



2025 **APS**
**Community
Impact
Report**

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RESILIENCE IN ACTION

This is one of the most difficult environments for nonprofits I've seen in my career. The need for services is as high as ever, yet funding is harder to come by. I commend Arizona's nonprofits for their leadership under these circumstances and their continued dedication to serve despite what's thrown at them. We will continue to partner with them, financially and otherwise, to support their missions.

TINA MARIE TENTORI - APS COMMUNITY AFFAIRS DIRECTOR
AND APS FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I'm often asked why APS invests so heavily in giving back to the community. For me, the answer is simple.

APS's commitment to charitable giving is rooted in our purpose: doing what's right for the people and prosperity of Arizona. As a company headquartered here and serving only Arizona customers, our connection to this state runs deep. APS is one of Arizona's oldest companies, and our employees live, work and play in the communities we serve. That's why our responsibility goes beyond providing safe, reliable, affordable power — we want Arizona to be a great place to live. That means supporting a healthy, diverse network of nonprofits, from human services and community development to arts, culture and education.

Many nonprofits rely on our support, and in turn, we depend on them to help serve vulnerable populations and keep our community strong and prosperous.

This year, many Arizonans faced urgent challenges. When Globe and Miami were devastated by flooding, APS was among the first to provide aid. When families struggled with food shortages due to limited benefits, we partnered with regional food banks to help. We continue to focus on heat relief programs in the summer, knowing how vulnerable many are to extreme temperatures across our state.

When our friends and neighbors are in need, we respond. It's far more important to do what's right and necessary than what's easy or less expensive. And it's not just financial support — our employees step up to volunteer, whether filling boxes at food banks, joining cleanup efforts or training for Red Cross disaster assistance.

Arizona is experiencing unprecedented growth, which benefits us all. As a utility, APS provides the reliable, affordable energy that helps attract new companies and new residents. But as our state grows, more residents will depend on the vital services our nonprofit partners provide. It's essential that these partners remain ready to meet the need.

As a deeply rooted Arizona company for 140 years, it's our responsibility and privilege to invest in our communities — to keep them healthy, vibrant and ready for the future.

TED GEISLER

APS PRESIDENT & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
AND APS FOUNDATION CHAIR





HUMAN SERVICES

PROTECTING ARIZONA'S MOST VULNERABLE

Our approach is driven by the belief that it is our responsibility to help address the state's most pressing social issues. One such urgent need in Arizona is protecting our most vulnerable residents from the effects of extreme heat, a crisis closely tied to broader housing and economic challenges. APS collaborates with key nonprofit partners on a multi-faceted heat relief approach, in addition to efforts to combat homelessness and hunger. These services are designed to assist the unhoused, seniors and low-income individuals — the populations most at risk.



APS volunteers at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul kitchen.



COMING THROUGH IN A CRISIS

Solari Crisis & Human Services provides live operator assistance for Arizonans in need through 211 Arizona Information and Referral Services. Unfortunately, due to an unexpected reduction in funding, Solari found itself in need. APS pledged to help Solari continue providing critical services to Arizonans and leveraged APS's support to secure the necessary funding, allowing people in need of help across the state to continue accessing Solari's vital resources.

REACHING FAR AND WIDE

Two new partnerships in 2025 expanded the reach of heat relief programs to more individuals and more communities. Stardust provides heat relief supplies to nonprofits, respite centers and cooling and hydration sites serving vulnerable communities across Maricopa County. APS also began helping the Yuma County Public Health Services District purchase water for 16 cooling sites to protect residents in one of Arizona's hottest regions.

These add to an impressive roster of nonprofits offering heat relief that we're proud to support:

- The Salvation Army's 19 cooling and hydration stations and heat relief kits
- Arizona Faith Network's 17 respite centers receiving 55,000 visits in high-need neighborhoods
- St. Vincent de Paul programs helping 214 households and 525 individuals avoid eviction or homelessness
- The Healthy Homes Air Conditioning Program with AllThrive 365 and Heat Relief AC Initiative alongside Wildfire and other utilities provided more than 67 households with emergency AC repair or replacement
- The 211/Lyft Transportation Program that provided 8,420 rides to cooling centers and respite sites

These efforts contributed to a reduction in heat-related deaths in Arizona in 2025 for the second year in a row.



