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Developing Resources to Support ServeNebraska

The Nebraska Volunteer Foundation Fund provides financial resources to support the mission and program of ServeNebraska and advances volunteerism, community and national service among Nebraskans. As an affiliated fund of the Nebraska Community Foundation, all contributions are tax-deductible.

To donate, visit: www.serve.nebraska.gov/getinvolved/get_involved_donate.htm

Mission at ServeNebraska:

ServeNebraska mobilizes Nebraskans to strengthen their communities through volunteering, collaboration, and national service programs.

- Partners with Corporation for National & Community Service (CNCS), nonprofits, foundations, community organizations and state, local and tribal governments
- Coordinates the sharing of resources
- Provides leadership in volunteerism and service
- Ensures the quality of national service member and beneficiary experiences

ServeNebraska is the only state entity in Nebraska focused on volunteerism and national service.



Nebraska AmeriCorps Conference orients and prepares members for national service in communities across Nebraska.

Volunteer Ambassadors

ServeNebraska created a partnership with skilled volunteer managers to act as Ambassadors in each of Nebraska's 93 counties. These Ambassadors provide a seamless volunteer network across the State. The interactive map allows Nebraskans to click on their county and contact their local Ambassador for volunteer opportunities.



Conference participants visit vendor booths

ServeMidlands Inclusion Conference (March 6, 2013)

The ServeMidlands Inclusion Conference was a collaborative partnership between State Commissions ServeNebraska and Volunteer Iowa. The full-day free conference allowed participants to learn how people with disabilities can strengthen communities and themselves through volunteering and national service.



ServeNebraska Week (April 22-28, 2013)

During this signature week, Nebraskans were called on to demonstrate the power of service throughout the state. Governor Dave Heineman and First Lady Sally Ganem served as honorary champions for the first annual ServeNebraska week of service. The week-long effort provided Nebraskans with flexibility as to when they volunteered and for how long.

This was an opportunity for individuals, families, groups, nonprofit organizations, faith-based groups, businesses and government entities to come together to serve and promote volunteer commitment in their communities.

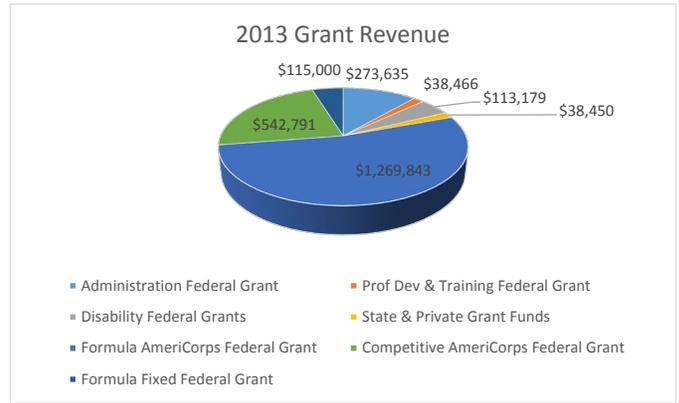
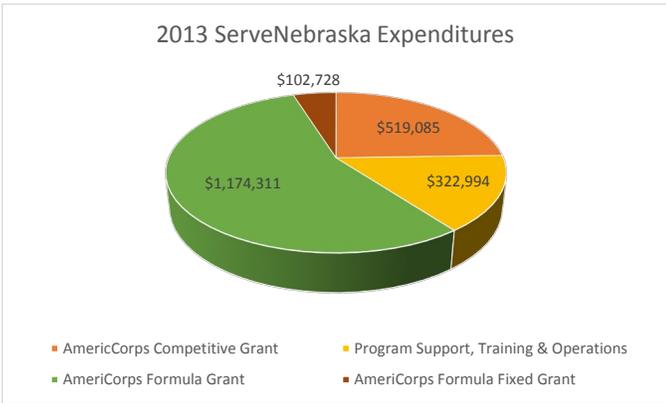


AmeriCorps engages men and women in intensive year-long service at nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based organizations. AmeriCorps members help communities tackle pressing problems while mobilizing volunteers for the organizations they serve. Members gain valuable professional, educational, and life benefits. The experience has a lasting impact on the members and the communities they serve.

