



AmeriCorps Indian Tribes Portfolio Overview 2015

CNCS awards grants to programs that engage AmeriCorps members in an evidence based service interventions that result in a positive impact on identified community problems (e.g., based on proposed program’s performance and evaluation data or research demonstrating the effectiveness of a similar intervention). An AmeriCorps Member is an individual who engages in community service through an approved national service position. AmeriCorps Members may receive a living allowance and other benefits while serving. Upon successful completion of their service, members receive a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award from the National Service Trust that can be used to pay for college tuition, repayment of qualified student loans, and training at technical schools.

CNCS believes that all Americans should have opportunities to participate in national service, including those that have been traditionally underrepresented in national service, such as rural residents, people with disabilities, veterans and military families, Native Americans, and “Opportunity Youth-- the one in six young people (ages 16-24) who are disconnected from school or work.” CNCS recognizes that service can create powerful pathways to education and employment for these populations, transforming their communities and creating broad economic benefit for the country. National service benefits the recipients of service, those who serve, local communities, and our nation.

AmeriCorps State and National sets aside 1% of total grant funds to award grants to eligible federally recognized Indian tribes and tribal organizations. The FY2015 AmeriCorps Indian Tribes portfolio includes 18 program grants and 4 planning grants, a total of 22 grants for \$3.2 Million and 260 AmeriCorps members serving in Native communities around the country. Programs funded in FY2015 include:

Grantee	Program	Focus Area	State
American Indian Recruitment Programs	The American Indian Recruitment (AIR) Program: <i>AmeriCorps members will provide vital education and community service learning activities through culturally sensitive academic engagement for 48 American Indian K-12 students. Primary goals are to provide students with the resources to complete the Indigenous Certificate Program and to gain the tools necessary to complete high school and continue on to higher education opportunities. AmeriCorps members will engage native youth of the Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel through culturally based instruction, economic development, intergenerational activities, research methodology and academic preparation, mentoring, and academic workshops.</i>	Education	CA
DNA – People’s Legal Services	DNA-People’s Legal Services AmeriCorps Planning: <i>AmeriCorps members will use planning funds to develop an AmeriCorps program serving in the Navajo Nation and Alaska to support Healthy Futures and Economic Opportunity. The intended AmeriCorps service would provide free, comprehensive legal services regarding health and health impacting legal dilemmas.</i>	Planning Grant - Healthy Futures	AZ

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Gila River Indian Community	Veterans Helping Veterans: <i>AmeriCorps members will facilitate a veteran's services program resulting in the creation of an office to coordinate integrated services to this Native population. The program will serve Native veterans and military families across the Gila River reservation in Arizona.</i>	Veterans & Military Families	AZ
Hoopa Valley Tribe	Hoopa Valley Tribe TCCC: <i>AmeriCorps Hoopa Tribal Civilian Community Corps is a Tribal AmeriCorps Residential Program that provides trainings and service experience young adult members. The program specializes in completing service projects in 5 areas: Environmental and Conservation, mentoring children, public safety and unmet human needs throughout the US, tribal lands and rural areas.</i>	Environmental Stewardship	CA
Hoopa Valley Tribe and Hoopa Forestry Division	Hoopa AmeriCorps on Native Lands Program: <i>AmeriCorps members will provide assistance to the elderly and disabled community members on the Hoopa Indian Reservation to help them live independently and improve their quality of life while also developing their own professional skills and employment opportunities after service.</i>	Healthy Futures	CA
Inter-Tribal Long Term Recovery Foundation (ITLTRF)	ITLTRF Southern California Tribes: <i>The Inter Tribal Long Term Recovery Foundation (ITLTRF) will recruit, train, and support nine AmeriCorps members to provide disaster planning, response, and recovery services on Tribal lands in Southern California. The ITLTRF's Tribal AmeriCorps Preparedness and Emergency Response (TAPER) Program will engage members in emergency planning, education and outreach service to strengthen preparedness in the community for disasters; thereby creating a culture of resilience for the most at-risk tribal members such as elders, youth, and individuals within these groups with access and functional needs.</i>	Disaster Services	CA
Lummi Indian Business Council	Lummi Nation Tribal Conservation Corps: <i>AmeriCorps members will provide technician support to the Lummi Nation Natural Resources Department with riparian planting and maintenance, invasive plant removal, finfish and shellfish hatchery support, habitat monitoring, harvest management support, and oil spill preparedness on the Lummi Reservation and throughout the Lummi Nation Usual and Accustomed Areas. These projects will protect and restore at-risk ecosystems across the Lummi Nation tribal lands.</i>	Environmental Stewardship	WA

