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## 2011-2012 Nebraska AmeriCorps Programs Grant Awards Announced



**Thirteen AmeriCorps Programs** have been selected for grant funding to support **257 AmeriCorps members** located throughout Nebraska. A competitive application process invited proposals addressing pressing community needs from nonprofit and public entities for 2011-2012 AmeriCorps funding.

ServeNebraska - the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission provides guidance, direction, and administration to the development and implementation of AmeriCorps programming throughout Nebraska. Led by volunteer Governor-appointed Commissioners and managed by a small skilled staff, ServeNebraska works to grow the strong spirit of service in Nebraska. AmeriCorps Programs with point of contact information are listed below.

**Blue Valley Community Action (Fairbury) - BVCA AmeriCorps - \$53,200**

Provides educational and constructive recreational out-of-school experiences to youth in southeastern Nebraska.

**Angela Harroun**

Program Director  
PO Box 273, 650 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Fairbury, NE 68352-0273

**Center for People in Need (Lincoln) - PROH AmeriCorps - \$159,600**

Provides employment and basic needs assistance to low-income families in Lincoln through the services of a multilingual AmeriCorps team. Additionally provides domestic violence education & assistance through partner sites.

**Deb Daily**

Interim Program Director  
3901 N 27<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lincoln, NE 68521-4177

**Center for Rural Affairs (Lyons) – Growing Foods for Health & the Environment AmeriCorps - \$39,900**

Provides small business development training to low income, elderly and New American individuals through opportunities in small-scale agriculture in South Sioux City and Lewellen.

**Kathie Starkweather**

Program Director  
145 Main Street  
Lyons, NE 68038-2677

**City of Lincoln (Lincoln) - ECHO AmeriCorps - \$376,992**

Provides an array of educational, cultural, and obesity-prevention out-of-school services and activities to youth in Lincoln through a broad network of partner sites.

**Deb Buckman**

Co-Program Director  
1225 "F" Street  
Lincoln NE 68508

**Goodwill Industries (Omaha) - YouthBuild Omaha AmeriCorps - \$64,683**

Provides low income housing development in Omaha through the efforts of young adult AmeriCorps members who are concurrently participating in YouthBuild pursuing their GEDs and developing construction skills.

**Linda Kizzier**

Program Director  
4805 N 72<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Omaha, NE, 68134-2304

**Hastings Literacy Program (Hastings) - Hastings Literacy Program AmeriCorps - \$41,244**

Provides literacy skill development and ELL (English language learner) instruction to predominately low income adults in Hastings and Columbus. Also provides basic needs and out of school support for youth through partner organizations.

**Anne Morris**

Executive Director  
123 N Marian Road  
Hastings, NE 68901

**The HUB (Lincoln) - HUB AmeriCorps - \$61,090**

Provides graffiti removal, crime victim assistance, peer support, and other community service in Lincoln through the efforts of young adult AmeriCorps members who are concurrently participating in YouthBuild pursuing their GEDs and developing construction skills.

**Dwight Brown**

Executive Director  
835 S 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508

**Kearney Area Community Foundation (Kearney) - Rural Corps of South Central Nebraska - \$83,615**

Provides volunteer coordination, enhanced volunteer capacity and an array of services to a network of host sites including the University of Nebraska Kearney Office of Service Learning, Red Cross, Rowe Sanctuary, and Kearney Public Schools in Kearney and south central Nebraska.

**Judi Sickler**

Executive Director  
2207 Central Avenue  
Kearney, NE 68848

**Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska (Omaha) - LFS AmeriCorps – \$358,604**

Provides services through a network of partner sites benefitting low-income families and supporting the full involvement of New Americans, especially refugees, in the economic and social fabric of Nebraska. It has engaged a wealth of partners and places AmeriCorps members throughout the state. Recognized as one of the 52 most innovative AmeriCorps programs nationally by Innovations in Civic Participation and America's Service Commissions.

**Charles T. Olsen**

Program Director  
1941 S 42<sup>nd</sup> St., Ste #402  
Omaha, NE 68105

**Metropolitan Community College (Omaha) - MCC AmeriCorps - \$78,498**

Provides assistance in job readiness, educational attainment, recycling, and veteran's support to predominately low income residents of Omaha.

**Penny Boykins**

Service Learning Coordinator  
5300 N 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Bldg #14  
Omaha, NE 68111

**Nebraska State Probation (Lincoln) - RISE AmeriCorps - \$162,506**

Provides job skill development, job readiness and educational assistance to those on probation in multiple locations in rural and frontier Nebraska. Recognized as one of the 52 most innovative AmeriCorps programs nationally by Innovations in Civic Participation and America's Service Commissions.

**Kari Rumbaugh**

RISE Program Director  
P O Box 98910  
Lincoln, NE 68509-8910

**University of Nebraska-Lincoln, NE Campus Compact Service Scholars - NECC AmeriCorps - \$53,074**

Provides educational assistance to youth in the Nebraska school districts with the highest dropout rates as well as financial guidance to low income families in these counties through members in service via the service learning offices at a network of institutions of higher education.

**Courtney Jerke**

Project Coordinator  
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Lincoln, NE 68508-0453

**University of Nebraska Medical Center Munroe Meyer Institute (Omaha) - MMI AmeriCorps – \$184,187**

A state and national leader in service to and by those with disabilities, the program is viewed as a model and frequently consulted within the state and nationally. It features a statewide network of service sites and has members located at these sites.

**Jennifer Burt**

Program Coordinator  
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Omaha, NE 68198-5450

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