case management to residents affected by the flooding in the Panhandle. In 2015, COPE Center case managers worked closely with long-term recovery committees and volunteer teams from across the country to provide repairs and support rebuilding efforts.

In 2015, the COPE Center served 1,113 clients, a value of \$130,000.



Service Spotlight

COPE CENTER, OKALOOSA/WALTON LONG TERM RECOVERY ORGANIZATION (OWLTRO), AND MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICES

Pasco County

In November 2015, the COPE Center, Okaloosa/Walton Long Term Recovery Organization (OWLTRO), and Mennonite Disaster Services participated in a “project completion ceremony” at a home in Freeport which had been severely damaged during the spring 2014 flooding.

The elderly homeowner – an 88-year old widow who lives alone and struggles with dementia – had been living on the top floor of her home without a kitchen.

Thanks to the FEMA grant secured by Volunteer Florida, the COPE Center and local partners rebuilt the home, and it is now safe, sanitary, and secure.



During the ceremony, the Mennonite Disaster Services team presented the homeowner with a quilt to commemorate her journey and the power of service.



Florida DISASTER Fund

In May 2014, Governor Scott and the Volunteer Florida Foundation activated the Florida Disaster Fund to assist those who were impacted by the flooding in the Florida Panhandle. The Florida Disaster Fund, administered by the Volunteer Florida Foundation, assists communities with long-term recovery following disasters.

Through the Florida Disaster Fund, the Volunteer Florida Foundation granted \$250,000 in funds to the Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies (BRACE) in Escambia County, the United Way of Santa Rosa County, and the Okaloosa-Walton Long Term Recovery Organization.



Throughout 2015, the Florida Disaster Fund continued to serve Florida families in the following ways: 1,096 volunteers were enlisted to repair 121 homes, 50,518 hours volunteered in support of recovery, 24 casework referrals.

“...My disaster case manager walked me through every step of my paperwork with respect, compassion, and understanding. The BRACE organization met and exceeded my repairs with respect and consideration to my needs. Their work ...has inspired me to get out and volunteer to pay it forward...I am so grateful and humbled by all who had a helping hand in saving my home.”

- Sharon R., Escambia County

Record-setting rainfall and gale-force winds during the 2014 Panhandle flood event resulted in a partial roof collapse and damage to several rooms in the home of Sharon R., a 66 year-old woman who lives alone. Her home took on almost a foot and a half of water as a result of the collapse of her roof. Alone and unable to make the necessary repairs to her home, Sharon turned to local partners for help. With support from the Volunteer Florida Foundation’s Florida Disaster Fund grant, the Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies (BRACE) and the Escambia County Long Term Recovery Group, volunteers worked around the clock to restore Sharon’s home.



PARTNERSHIPS

Volunteer Florida is engaged in the Florida Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (FLVOAD), which brings together cities and counties, national service organizations, community and faith-based organizations, and civic and educational organizations to extend our service capabilities to more Floridians before, during, and after disasters.



Volunteers with Samaritan's Purse clear debris in Pasco County in 2015



Volunteers with NECHAMA - Jewish Response to Disaster assist AmeriCorps members with debris removal in Pasco County in 2015



Volunteers with Salvation Army serve in a disaster response center in Hillsborough County in 2015

Volunteer Florida is proud to partner with the following organizations to provide emergency management training and response:

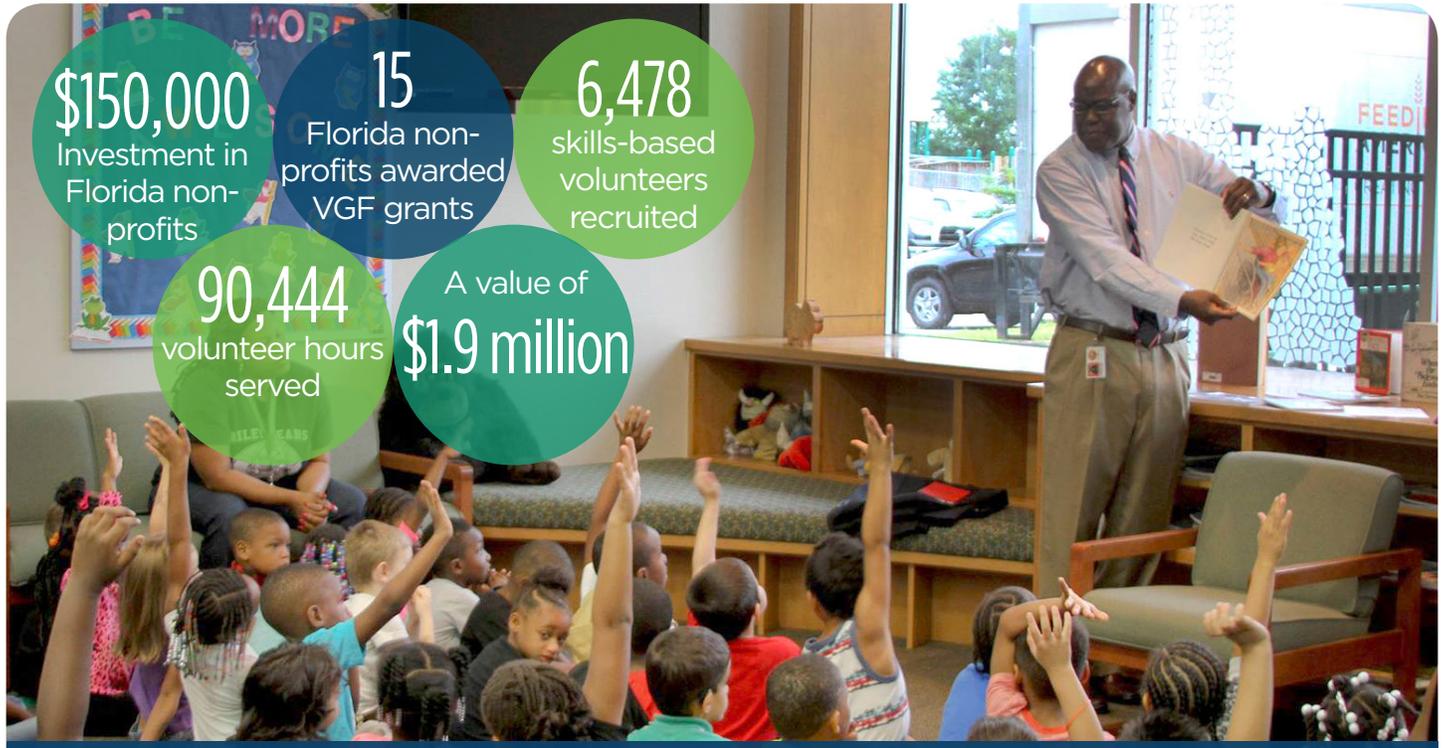


VOLUNTEER SERVICES



VOLUNTEER GENERATION FUND

The Volunteer Florida Volunteer Generation Fund helps Florida organizations more effectively recruit, manage, support, and retain skills-based volunteers. Skills-based volunteering leverages the experience, talents, and education of professionals, such as accountants and attorneys, and matches them with the needs of nonprofits.



\$150,000
Investment in Florida non-profits

15
Florida non-profits awarded VGF grants

6,478
skills-based volunteers recruited

90,444
volunteer hours served

A value of \$1.9 million

In 2015, Volunteer Florida invested \$150,000 in Florida non-profits with 15 VGF grants. With that investment, non-profits were able to recruit 6,476 skills-based volunteers who served 90,444 hours - a value of \$1.9 million.



743
STEM related volunteers

519
volunteers supporting at-risk students

74
volunteers trained in partnership with FAVRM

55
organizations represented

There were 743 skills-based volunteers supporting STEM programs while 519 volunteers supported students at risk of dropping out or being involved in gang activity. Seventy-four volunteers were trained in partnership with the Florida Association of Volunteer Resource Management. Fifty-five organizations were represented.

Service Spotlight

CHAPMAN PARTNERSHIP

Miami

The Chapman Partnership helps homeless families by providing a comprehensive support program that includes emergency housing, meals, health care, job training, job placement, and assistance with securing stable housing in Homestead and Miami.

Chapman Partnership used its 2015 Volunteer Florida VGF funding to invest in software to manage volunteer hours while maximizing volunteer promotion, engagement, and retention. Through this tool, Chapman Partnership has dramatically increased its volunteer capacity and improved volunteer management operations.



"Now volunteers can schedule volunteer time based on their skill sets and interests.

This allows us to more effectively manage assignments and track volunteer hours.

Thanks to this funding through Volunteer Florida, we have greatly improved Chapman

Partnership's response time and logged nearly 1,000 volunteer hours since the start

of our grant. This is valued at \$21,610!"

