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ServeNebraska Awards \$2.1 Million in AmeriCorps Grants to Community Organizations

LINCOLN, Neb. – Eight AmeriCorps State and National Programs have begun operation across Nebraska after being awarded a collective \$2.1 million in AmeriCorps grants. The funds were provided by the federal AmeriCorps agency and awarded by the ServeNebraska Volunteer Service Commission.

Seven of the eight programs have renewed their grants to continue operating AmeriCorps programs serving communities in need. The remaining program, Applied Information Management Institute, is new to the AmeriCorps family.

These programs will enlist 120 AmeriCorps members to address some of the most critical issues Nebraska communities face such as learning loss and food insecurity. Members will use interventions including mentoring, community engagement and after-school programming to address these needs. Grant funds for AmeriCorps programs are used for program operating costs, training and to provide a small living allowance for members during their service.

Organizations which have been awarded AmeriCorps grants for the 2023-2024 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
Applied Information Management Institute

“We’re proud to partner with these AmeriCorps grant recipients to facilitate programs that help communities overcome challenges and provide valuable professional experience to those who serve in AmeriCorps,” said Cathleen Plager, the executive director for ServeNebraska. “AmeriCorps programs make measurable improvements in key focus areas and AmeriCorps members complete their service with enhanced knowledge and skills to help them build successful careers.”

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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