Beyond this remarkable contribution, we are deeply appreciative of APS's willingness to stand alongside us in seeking long-term, sustainable funding solutions. Your offer to leverage your influence with state leaders reflects a true spirit of partnership and underscores APS's commitment to strengthening the health and well-being of Arizona's communities.

JUSTIN CHASE - CEO, SOLARI



A HEALTHY HOME

A schoolteacher in Pinal County wasn't able to return to work after maternity leave due to complications from her delivery and other health issues. Unfortunately, while living off savings, her HVAC unit gave out, putting her and her newborn in harm's way. Thanks to the Healthy Homes program, she was approved for a new HVAC system within a week.

AC REPAIR PROGRAM



67 Vulnerable APS customers received **AC repair** or **replacement**.

LIFE LINE

The 211 operators have heard from riders who used the service after seeing friends die in previous years because of the heat. They passed along some messages of thanks.



Just had Wayne on the line who stated that he is grateful to us for having the heat relief rides available to the homeless population. He had two friends die last year due to the heat. He says we are lifesavers and appreciates us more than we know!

A 211 OPERATOR



FOOD BANK SUPPORT

As Arizona families faced economic uncertainty and disruptions with federal assistance programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), amid the longest federal government shutdown in history, APS stepped up its support for vulnerable Arizonans in November. Arizona's food banks had to respond to increased demand and a strain on resources. To help meet this need and help people facing food insecurity, APS donated \$1 million to Arizona's four regional food banks and the Arizona Food Bank Network, and employees volunteered at many of the food banks.

In Yuma, an area that includes the zip code with the highest number of SNAP recipients in the state, 3,000 fresh produce



An APS volunteer stacks food supplies at St. Mary's Food Bank.

boxes went out to families. Each box had about 18 pounds of produce — and an APS sticker on the outside — totaling 27 tons of fruits and veggies.

Additional APS support for the Yuma Food Bank provided over 100,000 meals. In all, APS has over 30 rural partnerships helping with hunger relief.



CARE AND SHELTER

In addition to combating hunger throughout rural Arizona, APS supports many organizations and services offering shelter, housing support and other care. These include the APS Care Closet at Amberly's Place in Yuma, for victims in need of essentials such as clothing, hygiene supplies and formula, and several in northern Arizona: Prescott Area Shelter Services, Habitat home repair programs in Prescott and Verde Valley, Flagstaff Shelter Services and the U.S. Vets transitional housing shelter for veterans in Prescott. Not only do we fund emergency shelters, we also fund eviction protection and provide housing support for low-income individuals through organizations such as A New Leaf, UMOM and CASS.



EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

OPENING A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY

Education remains one of the main focus areas of APS’s philanthropic giving and community support. Our programs help students, teachers and families strengthen their educational journey and expand access to post-secondary opportunities. We also invest in initiatives that advance teacher success and retention, support leadership development, enhance career readiness and create pathways to careers in the energy sector.



APS employees surprise Supply My Class winners in their classrooms.



TEACHER APPRECIATION

Some of our programs result in funds going directly to teachers in the classroom. **STEM grants** of up to \$2,500 each, in partnership with the Phoenix Suns, were awarded to 23 teachers in 2025, 13 of whom were located outside

of Metro Phoenix. This year, Suns player Mark Williams visited Travis Kent, a teacher at Wilson Primary School, surprising him in person with a grant.

Our popular **Supply My Class** program returned for its eighth year in 2025, awarding \$500 prepaid cards to 500 teachers across Arizona to purchase classroom supplies. In the program’s history, we have awarded 6,000 teachers with a total investment of \$3 million. This year for the first time, the program expanded beyond Title I schools and received a record of over 10,000 applications.

Supply My Class was born out of the fact that teachers often pay out of their own pockets for classroom supplies. Of this year’s recipients, 110 were teachers with three or fewer years of teaching experience, and 199 were located at rural schools. Every winner was surprised in person by APS employees to show our token of appreciation to teachers.