- Victoria Hopta, Chapman Partnership

Service Spotlight

COMMUNITY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Sarasota

In 2015, Community Youth Development (CYD) in Sarasota used its Volunteer Florida VGF grant to expand CYD's reach to a larger, more diverse group of student volunteers. CYD matches the interests and talents of student volunteers to the needs of Sarasota's non-profits. By combining skill-based volunteerism with service learning, students developed essential twenty-first century skills that serve as a pathway to employment. They also learned how they can utilize these newly-developed strengths to positively impact the Sarasota community and the State of Florida by participating in monthly Days of Service throughout Sarasota County.

"CYD gave me a sense of community, a sense of hope, and made me a better leader."

- Community Youth Development Student

"CYD really made a difference in my life. I would definitely recommend it to someone if they wanted to volunteer. This experience has shown me that I can be a leader outside of school projects."

- Community Youth Development Student



"We used the funding to support our service learning program to ensure that students develop essential twenty-first century skills that will serve as a pathway to employment."

- Suriya Khong, Community Youth Development

FOUNDATION



First Lady Ann Scott, Black History Month Excellence in Education Winner Michael Warren, and Gov. Rick Scott at the Black History Month reception in 2015

VOLUNTEER FLORIDA FOUNDATION

The Volunteer Florida Foundation raises funds to support Volunteer Florida's efforts across the state. The Foundation also supports special Governor's initiatives, including Florida's Black History Month and Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations, as well as honoring our state's outstanding volunteers, veterans, and educators.

In 2015, Volunteer Florida and Governor Scott more than doubled the number of Champion of Service Award presentations.

We are grateful for Governor Scott's support of this award, which recognizes Florida volunteers, organizations, and businesses for outstanding community service and philanthropy.



Volunteer Florida recognized 50 Floridians with Champion of Service Awards in 2015.

Volunteer Florida CEO Chester Spellman with Sen. Bill Montford, Rep. Shevrin Jones, Sen. Lizbeth Benacquisto, and Rep. Jose Felix Diaz, legislative Champion of Service Awardees

2015 FLORIDA VOLUNTEER MONTH RECEPTION

To celebrate Florida Volunteer Month, Volunteer Florida hosted the first ever Volunteer Florida reception at the Governor's Mansion in April 2015. We joined our sponsors and partners for an evening with Governor Scott, Lieutenant Governor Carlos Lopez-Cantera, and the First Lady. Johnny Davis, a Leon County student served by VF grantee 50 LARGE, provided inspirational remarks. We are grateful for this memorable evening with our supporters.



Lt. Gov. Carlos Lopez-Cantera, First Lady Ann Scott, Gov. Rick Scott, Debra Trent, and Johnny Davis



Volunteer Florida Foundation Board Members Derek Cooper and Steve Uhlfelder, VF Commissioner Sam SeEVERS, VF Chair Autumn Karlinsky, First Lady Ann Scott, VF Commissioner Susan Towler, and VF CEO Chester Spellman

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month is an exciting opportunity to celebrate the rich history and diverse cultural heritage of African-Americans in Florida. Every February, Florida commemorates Black History Month with a reception at the Governor's Mansion. During this event, the Governor and special guests present awards to outstanding students, artists, and African-American educators.

Volunteer Florida's generous supporters provide the financial support to make this annual event possible every year. We are proud of this tradition and our partnership with the Governor's office, the Florida Department of Education, and the Florida Department of State!

In 2015, Governor Scott and First Lady Ann Scott honored three outstanding educators with the Excellence in Education Award. These individuals were nominated by students and peers, and each received \$1,500 provided by Volunteer Florida.

Three student essay contest winners were recognized - one elementary, one middle school, and one high school student. They each received a four-year Florida College Plan scholarship provided by the Florida Prepaid College Foundation. The total amount of these scholarships was \$50,426.

Two student art contest winners were also awarded \$250 for their contributions. Our partners and sponsors make the event possible, and we are grateful for their continued support!



Black History Month Awardee with the Governor, First Lady, and leaders of the Florida Prepaid Scholarship Foundation



Black History Month Awardee with the Governor and First Lady



"The Florida Prepaid College Foundation mission is to provide college scholarships to deserving students, and partners like Volunteer Florida are important in helping us identify these students. We were so pleased to provide six scholarships in 2015 to Black History Month and Hispanic Heritage Month essay contest winners."

- Duane Ottenstroer, Chairman, Florida Prepaid College Foundation Board

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Every October, Volunteer Florida is proud to partner with Governor Scott, the Florida Department of Education, and the Florida Department of State to support the annual Hispanic Heritage Month reception at the Governor's Mansion. Volunteer Florida provides financial support for the event, which recognizes outstanding students, artists, educators, and service leaders.

