



ServeNebraska

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2020 Notable Events

LB 477 is introduced.
The bill would make the Segal
AmeriCorps Education Award
state tax-exempt.

ServeNebraska Week is celebrated by
encouraging Nebraskans to give back
and do good deeds in their
community.

ServeNebraska supports the
request for an AmeriCorps
NCCC team to assist with
emergency food distribution
due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



2020

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AmeriCorps programs celebrate
MLK Day of Service by coming
together to serve the community.

AmeriCorps Week is celebrated
to recognize all that AmeriCorps
members do for communities
across the country.

AmeriCorps Program Leader Launch is
hosted virtually, and leaders of
AmeriCorps programs convene for
training in the implementation of
AmeriCorps programming.





Senator Vargas is honored by America's Service Commissions for introducing and championing LB 477. The law is the 3rd of its kind in the country.



The University of Nebraska-Lincoln becomes a School of National Service.

LB 477 passes and is signed into law by Governor Ricketts. The AmeriCorps Education Award is now state tax free.

AmeriCorps Member Kickoff is held virtually. This event welcomes AmeriCorps members and prepares them for their service term.

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Congressman Bacon serves as an AmeriCorps member for a day!

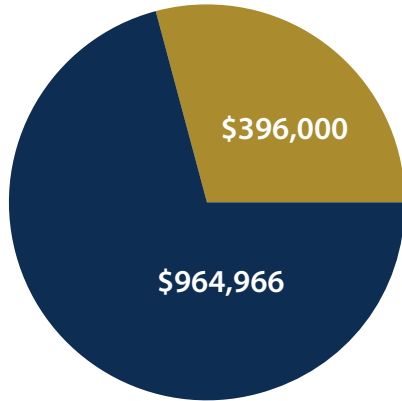


The 2020 Step Forward Awards are held virtually. Fifteen awards are given for outstanding commitment to volunteerism.

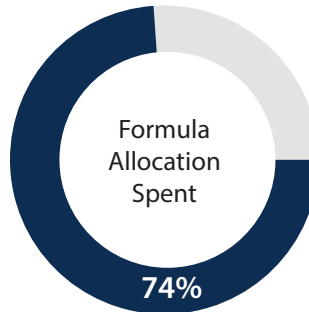
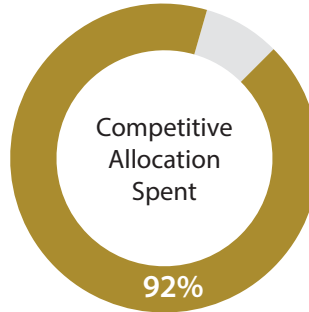


Financials

2019-2020 Federally Authorized AmeriCorps Grant Awards



- Formula Allocation
- Competitive Allocation



MATCH &

\$363,161

was provided in cash and in-kind match by Nebraska formula AmeriCorps subawardees to aid in the running of their AmeriCorps programs.

 **51%**

of federal dollars spent by formula AmeriCorps programs were matched with cash and in-kind resources.

AmeriCorps Nebraska 2019-2020

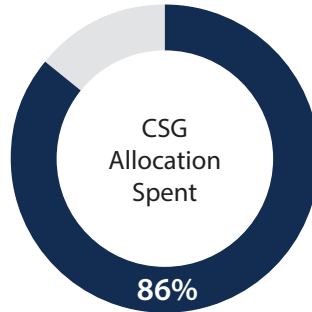
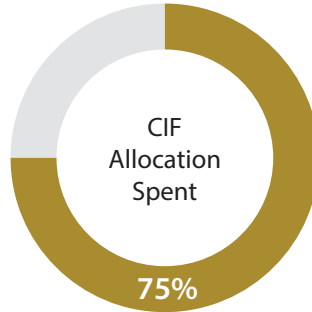
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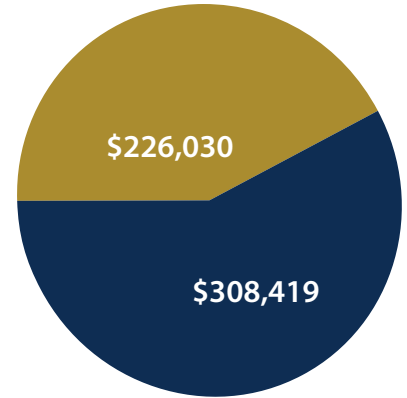
The Commission Investment Fund is allocated to ServeNebraska to provide training and technical assistance to AmeriCorps programs in Nebraska.