I wanted to express my heartfelt gratitude for the \$500 gift card I received from your organization.

As a teacher, this generous gift will make a tremendous difference in my classroom.

It will allow me to purchase much-needed supplies, materials and resources that directly support my students’ learning and creativity.

Your support of educators and students truly means so much. Knowing that local businesses like yours value education and invest in our classrooms is incredibly encouraging.

On behalf of my students and myself, thank you again for your kindness and generosity.

BRITTANY MCHUGH – TEACHER AT DESERT SHADOWS MIDDLE SCHOOL



SUPPLY MY CLASS

\$500 Prepaid cards awarded to

500 Teachers to purchase classroom supplies.

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Before starting my program, balancing school, work and finances felt overwhelming, and I often questioned whether I could afford to continue. Receiving the Earn to Learn scholarship lifted that burden, allowing me to focus on my education instead of worrying about each semester. Beyond financial relief, it gave me confidence, stability and the chance to pursue a career I love, something I look back on with deep gratitude.

AN EARN TO LEARN STUDENT



ASU Trio Students visit APS Headquarters.



STUDENT SUPPORT

Additional programs supported by APS help fund students' education through scholarships.

Earn to Learn gives low-to-moderate income students a chance at a college education through an 8:1 matched savings program and also teaches financial literacy and offers business mentoring (including from APS employee volunteers).

This past school year, with APS's support, Earn to Learn funded 150 new scholarships. Of those students, 64% were first-generation college students and 45% were from a rural community. In addition, thanks to the student retention initiatives we also support, Earn to Learn retained 85% of its scholarship recipients after their first year.



Spring - Lineworker Scholarship recipients.



Yavapai College - Most Outstanding Student - Jeovanny Romo.

150 New Scholarships

64% First generation Students



Earn to Learn also administers the **APS Lineworker Scholarship Program**, which provides a scholarship for Pell-grant eligible candidates to the Electrical Utility Lineworker Certificate Program at Yavapai College, creating a pathway to apply for a pre-apprenticeship after graduating.

During the 2024-25 school year, eight deserving recipients were awarded scholarships. All eight graduated and one was named Most Outstanding Student of his class. Going forward, the program will expand to a broader range of Career and Technical Education programs and to additional community colleges throughout the state.

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I'm deeply grateful to have been chosen as an APS scholarship recipient — this support made it possible for me to fully dedicate myself to the program and chase my goals without financial burden. Being selected for the Most Outstanding Student Award is an incredible honor, and I'm humbled by the recognition. It motivates me even more to continue pushing forward in this career and to uphold the high standards and work ethic that this award represents. I want to thank everyone who believed in me along the way — your support truly made a difference!

JEOVANNY ROMO - PROGRAM GRADUATE



THE APS FOUNDATION

LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR STEM EDUCATION

We believe that building a workforce proficient in STEM skills is essential to Arizona’s future. A strong STEM workforce helps attract and retain high-quality businesses and industries, fueling long-term economic growth and innovation across the state. The goal of the APS Foundation is to increase STEM attainment of Arizona students and support the delivery of quality professional development to STEM teachers. Since 1981, the APS Foundation has invested over \$65 million in STEM education and support for Arizona students and teachers. In 2025, due to the overwhelming need, the APS Foundation also supported heat relief efforts across Arizona.



APS CEO Ted Geisler and Helios Education Foundation CEO Paul Luna.



Teachers from the Lowell Observatory Curiosity Camp supported by the APS Foundation.



GATHERING OF GRANTEES

The APS Foundation hosted its first-ever event bringing together more than 90 people from 45 education nonprofits that have received APS Foundation support in recent years. The October event included a fireside chat with Helios Education Foundation CEO Paul Luna and APS CEO Ted Geisler, a panel discussion on policy and funding issues and public relations training for nonprofits, as well as a demonstration of the Helios Decision Center.