During the 2015 Hispanic Heritage Month event, Governor Scott honored three outstanding Hispanic educators with the Excellence in Education Award. These individuals were nominated by students and peers, and each received \$1,500 provided by Volunteer Florida at the Governor's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration.

Three student essay contest winners – elementary school, middle school, and high school - received a four-year Florida College Plan scholarship provided by the Florida Prepaid College Foundation, a value of \$51,102.

Two student art contest winners were also awarded \$250 for their contributions.

During the Hispanic Heritage Month event in 2015, Volunteer Florida CEO Chester Spellman presented Champion of Service Awards to two young leaders who serve with the United Way of Miami-Dade County. We are grateful to our partners and sponsors for making the Hispanic Heritage Month reception such a memorable and successful event.



Hispanic Heritage Month Champion of Service Winners Michelle Espinosa and Luisa Cotto with VF CEO Chester Spellman

GOVERNOR'S INITIATIVES

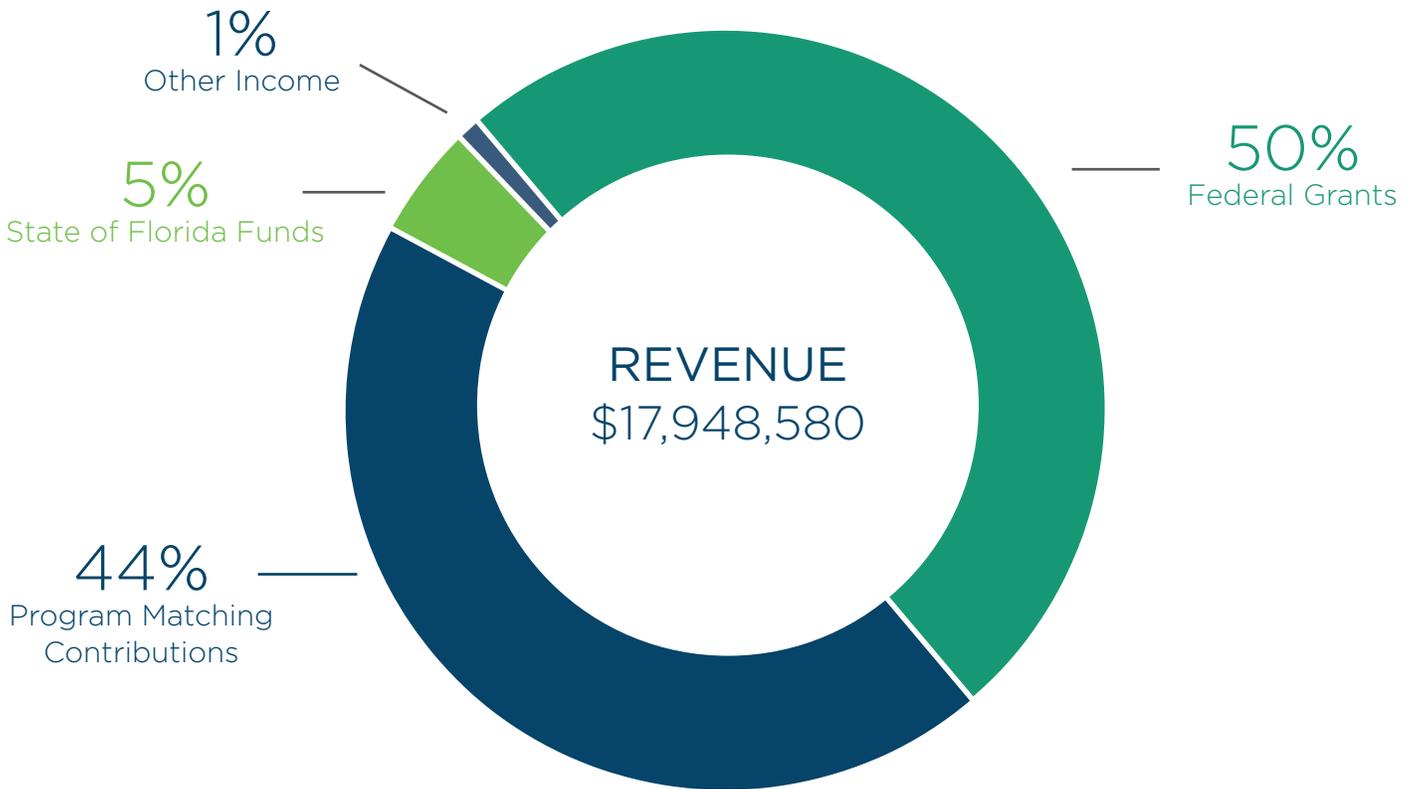
Volunteer Florida is proud to support special Governor's initiatives such as the Veterans Service Awards and the Young Entrepreneur Award.



