Volunteer Florida administers AMERICORPS programs throughout the state. AmeriCorps is a national service program that provides opportunities for individuals to serve their communities in many different capacities. In exchange for a living stipend, educational award and valuable on-the-job experience, members work in nonprofit organizations, faith-based institutions, schools and local government agencies for one year, helping mentor at-risk students, train job-seekers and conserve public land, among other initiatives.

**WHAT COSTS DOES AN AMERICORPS GRANT COVER?**

Federal funding that is granted and administered by Volunteer Florida covers the majority of costs to support AmeriCorps members, but a beginning match of 24% is required in order to qualify for an AmeriCorps grant, which can be cash or in-kind. Match requirements help meet the operational costs associated with managing AmeriCorps programs.

**HOW DOES AMERICORPS WORK?**

Nonprofits, faith-based institutions, schools and local government agencies are eligible to apply and compete for funding for an AmeriCorps program. This funding is made available by AmeriCorps and administered by Volunteer Florida. AmeriCorps members are selected and managed by their host organization, and spend a year addressing issues critical to the organization’s mission.

**WHAT ARE SOME OF THE WAYS AMERICORPS MEMBERS SERVE?**

- Tutoring and mentoring
- Job placement and training
- Independent living support
- Environmental restoration and conservation
- Disaster preparedness and response

Full-time AmeriCorps members serve 35-40 hours per week, helping organizations engage the community by recruiting and training volunteers. On average, one AmeriCorps member leverages 6-10 additional volunteers.
2020-2021 AMERICORPS PROGRAMS

- Big Brothers Big Sisters Reads
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County
- Boys & Girls Clubs of North Central Florida
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County
- Branches
- Breakthrough Miami
- Broward College
- Broward College - UP
- Catholic Volunteers of Florida
- Centro Campesino
- City of Orlando - OPASS
- City of Orlando - Operation AmeriCorps
- City Year Jacksonville
- City Year Miami
- City Year Orlando
- Communities in Schools of Jacksonville
- Earn to Learn
- Firewall Centers
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Goodwill Industries of the Big Bend
- Hispanic Unity of Florida
- Literacy Alliance of Northeast Florida
- MCCJ
- Metropolitan Ministries
- Northwest Florida State College
- Overtown Youth Center
- Palm Beach County Literacy Coalition
- Peacemakers Family Center
- Polk Education Foundation
- SAGA Innovations
- School Board of Broward County
- Senior Resource Alliance
- Seniors in Service of Tampa Bay
- Teach For America
- The Arc Jacksonville
- The Arc of Palm Beach County
- The School Board of Broward County
- University of North Florida