SUPPORTING STEM EDUCATION

Foundation grants in 2025 included those supporting programs that:

- Support future teachers with mentorship and professional development to enhance degree completion and educator retention rates through Arizona Education Foundation’s Teacher Pipeline Project
- Offer hands-on opportunities for students to refurbish technology, building technical hardware and software skills with AZ StRUT’s Techie Labs
- Prepare high school students participating in Camp Catanese Foundation’s Engineering Pathway Program

to successfully obtain engineering degrees and excel in engineering careers

- Equip teachers with hands-on professional development and mentorship to bring high-quality STEM education into their classroom through Lowell Observatory Orbits Curiosity Camp

Overall, in 2025, the Foundation funded 35 STEM projects, hands-on STEM programming for more than 100,000 students, professional development for more than 2,000 teachers, access to post-secondary STEM education for over 700 students and college scholarships for 15 Navajo students.

APS FOUNDATION’S IMPACT



171,520

Students exposed to **STEM education**.

15

Scholarships provided.

3,807

Teachers supported with resources.



SMALL BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

GROWING THE ECONOMY

We don't just provide Arizona businesses with power; we power Arizona business. Many programs we support are designed to boost small businesses, which are a significant part of the Arizona economy. These programs can help open access to new opportunities, create jobs or spur new businesses, as well as help existing businesses grow by providing training, resources, technical assistance and contacts in the marketplace. We place a particular focus on local business owners and entrepreneurs from underserved groups.



Analytical Mineset — winners of the 2025 Rural Arizona Pitch Competition.

GIVING BUSINESS A BOOST

Think “Shark Tank” meets “Arizona Highways” and you have the Rural Arizona Pitch Competition, hosted for a sixth year by Moonshot AZ and sponsored by APS. Entrepreneurs compete at 20 stops around the state, and the winners move on to compete for the \$10,000 state title prize or \$5,000 crowd favorite award.

In 2025, there were over 155 companies, 13 hours of pitches and a total of \$32,000 in prize money awarded. While the winners took the cash, all received on-site coaching, peer review, access to capital and technical assistance. This year's champ was Analytical Mineset, which transforms raw mining data into actionable insights. Crowd favorite was claimed by St. John's Hometown Fresh, a fifth-generation farmer focused on hydroponic farming technology.

GREEN HORIZONS

In just one hour's worth of online training courses, local small businesses in the **Going Green & Going Smart** Program can gain the right tools to save money and energy for a cleaner, greener community. The program is a collaboration between APS, Compass CBS Foundation and other partners and offers courses in English and Spanish. The training modules teach ways to be more environmentally friendly, conserve energy and improve bottom lines. They also provide resources for owners to grow their businesses, such as business acumen education, technical assistance and access to capital.

In 2025, the Going Green Summit expanded into Flagstaff, bringing energy savings to Arizona high country. Over 1,300 businesses have enrolled in this dual-language course offering and are on their way to a more sustainable journey.



MAKING AN IMPACT

Impact AZ 2025 is a business accelerator program for minority- and women-owned businesses. APS is a proud sponsor of the program, facilitated by the Black Chamber of Arizona, which helps entrepreneurs develop business acumen, receive technical assistance and acquire contracts to scale their businesses.

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Small Business owners educated on sustainable practices.



SUPPORTING LOCAL

Through our partnership with Local First Arizona, we support locally owned small business statewide and invest in programs such as Fuerza Local (in Phoenix and San Luis) and the We Rise Business Accelerator. These programs provide underserved micro-entrepreneurs with financial literacy training and business development support.

We also strengthen rural economies through participation in the Rural Policy Forum, which convenes rural business owners, and by promoting local vendors through Source AZ.

APS is also a sponsor of the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association's initiatives to drive entrepreneurship in Flagstaff.

APS partners with numerous organizations around Arizona that work with entrepreneurs, support businesses or help grow the economy, and we support and engage with small businesses through our partnerships with more than 50 chambers of commerce in the state.