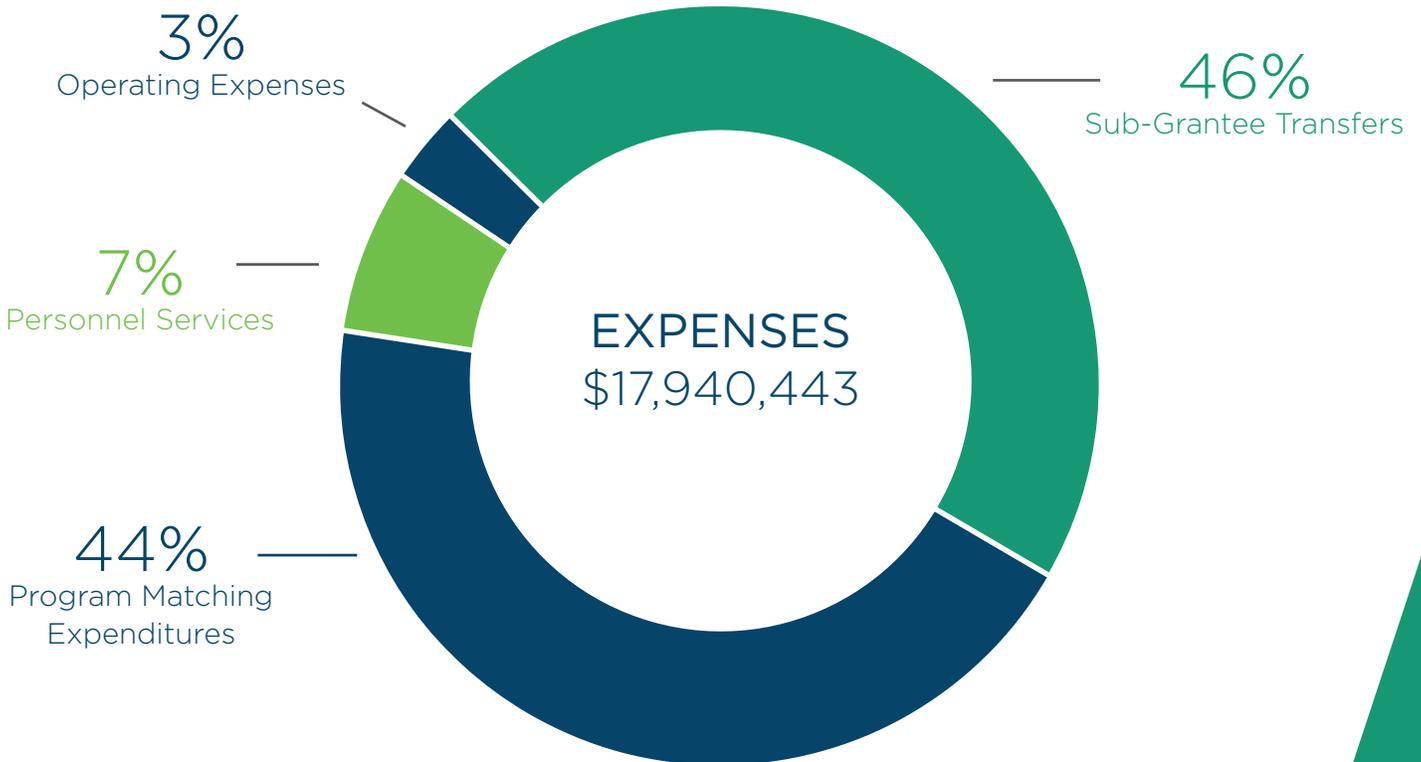
VOLUNTEER FLORIDA 2014-2015 FINANCIAL STATEMENT YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