CSG

The Commission Support Grant is allocated to ServeNebraska to support AmeriCorps grant funding and conduct Commission business.



2020 Federally Authorized Commission Grant Awards



- Commission Support Grant
- Commission Investment Fund

ServeNebraska 2020

2019-2020 AmeriCorps Programs



Public Health Solutions

The Public Health Solutions AmeriCorps program aimed to fight food insecurity in their local health district including Saline, Fillmore, Thayer, Jefferson, and Gage counties. The program's goal was to provide nutrition education by implementing six-week education courses.

Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska

Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska was funded for a planning grant during the AmeriCorps 2019-2020 program year. Their objective was to design an AmeriCorps program that would expand services to prevent bullying through the “Be a Friend First” program and develop volunteers.



Scottsbluff Public Schools

The Scottsbluff Public Schools AmeriCorps program focused on serving at-risk and low-income students in the school district through mentorship, educational assistance, family involvement, workplace prep, and skill building aimed at improving academic performance and engagement.



Women's Center for Advancement

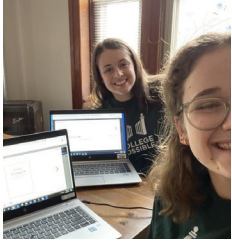
The WCA AmeriCorps program consisted of five AmeriCorps members who assisted with different aspects of the organization's services. They served in the Clothing Boutique providing professional clothing to beneficiaries, as law clerks assisting legal teams with research and development, and as community prevention and education specialists to engage men in the prevention of violence.



Literacy Council of GI

The Literacy Council of Grand Island was funded for six AmeriCorps members to teach literacy courses for adults in Grand Island, Nebraska. This included guiding students through digital coursework and providing individualized support to students at the Community Connection Center. The program intended to increase access to education, employment and economic stability.





College Possible

The College Possible AmeriCorps program focused on making college admission and success possible for students in the Omaha metro area. In 2020, their 32 AmeriCorps members adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic by moving their services to a virtual space while maintaining the support that helps students thrive.



Nebraska Conservation

Members serving with the Nebraska Conservation Education Fund AmeriCorps program strived to educate Nebraskans on how to keep our state beautiful. Forty-four members strong, they led community discussions, hosted clean-ups and drove engagement to address local conservation concerns.



UNK-CSP

The UNK- Counseling and School Psychology AmeriCorps program aimed to increase access to behavioral healthcare to those living in rural areas where resources can be scarce. The program placed 21 graduate level counselors-in-training in rural healthcare settings to provide screenings and treatment.

Partnership 4 Kids

The P4K AmeriCorps program utilized seven AmeriCorps members to support Omaha students through high school and college. The program shifted its services to a virtual space in response to the pandemic in 2020. They impacted students by helping them navigate their educational path and career preparation.



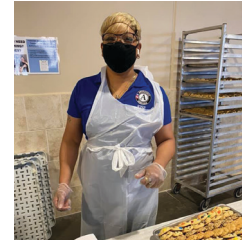
YWCA Adams County

The YWCA Adams County AmeriCorps program's 17 members served the community through sites in the area such as the Hastings Literacy Center, CASA Maryland Living Center, Adams County Diversion, and various YWCA programs such as the Career Closet and the Zone after school services.



RISE

The RISE (Recognizing Increased Skills in Education) AmeriCorps program was run through the Nebraska Department of Probation. Its 11 AmeriCorps members served statewide and focused on educating youth in juvenile probation to increase skills, attendance, and success in their education.



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A Note From the Executive Director:

ServeNebraska places a tremendous value on the individuals that serve in Nebraska. They give so much of themselves to solve critical needs and they are truly champions in their communities. During 2020, ServeNebraska joined the ranks of every other organization to draw upon the strength of our volunteers and members to continue to serve the needs of our citizens while keeping everyone safe.

Reimagining how business is done was always top of mind, and through it all we closed the door on 2020 by funding more programs, celebrating volunteers through a virtual event that was viewed by more people than ever before, meeting with Commissioners to conduct business and passing legislation that elevated our AmeriCorps members with the support of Senator Vargas and the Nebraska legislature. Thank you for your perseverance and continued support of ServeNebraska and AmeriCorps.



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