- 13** AmeriCorps programs in Nebraska
 - 291** AmeriCorps members served in these programs
 - 4,589** Nebraska volunteers mobilized by AmeriCorps members
 - 65,440** Unique services delivered to Nebraskans by AmeriCorps members
- (All figures from the 2012-2013 program year)*



AmeriCorps Programs supported by ServeNebraska: Blue Valley Community Action (Southeastern Nebraska) • Center for People in Need (Lincoln) • City of Lincoln - ECHO AmeriCorps • College Possible Omaha AmeriCorps • Goodwill Industries - YouthBuild Omaha AmeriCorps • Kearney Public Schools Foundation - Rural Corps of South Central Nebraska • Lutheran Family Services (Statewide) - LFS AmeriCorps • Metropolitan Community College (Omaha) • Nebraska State Probation (Statewide) - RISE AmeriCorps; University of Nebraska Lincoln (Statewide) - Nebraska Campus Compact Service Scholars • University of Nebraska Medical Center - Munroe Meyer Institute (Statewide) • Volunteers of America (Lewellen & South Sioux City) - Healthy Rural Communities AmeriCorps • YWCA Adams County (Hastings).



ServeNebraska provided oversight and accountability for \$2,387,864 in 2013.

Training & Technical Assistance

ServeNebraska is dedicated to supporting the professional and programmatic development of Nebraska’s national and community service personnel and their initiatives. Nebraska’s national service portfolio includes a diverse range of programs and member skill sets, experiences and educational achievement. Signature events and resources include:

- AmeriCorps Program Leader Launch (August)
- Statewide AmeriCorps Conference (October)
- Symposium-Celebration of Service (May)
- TrainingFocus (online monthly training resource)



Hung Vo, February 2013 Youth Honoree Hung volunteered with ten nonprofit organizations, and logged more than 600 hours of service.

Governor’s Points of Light Awards

The Governor’s Points of Light Awards are presented quarterly at a special ceremony at the State Capitol to recognize Nebraska volunteers who give their time, talent and energy to help Nebraskans build stronger communities. Awards are presented to a Youth, Adult, or Group committed to service. ServeNebraska received a total of 81 nominations for the Governor’s Points of Light award in 2013.



Outstanding School Volunteer Program - Completely KIDS, Norris Middle School, Omaha. A partnership with the school and the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

First Lady’s Outstanding Community Service Awards

Nebraska’s First Lady Sally Ganem’s Outstanding Community Service Awards are focused on her commitment to education and service learning. Awards honor distinguished community service. The Service Awards are presented annually at a special spring luncheon in recognition of distinguished volunteer service in eleven categories.



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ServeNebraska InterCorps Council

The ServeNebraska InterCorps Council is a leadership group of AmeriCorps members and other national service partners in service in Nebraska.

They take the lead on projects such as: Global Youth Service Day; Martin Luther King Day of Service; Cornhusker Community Book Drive; Educational visits to national and state legislators; Stand for the Silent Anti-Bullying Campaign



Senator Ken Haar; ECHO, RISE AmeriCorps and MCC*Corps members



Global Youth Service Day (April 26 - 28, 2013)

For the 8th consecutive year, ServeNebraska successfully initiated Global Youth Service Day activities as a Nebraska lead agency for Youth Service America through funding from the State Farm Foundation, Oriental Trading Co., and the Corporation for National & Community Service. Stand for the Silent Anti-Bullying event reached over 60,000 youth statewide. Community projects awarded funding:

- Freeman Future Farmers of America (FFA)
- Southeast Nebraska Community Action (SENCA)
- Blue Valley Community Action
- Creighton University Talent Search Program
- United Methodist Ministries
- YWCA of Adams County



Join Hands Day (May 4, 2013)

RISE AmeriCorps members and members of ServeNebraska InterCorps Council participated in Join Hands Day through the Cornhusker Community Book Drive, by mobilizing their fellow Nebraskans to donate books to increase reading and literacy among children and families. The statewide effort of collecting new and used books helped recognize the importance of literacy in our communities and encouraged children and adults to continue to read throughout the summer. Sponsorship made available through Union Bank and Trust Company, 20,866 books were donated and distributed statewide.