ENVIRONMENT

KEEPING ARIZONA HEALTHY AND BEAUTIFUL

From its stunning sunsets and vast desert landscapes to settings as varied as mountains, forests and red rocks, Arizona provides natural beauty and wonder as a backdrop to our work. We take seriously our responsibility to maintain that environment, with community efforts and programs designed to preserve natural beauty, build healthy communities and deliver sustainable solutions.

FUELING THE COMMUNITY

Over two weekends in June and July, APS volunteers partnered with the National Forest Foundation (NFF), Forest Service volunteers and Tribal nonprofits Defend Our Community and Chizh for Cheii for two **Wood for Life** distribution events east of Flagstaff. Wood for Life is a collaboration between APS, NFF, Ancestral Lands, the Forest Service and various Tribal communities and nonprofits. The program donates wood from forest thinning activities to Indigenous communities that depend on it for heating their homes.

These events focused on Veterans, Native Elders and families in need, with approximately 120 cords of wood distributed to over 250 households in just two Saturdays.

780 Hopi and Navajo households received wood to heat their homes.




Wood for Life volunteers on the Navajo Nation.

Overall, the program contributed 400 cords to 780 households in 2025, with an additional 64 post and pole logs for traditional building material and 776 cubic feet of mulch for planting. With Ancestral Lands facing severe budget challenges in 2025, APS and other partners stepping up with funds and volunteers allowed this vital program to continue.

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It's a win-win situation. One, we are providing fuel to our community. Two, we are actively engaging as stewards of the land on projects that are being initiated by organizations like the National Forest Foundation and the Forest Service. To me, it is a perfect example of how nonprofits, NGOs and agency partners can work together.

MARSHALL MASAYESVA - HOPI PROGRAM MANAGER FOR ANCESTRAL LANDS

ROOTED IN COMMUNITY

There's a lot that goes into planting a tree. In Arizona, choosing trees that are drought resistant and don't require a lot of water is a big factor. For some, not dropping a lot of leaves in fall is important. At APS, we recognize the concept of "right tree, right place," which keeps foliage clear of power lines and promotes long-term tree health and safe and reliable energy.

That all comes together in the **APS Community Tree Program**, which provides grants to plant trees in vulnerable communities across the state, including at Title I schools, and in rural areas, cities and towns. The trees provide shade, reduce the heat island effect and create cooler spaces for residents. In Parker, for example, the community celebrated 70 new trees planted in the town's parks and cemetery at an Arbor Day event in April.

3,000+ Trees planted since the start of the program.





The program, a partnership with Trees Matter and the Arizona Sustainability Alliance, saw 854 new trees planted in 2025, bringing the total to more than 3,000 in the program's three-year history.



APS's partnership has been crucial to supporting our mission to foster and inspire an increased, more balanced tree canopy in the Valley of the Sun. In Fall 2025 Trees Matter was able to more than double our tree goal for a neighborhood planting and distribution event... We couldn't have done this scale of work without both financial and in-kind staff support that APS provided.

AIMEE ESPOSITO - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TREES MATTER



An APS volunteer helps clean the Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area.



EARTH DAY EVENT

Community members and more than 100 APS employee volunteers teamed up with the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD), Maricopa County Parks, City of Phoenix and Liberty Wildlife to clean up lakes and public areas in celebration of Earth Day 2025.

The cleanup efforts targeted Lake Pleasant, Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area, Woods Canyon Lake near Payson and Goldwater Lake near Prescott. While volunteers picked up litter and cleaned up trails, Liberty Wildlife spread awareness about why cleanup efforts are critical to protecting Arizona's wildlife.

Their mission was underscored by a recent rescue story. Last year, AZGFD discovered a juvenile eagle near Willow Springs Lake entangled in a discarded fishing line. The young bird was taken to Liberty Wildlife for rehabilitation and, after recovering, was successfully released at Roosevelt Lake, where it now thrives in its natural habitat.

APS has an Avian & Wildlife Protection Program dedicated to protecting Arizona's wildlife around electrical equipment. Employees work year-round to ensure the safety of animals, especially raptors, which are at greater risk of contacting energized lines. APS partners with organizations such as Liberty Wildlife to make sure nests or injured birds are properly cared for.





