



Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission

*Mobilizing Nebraskans  
to Strengthen Their Communities  
Through Volunteering, Collaboration,  
and National Service Programs.*

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## WHAT DOES SERVE NEBRASKA DO?

- ★ Provides opportunities for Nebraskans to *serve their country* through national service in collaboration with non-profits, schools, government agencies and municipalities.
- ★ Recognizes the outstanding volunteer and national service achievements of Nebraskans.
- ★ Promotes service as a strategy to meet critical local needs and generates interest to increase and expand volunteerism in local communities.
- ★ Maximizes the full involvement of those with disabilities in community and national service.
- ★ Collaborates with other agencies and organizations on state conferences to offer professional development to nonprofits throughout Nebraska.
- ★ Provides essential resources and training for organizations to increase service effectiveness.

## WHO IS SERVE NEBRASKA?

- ★ State agency serving as Nebraska's State Service Commission for volunteerism, national and community service.
- ★ 20 dedicated, diverse, governor-appointed community representatives from across Nebraska provide guidance, leadership and policy direction.
- ★ A core of professional staff administers and manages multiple federal grants, subgrantees, collaborative partnerships and state programs.
- ★ AmeriCorps National Service Program is the flagship program of the Commission providing inspiration, leadership and technical assistance to meet critical local needs.
- ★ Programs and initiatives for community service include: Training & Professional Development, Disability Inclusion, Grants Management, Community Volunteer Programs, Volunteer Recognition and National Days of Service initiatives throughout Nebraska.

## HOW IS SERVE NEBRASKA SUPPORTED?

- ★ Federal funding support for AmeriCorps programs, professional development activities, disability inclusion and core administrative operations from the Corporation for National & Community Service.
- ★ Small amount of state general funds to help address administrative and critical infrastructure costs to support and grow the ethic of service in Nebraska communities.
- ★ Private support to grow volunteerism in Nebraska provided by commissioners and interested organizations.
- ★ In-kind administrative services support from host state agency - the Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services.
- ★ The Nebraska Volunteer Foundation develops private sector funding support for Commission programming.

## WHERE IS SERVE NEBRASKA?

- ★ ServeNebraska's programming exists and thrives through communities and counties throughout Nebraska.
- ★ ServeNebraska administrative offices are on the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor of the State Capitol.

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# WHAT IS SERVE NEBRASKA'S INVESTMENT IN NEBRASKA?

AMERICORPS NATIONAL SERVICE IN 44 OF NEBRASKA'S 93 COUNTIES  
COVERING 89% OF STATE'S POPULATION

## AmeriCorps Program



- ★ Nurture the development of AmeriCorps programming to provide opportunities for more than 250 dedicated members to serve their country.
- ★ Training and professional development for members and staff
- ★ Increase educational competency, after school safety and leadership skills of youth.
- ★ Strengthen the volunteer spirit across Nebraska and grow adult literacy.
- ★ Promote awareness of all national service.
- ★ Provide assistance to returning veterans and military families.
- ★ Ensure that New Americans fully participate in the social & economic fabric of our state.
- ★ Assure job skills and educational opportunities for those on probation in rural Nebraska – allowing them to maximize their potential.
- ★ Celebrate and recognize AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps\*VISTA members' service at annual Symposium.
- ★ Members reach out to persons in need more than 40 counties and communities throughout Nebraska.

*ServeNebraska administers and provides oversight for more than \$1.75 million in AmeriCorps support annually.*

## Disability Program



- ★ Create and expand national service opportunities for Nebraskans with disabilities.
- ★ Promote disability inclusion and provide accommodations within all AmeriCorps partner programs.
- ★ Lead efforts to increase awareness of community service and volunteerism for disability and special populations.
- ★ Provide disability inclusion training for national service and non-profits.

*ServeNebraska administers and provides oversight for Disability Mini-Grant Projects in Nebraska communities.*

## Awards Program



- ★ *Governor's Points of Light Awards* – quarterly honors outstanding volunteer service in Nebraska.
- ★ *First Lady's Community Service Awards* – annually honors distinguished community service focusing on education.

## Special Initiatives

- ★ Celebrate and promote National Days of Service.
- ★ Partner on statewide and regional conferences reaching new audiences.
- ★ Sponsor trainings for national and community service organizations and nonprofits.
- ★ Facilitate development of Nebraska Volunteer Leaders Network with ambassadors representing all 93 counties.
- ★ Online resource: *Let's Build Nebraska – Resources to Build Great Nonprofits.*
- ★ Leadership and collaboration with Nebraska national service team: *AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps\*VISTA, Senior Corps*



## WHERE DO I LEARN MORE?

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