



National Service in Nebraska



MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN NEBRASKA

More than 3,100 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in Nebraska. Serving at more than 670 locations throughout the state, these citizens tutor and mentor children, support veterans and military families, provide health services, restore the environment, respond to disasters, increase economic opportunity, and recruit and manage volunteers.

This year, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) will commit more than \$6,410,000 to support Nebraska communities through national service initiatives. CNCS invests in cost-effective community solutions--working hand in hand with local partners to improve lives, expand economic opportunity, and engage citizens in solving problems in their communities. Serving in many of the state's most impoverished communities, CNCS provides vital support to schools, food banks, homeless shelters, community health clinics, youth centers, veterans service facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based organizations at a time of growing demand for services. Through a unique public-private partnership, this federal investment will leverage an additional \$2,460,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars.

AmeriCorps: This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 380 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across Nebraska. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the ServeNebraska - Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission, which in turn awards grants to nonprofit groups to respond to local needs. Most of the remainder of the grant funding is distributed by CNCS directly to multi-state and national organizations through a competitive grants process. Other individuals serve through AmeriCorps VISTA, whose members help bring individuals and communities out of poverty by serving full-time to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses, and increase housing opportunities, and AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps), a 10-month, full time residential program for men and women between the ages of 18 and 24. In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members earn an education award that can be used to pay for college or to pay back qualified student loans. Since 1994, more than 5,400 Nebraska residents have served more than 8.5 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$19,480,000.

Senior Corps: More than 2,700 seniors in Nebraska contribute their time and talents in one of three Senior Corps programs. Foster Grandparents serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to more than 1,900 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 480 homebound seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes. RSVP volunteers conduct safety patrols, renovate homes, protect the environment, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services through more than 340 groups across Nebraska.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. CNCS annually engages more than five million Americans in service to meet local needs through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and national days of service; improves communities through the Social Innovation Fund, and leads President Obama's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. To learn more visit NationalService.gov or Serve.gov or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

Nebraska At a Glance

	Projects	Service Locations	Participants ¹	Education Scholarships ²	Program Funding
AmeriCorps					
AmeriCorps National	6	10	56	\$203,851	\$378,366 ³
AmeriCorps State Competitive	2	33	59	\$276,769	\$568,686
AmeriCorps State Formula	11	69	227	\$667,798	\$1,346,963
AmeriCorps Tribes/Territories	2	8	25	\$124,190	\$311,185
AmeriCorps VISTA	7	13	21	\$116,930	\$336,777
AMERICORPS TOTAL	28	133	388	\$1,389,537	\$2,941,977
Senior Corps					
Foster Grandparent Program	6	177	421	-	\$1,341,632
RSVP	5	341	2,261	-	\$267,102
Senior Companion Program	1	21	90	-	\$266,820
SENIOR CORPS TOTAL	12	539	2,772	-	\$1,875,554
Other Funding					
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$205,915
OTHER FUNDING TOTAL	1	-	-	-	\$205,915
PROGRAM TOTALS	41	672⁴	3,160	\$1,389,537	\$5,023,446
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)					\$6,412,983
TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)					\$2,465,703 ⁵
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT					\$8,878,686

Notes: The data shown represents a snapshot in time. CNCS project sites, participants, and funding change throughout the year, so the data may not reflect current conditions.

- This figure represents the number of awarded positions available to be filled in the 2013 - 2014 program year. For AmeriCorps VISTA, this represents the actual number of VISTA members in active service.
- This figure represents the maximum potential value of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards that can be earned by AmeriCorps members serving in Nebraska. The award can be used in any state to pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay back student loans. The education award total is included in total CNCS funding.
- AmeriCorps National figures may include national programs headquartered in the state and/or operating sites of national programs that are headquartered in other states. Funding reflects the estimated proportionate share of the national grant associated with operating sites in this report. Some national organizations do not report operating site data, or it was not available at time of publishing, so figures may not reflect current conditions.
- The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple CNCS programs are operating.
- As part of its public-private partnership approach, CNCS requires grantees to leverage additional resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on the federal investment. This figure reflects non-CNCS cash and in-kind resources that CNCS grantees and project sponsors have committed to raise to support their programming activities across the state.