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MAKING AN IMPACT LOCALLY

Our company values its role as an active member of the communities we serve. We regularly engage with community partners in all corners of the state to better understand their needs. As communities and nonprofits get hit harder with funding cuts and face increasing challenges, their needs expand, as does our role. We not only support these communities and vital organizations but actively coordinate with other funders to help increase donor support.



Ricardo Yancey Jr. graduates from the African American Leadership Institute.



Fall 2025 Cohort, Indigenous Leadership Academy.

DEVELOPING NEW LEADERS

One way of driving change in the community is developing the next generation of leaders, which we do by supporting a variety of leadership development programs.

The African-American Leadership Institute, led by the State of Black Arizona, is a three-month training program that provides mentorship, training and access to platforms that empower participants to shape policy, culture and community outcomes. In 2025, AALI had a total of 28 graduates, two of whom are APS employees.

The Indigenous Leadership Academy, in partnership with Arizona State University's American Indian Policy Institute, develops Native American emerging leaders throughout Arizona to bridge differences and build consensus on solutions that advance the quality of life for Indigenous people. In 2025, there were three cohorts, 63 participants, representing 49 Tribal Nations from 18 states and Washington, D.C. About 38% of participants live in Arizona.

Led by Valle del Sol, the Hispanic Leadership Institute (HLI) gives participants the opportunity to engage with Arizona trailblazers across several sectors in meaningful dialogue about leadership and creating a thriving community. The program is designed to elevate the participant's voice and incorporate their perspectives, with outcomes that emphasize both professional and personal growth. This year, HLI had a total of 58 graduates.



Ben Acosta graduates from the Hispanic Leadership Institute.

BUILDING THE LEADERSHIP OF TOMORROW



28 Graduates from the African-American Leadership Institute.

38% Participants from Arizona within the Indigenous Leadership Academy.

58 Graduates from the Hispanic Leadership Institute.



RESPONDING TO OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

Our partnership with Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation supports fire departments, law enforcement, emergency medical services, municipal and state organizations and other nonprofits with grants that help purchase life-saving equipment. With funding from APS and the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation in 2025, we were able to fulfill grants and provide crucial equipment to the Town of Wickenburg, Taylor Snowflake Fire and Medical Department, St. Vincent De Paul, Pleasant Valley Fire Department, Somerton Cocopah Fire Department, Goodyear Police Department and Congress Fire Department.

In addition, partnerships with these first responders have proven vital in supporting critical business initiatives such as wildfire preparedness and emergency response.

UTILITY GRANTS

Over the past few years, APS partnered with other Arizona utilities, SRP and TEP, to provide funding up to \$1 million for grant writing fees, matching dollars and study costs for projects focused on broadband, transportation, education/workforce development and housing. These efforts aim to support communities across Arizona impacted by the closure or planned closure of coal-fired generating stations. In 2025, APS awarded grants to five nonprofits, municipalities and school districts to help them secure additional funding and reduce economic impacts in affected areas.



WEST VALLEY SUPPORT

Our **West Valley Grants** program received 100 applications in 2025, the highest number to date. The grants are intended

to provide a source of funding to the community with a focus on education, human services, arts and culture, environment and community development. This year, we provided increased support for housing and human service nonprofits along with a variety of special programs for West Valley school districts, including the Chief Science Officer program, Junior Achievement and arts and culture experiences.



IMPACT ACROSS THE STATE

APS's community involvement crosses the state, including support of four Boys and Girls Clubs and four Big Brothers Big Sisters organizations statewide. We were one of the first partners of the Prescott Rodeo and continue to support this grand rodeo tradition that helps boost tourism in Prescott.



The Buckeye Fire Department receives funding from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation.



APS volunteer Patrick Bogle leads a Junior Achievement program.





VOLUNTEERISM

CONNECTING TO CAUSES IN THE COMMUNITY

The APS Promise, which guides how we operate, says we do “what is right for the people and prosperity of our state.” Our employees embody the spirit of the Promise with their many hours of volunteering and supporting causes they are passionate about across Arizona. Whether they are assembling heat relief kits, stocking food pantries or cleaning up the Grand Canyon, it’s never hard to spot APS volunteers in the community.



