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ServeNebraska Awards \$2 Million in AmeriCorps Grants to Community Organizations

LINCOLN, Neb. – The ServeNebraska Commission announced this week that it will provide a total of \$2 million in AmeriCorps State and National Grants to seven nonprofits and community organizations across the state. AmeriCorps programs recruit AmeriCorps members to provide critical services in key focus areas such as education, environmental stewardship and healthy futures.

New this year is an AmeriCorps Planning Grant awarded to Partnership 4 Kids to expand training for AmeriCorps members serving with the existing program. Grant funds will be used to provide mentorship and career readiness standards certifications to members upon completing their term of service.

The remaining grants are being renewed for the 2024-2025 program year to continue operating AmeriCorps programs with proven track records of positive impact in their communities. These programs will enlist a total of 125 AmeriCorps members to act as mentors, provide after school programming, facilitate educational events and more.

Organizations awarded AmeriCorps grants for the 2024-2025 program year are:

College Possible
Partnership 4 Kids
Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln
Nebraska State Probation (Recognizing Increased Skills in Education AmeriCorps Program)
Conservation Nebraska
YWCA Adams County
International Council for Refugees and Immigrants

“AmeriCorps programs benefit both communities and the members who serve them,” said Cathleen Plager, the executive director for ServeNebraska. “Program beneficiaries receive essential services and members get the opportunity to gain professional experience and earn an education award to pay back student loans or continue their education.”

Grant funds for AmeriCorps programs are used to cover program operating costs, member training and to provide a small living stipend for members during their term of service. Nebraskans interested in serving as an AmeriCorps member should visit serve.nebraska.gov/programs.

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About ServeNebraska

ServeNebraska is the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission and is governed by a bipartisan board appointed by the Nebraska governor. Its mission is to mobilize Nebraskans to strengthen their communities through collaboration, volunteering and national service. ServeNebraska oversees AmeriCorps programming, hosts the state’s most prestigious volunteer awards – the Governor’s Step Forward Awards, and provides training and technical assistance. To learn more, visit serve.nebraska.gov.

About AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps, a federal agency, brings people together to tackle the country’s most pressing challenges, through national service and volunteering. AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serve with organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities. AmeriCorps helps make service to others a cornerstone of our national culture. Learn more at AmeriCorps.gov.