

CONSERVATION LEGACY • ANCESTRAL LANDS 2017

NATIVE YOUTH LEADING OUR NATIONS BACK TO ECOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL WELL-BEING



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

CREW WORK

ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION & LAND STEWARDSHIP

- Chainsaw removal of invasive trees
- GIS mapping of invasive plants
- Agricultural work
- Erosion control and stream restoration
- Fencing
- Revegetation of native plants

RECREATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

- Trail Building
- Facilities Maintenance
- Preservation of Historical Sites
- Signage

ACOMA: Currently fields five to seven crews a year doing traditional agriculture, preservation, trail work and a youth hiking club.

NAVAJO: Currently fields 14 to 18 crews a year doing chainsaw work, GIS mapping, erosion control and much more.

ZUNI: Currently fields three to five crews a year doing preservation, trail work and agricultural work.

HOPKI: Currently fields two to three crews doing fencing and other projects.

NATIONAL WORK

VISTA Positions • Internships • Corps Partnerships
National Partnerships • National Gatherings, Conferences, Events

HIGHLIGHTS:

- 12 Ancestral Lands VISTAs with NPS, USFS, BIA, USFWS
- Five Ancestral Lands Interns with NPS, USFS, BIA
- 15 Native youth participating in Native Youth Community Adaptation and Leadership Congress
- Crew project work and other support with partner Corps

INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENTS

AL Interns focus on career mentorship, Native community outreach and engagement, and exploring pathways within the agency.

AMERICORPS VISTA PLACEMENTS

AL VISTAs will work to build the capacity of Corps, Tribes, and Land Management Agencies to support more tribal-focused Corps programing around the country.

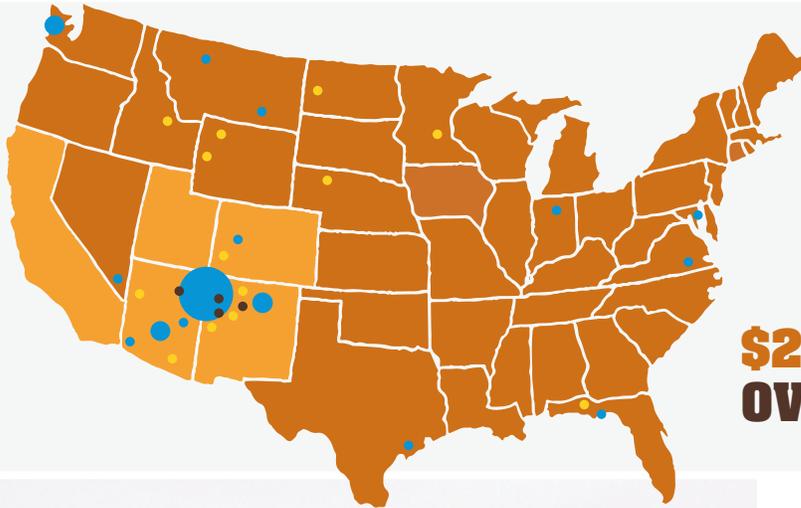


BIA WATERCORPS

A partnership between the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Stewards Individual Placements, the BIA WaterCorps provides Native individuals with a unique and rare opportunity to not only participate in the field as AmeriCorps service members in water resource positions, but also to receive intensive, in-classroom water resources training at the University of Arizona. 33 individuals have been placed at host sites around the country. This year WaterCorps welcomed several new host sites, with emphasis on placements with state and federal agencies as well as tribal resources departments and tribes themselves.

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220 TOTAL ANCESTRAL LANDS PARTICIPANTS IN 2017



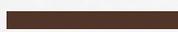
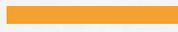
ECONOMIC IMPACT:

\$1.7 MILLION

IN WAGES, SALARIES, & LIVING ALLOWANCES ALONE, THE ANCESTRAL LANDS PROGRAM HAS PROVIDED OVER 1.7 MILLION DOLLARS IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT INDIAN COUNTRY IN FY2017

\$275,000 IN AMERICORPS EDUCATION AWARDS
OVER 100,000 HOURS OF SERVICE IN 2017

WHERE WE WORK:

-  ANCESTRAL LANDS OFFICES
-  CREW WORK
-  INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENTS
-  BIA WATERCORPS



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GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Supporting community ownership to develop programs that are guided by community needs, aspirations and leaders.

SOVEREIGNTY: Respecting and empowering Indigenous Nations right to self-determination, political sovereignty and cultural autonomy.

CULTURAL REVITALIZATION: Facilitating reconnection and revitalization of culture, traditional knowledge and languages.

EMPOWERMENT: Preparing Native youth for success in both the dominant society and the traditional world.

LEADERSHIP: Providing the mentorship, structure and experience to cultivate genuine and effective leaders.

BENEFITS:

INDIVIDUAL

Education Award • Professional Development • Certifications
Leadership • Work Ethic • On-the-Job Experience

COMMUNITY

Engage with Public Lands • Support of Indigenous Studies
Preservation of Tribal Histories • Use of Traditional Knowledge
Language Revitalization • Physical and Mental Health
Improvement • Educational Opportunities

ENVIRONMENT

Quality Project Work • Land Stewardship Skills • LNT
Ecology Competency • Connection to the Land

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