6,548
APS employees

+ 86,941
Hours volunteered



= \$3 MILLION
Value of hours volunteered



American Red Cross

RED CROSS TRAINING

With summer storms and wildfires affecting a large area of our service territory, APS is committed to keeping our customers safe. One way we do that is by actively supporting our local chapter of the American Red Cross. This year, we went

a step further and partnered with American Red Cross to host two emergency shelter trainings for our employees. Should there be a need for an emergency shelter here in Arizona, APS now has more than 60 trained employee volunteers who could serve and support.



AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

In 2025, APS received the following:

- 2025 Architect of Change Award presented to then-CEO Jeff Guldner by ASU’s Center for the Study of Race and Democracy
- Million Dollar Donor Recognition by Desert Mission Food Bank/HonorHealth
- Kids at Heart Award from Phoenix Children’s Museum honoring APS’s contributions that enrich the lives of children
- Corporate Hero of Education Award from Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation
- AZ Housing Coalition’s Business Partner of the Year Award
- Mountain Movers Award from Jobs for Arizona Graduates





ARTS & CULTURE

SHARING THE ARTS WITH EVERYONE

Communities and individuals benefit by coming together through access to arts and culture. We continue to provide funding for nearly 70 organizations across Arizona that support local arts and culture and focus on giving youth access to arts experiences. We pay particular attention to increasing access to the arts and removing barriers, especially for disadvantaged youth and limited income populations.



ARTS FOR ALL

These are some of the highlights from arts and culture programs we support:

- In partnership with the Phoenix Symphony, we enhance access to high-quality arts experiences for the community through our Pops Sponsorship, supporting cultural enrichment and broadening artistic engagement.
- Ballet Arizona’s “Ballet Under the Stars” offers free community performances that have inspired more than 15,000 children and adults each year.
- CALA Alliance’s program, How I Became an Artista, is an educational initiative accomplished through workshops that connects students and adults with the work and stories of Latin American artists. In 2025, the program engaged more than 500 individuals.
- APS supports the Gammage Tech Tours, during which participants can experience what it is like behind the scenes and get to go places inside ASU Gammage rarely seen by the public. Tours visit the loading dock, dressing rooms, orchestra pit, trap room, fly floor, audio booth, lighting booth and spotlight booth. This program is offered to schools across the Valley for an all-access, behind-the-scenes, hands-on experience and an exclusive look, not just back, but under, high above and even inside the stage. Participants get an opportunity to speak to the tech crew, meet the production managers and learn from light and audio experts.
- The Sounds Academy Comprehensive Music Academy provides high-quality music education and character mentorship to 500 underserved and diverse low-income students in grades K-12.
- The Phoenix Art Museum’s community nights, such as First Friday, welcome members of the community to view art and experience remarkable cultural events for free.



452,133

Arizonans given access to **Arts & Culture**.



Field trips to Stardust Lab at Lowell Observatory.



PROGRAMS IN RURAL ARIZONA

These are some of the arts and culture programs we support that reach Arizonans statewide.

We work with four orchestra and symphony partners in rural Arizona. APS supports the Flagstaff Symphony’s Link Up Program, a year-long program that immerses third through fifth graders with musical learning experiences, including two concerts to show their skills. Working with 18 schools and over 2,500 students across Flagstaff, Page and the Grand Canyon, they are making a vast impact on arts and culture in the region.

In the southern regions, Boyce Thompson Arboretum in Superior supports Title 1 field trips that allow low-income households to learn about the desert ecosystem and experience hands-on outdoor learning. Bullion Plaza hosts an educational speaker series to provide the community with Globe/Miami history, useful skills and community connections. And we support the Children’s Museum of Yuma’s sensory room activity.

Up north, residents enjoy Free Days at the Museum of Northern Arizona (APS supports five of these free days), educational programs at the Museum of Indigenous People, scholarships for arts education camps from the Flagstaff Arts Council and free admission through field trips for low-income students to the Lowell Observatory.