| | Governmental Fund | | | |
|---|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| | Special Revenue | | | |
| | Budgeted Amounts | | | Variance - Favorable (Unfavorable) |
| | Original | Final | Actual | |
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Federal grants | \$ 9,086,454 | \$ 9,849,859 | \$ 9,081,500 | \$ (768,359) |
| Program matching contributions | 7,534,969 | 7,534,969 | 7,830,279 | 295,310 |
| State of Florida funds | 983,180 | 983,180 | 989,452 | 6,272 |
| Other income | - | 34,600 | 47,349 | 12,749 |
| | 17,604,603 | 18,402,608 | 17,948,580 | (454,028) |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Current | | | | |
| Volunteer Services: | | | | |
| Sub-grantee transfers | 8,544,750 | 8,544,750 | 8,182,702 | 362,048 |
| Program matching expenditures | 7,534,969 | 7,534,969 | 7,830,279 | (295,310) |
| Personnel services | 1,152,871 | 1,295,564 | 1,281,266 | 14,298 |
| Operating expenses | 372,013 | 1,027,325 | 646,196 | 381,129 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 17,604,603 | 18,402,608 | 17,940,443 | 462,165 |
| EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER | | | | |
| EXPENDITURES | \$ - | \$ - | 8,137 | \$ 8,137 |
| ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR, as restated | | | 220,621 | |
| ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR | | | \$ 228,758 | |

REVENUES (2014-15)



EXPENDITURES (2014-15)





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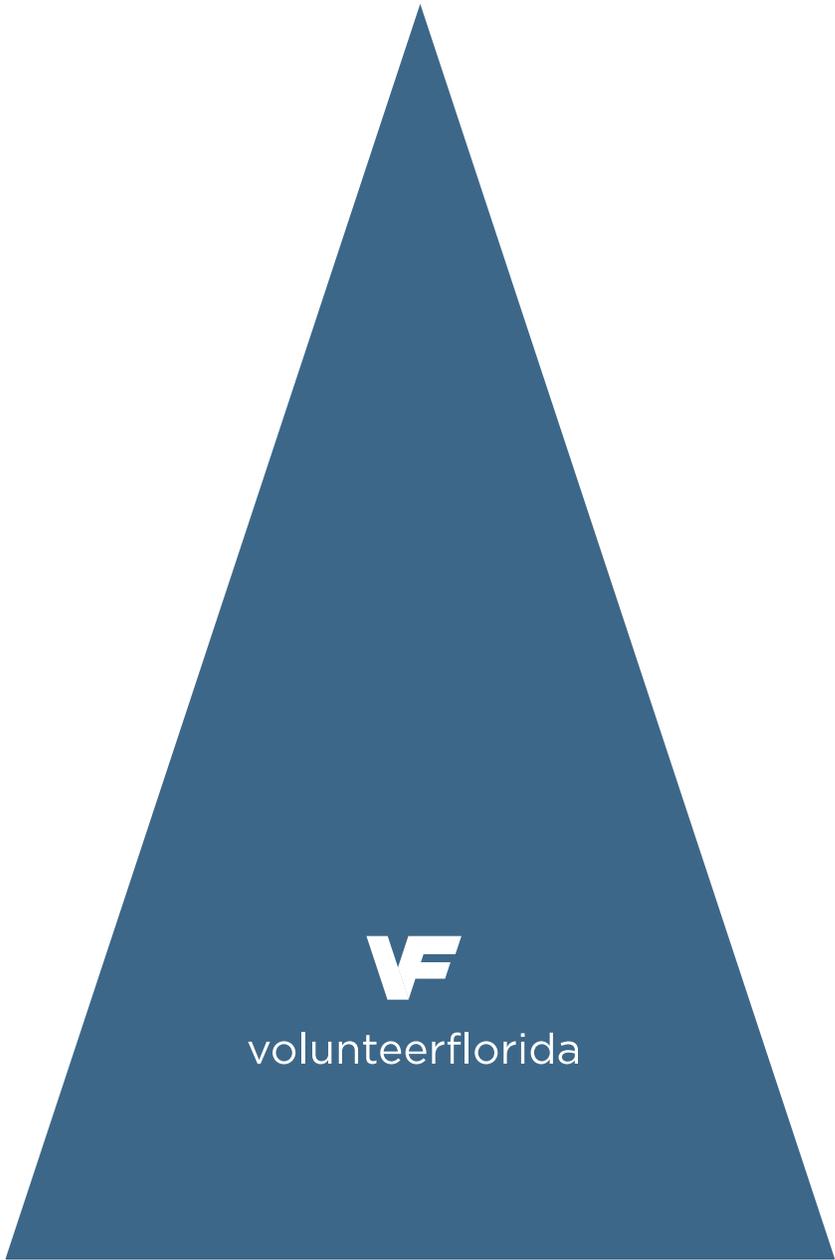


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