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Nisqually Indian Tribe	<i>Nisqually Indian Tribe AmeriCorps: AmeriCorps members will remove invasive species, restore native plant habitat, build trails, and construct rain gardens on the Nisqually Reservation and throughout the Nisqually watershed in an effort to restore, preserve, and promote salmon habitats.</i>	Environmental Stewardship	WA
Northwoods Niijii Enterprise Community, Inc.	<i>Northwoods Niijii Enterprise Community, Inc.: AmeriCorps members will be working with tribal community coalitions and will leverage an additional 50 volunteers to address substance abuse issues in the 11 federally recognized tribal nations of Wisconsin.</i>	Healthy Futures	WI
Osage Nation Grants Office	<i>Osage Nation Communities of Excellence Ta-Wa AmeriCorps: AmeriCorps members will serve as healthy lifestyle coaches to teach at-risk youth about nutrition and physical activity as a means to combat obesity and disease. Members will also conduct tai chi sessions with community elders. The program will serve the communities of Pawhuska, Hominy, and Grayhorse Village at Fairfax, Osage County and Nation.</i>	Healthy Futures	OK
Red Lake Tribal Council	<i>Service to New Scholars: AmeriCorps members will serve at preschools on the Red Lake Reservation in Minnesota to help prepare children for Kindergarten and improve their numeracy, literacy, and social/emotional skills.</i>	Education	MN
San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians	<i>San Pasqual Tribal AmeriCorps Mentoring Program: AmeriCorps members will mentor Native American K-12 students attending schools in the Pauma-Valley Center Unified School District during out of school time at the San Pasqual Education Center. AmeriCorps members will provide guidance and support to students to increase their school attendance, improve their behavior to reduce discipline referrals and to mitigate opportunities for youth to engage in risky activities. Service will take place in and around the San Pasqual Tribal Reservation in San Diego County, California.</i>	Education	CA
Santo Domingo Tribe	<i>The Santo Domingo Tribe: Proposes to use this planning grant to develop an AmeriCorps program serving the Santo Domingo Pueblo, which will focus on the CNCS focus area(s) of Disaster Services.</i>	Planning Grant - Disaster Services	NM

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Seneca Nation of Indians	To See Far: <i>AmeriCorps members will provide a variety of services to those who are identified as Seneca citizens. AmeriCorps members will serve residents of the Seneca Nation Cattaraugus Territory. Project emphasis will be on the CNCS focus areas of disaster services and education.</i>	Disaster Preparation and Economic Opportunity	NY
Sinte Gleska University	Sinte Gleska University AmeriCorps Planning Project: <i>AmeriCorps members will help low-income adults on Rosebud Sioux Reservation in South Dakota prepare for GED testing and obtain GED.</i>	Education	SD
Sitting Bull College	GED Project: <i>AmeriCorps members will provide GED tutoring and testing services to tribal members who do not have a high school diploma or equivalency, resulting in an increased number of residents who pass the GED exam and attain their GED. The program will serve in the eight communities of the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation.</i>	Education	ND
Soboba Band Of Luiseno Indians	Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians: <i>Will engage in a planning process to develop a program in which AmeriCorps members will provide Soboba Tribal youth in grades P-12 with educational and emotional support through mentoring services provided during school and after-school on the Soboba Reservation, in San Jacinto, California.</i>	Planning Grant - Education	CA
Spirit of the Sun	Spirit of the Sun: <i>AmeriCorps members will provide health supports and services to older adults to improve access to services and strengthen social support systems in the Northern Arapaho Tribe in Wyoming.</i>	Healthy Futures	CO
St. Croix Tribal Center	The St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin: <i>Will use this planning grant to develop an AmeriCorps program serving rural reservation communities in northwest Wisconsin in the three county area of Burnett, Barron and Polk that will focus on the CNCS focus areas of Economic Opportunity, to increase economic opportunities in our communities, particularly the employability of opportunity youth.</i>	Planning Grant - Economic Opportunity	WI

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The Grant Experts	Navajo AmeriCorps: <i>AmeriCorps members will improve a community walking path to promote physical activity and facilitate a variety of nutrition, food security, and physical activity-focused engagement activities with area youth and community members. The program will serve the Navajo Nation community, Nenahnezhad Chapter, in San Juan County, New Mexico.</i>	Healthy Futures	NM
Tse Daa Kaan Chapter of the Navajo Nation	Tse Daa Kaan Chapter of the Navajo Nation: <i>Sixteen AmeriCorps members who will provide assistance to veterans and their families in Shiprock, New Mexico, in order to access available resources, including workforce development and education, and engaging them in National Service projects. Members, with community engagement and support, will improve tribal lands and waterways in and around Shiprock, with community engagement and support.</i>	Veterans and Military Families and Environmental Stewardship	NM
Ysleta del Sur Pueblo	Target Tigua: <i>AmeriCorps members will implement several aspects of the Pueblo's Nation Building Approach, where members will be assigned to three Tribal agencies and departments: Economic Development Department, Tribal Education Department, and the Environmental Management Office. Members will provide the community with financial literacy and cultural and language education trainings. The program will serve the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo reservation in El Paso, Texas.</i>	Economic Opportunity, Education, Environmental Stewardship, Disaster Services	TX