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National Service Impact in Nebraska

AmeriCorps

The Rural Improvement for Schooling and Employment (RISE) AmeriCorps Program, operated by Nebraska State Probation, enhances public safety and improves the lives of probationers in rural areas through a research based approach. Over five years, 73 percent of RISE clients served by AmeriCorps did not return to the probation system within a year of completion. This compares with 50 percent recidivism for a control group. Success is seen in data and lives that are changed. Max is one whose life has changed. He was frustrated and complained of not getting any response from area employers. RISE AmeriCorps member Kim Bovee provided consistent guidance and reassurance. With the tools and insights Kim provided, Max landed a job at a local construction company and within a week was promoted to Safety Supervisor on the job site. "Now my career is heading in a direction that I was trying to get all along", reports Max.

AmeriCorps NCCC

Habitat for Humanity Omaha was established in 1984, building about one house in its first two years. By 2010, Habitat Omaha celebrated the completion of its 300th house, having built 27 homes in 2010. Habitat Omaha builds all of its homes to Energy Star standards. While working with Habitat Omaha, an AmeriCorps NCCC team assisted and led 75-100 volunteers on construction sites, removed 7,058 square feet of siding, framed a 2,000 square foot house, set 27 roof trusses, installed 40 hurricane clips, painted 22,000 square feet of foundations, and laid 18,000 square feet of shingles. The community benefited from an increasingly revitalized neighborhood where low-income families have access to affordable housing. The team gained skills in volunteer leadership, Energy Star standards, roofing, dry walling, siding, and insulation.

AmeriCorps VISTA

Lincoln Public Schools AmeriCorps VISTA members support two key school district goals: to help all students reach their full academic potential and to strategically engage the public. Fourteen VISTAs and 75 Summer Associates have impacted: Title I, HS Graduation Initiative, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Early Childhood Infant Toddler Education, Youth Development Team (Title I dropout prevention, Title VII Indian Education, and Title X Homeless Education), and ELL (Title III Limited English Proficient) projects. The district-wide graduation rate increased from 80.74 percent for 2011 to 83.3 percent for 2012. The Northeast High School graduation rate increased 10.5 points to 82.7 percent for 2012, up from 72.2 percent for 2010. The graduation rate for every group of students increased: Native American from 25 percent to 66.67 percent, Hispanic from 47.8 percent to 82.61 percent, and Black from 68.4 percent to 86.96 percent during the two-year period a VISTA was assigned.

Senior Corps

Responding to the low literacy rates reported by the Nebraska Department of Education in elementary school children, the Panhandle Foster Grandparent Program sponsored by the Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska went into action. Fifty-six Foster Grandparent volunteers are working in 26 elementary schools in 13 school districts. They served 310 students during the 2011-2012 school year in one-to-one educational supportive activities. The results: 83 percent of the students showed improved behavior in the classroom and 98 percent of the students served showed improved reading, writing, and math performances at the end of the school year.

AmeriCorps in Nebraska



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	388	28
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	79	12

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Beatrice	Homestead National Monument (May 22 - June 26, 2013) Homestead National Monument	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Beatrice	SCA Nebraska (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	8	AmeriCorps National
Chadron	Nebraska Game & Parks Commission (October 18 - November 3, 2013) Nebraska Game & Parks Commission-Western Region	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Chadron	Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands (August 9 - September 27, 2013) Nebraska National Forests & Grasslands	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Crawford	Nebraska Game & Parks Commission (October 18 - November 3, 2013) Nebraska Game & Parks Commission-Western Region	-	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Fairbury	BVCA AmeriCorps (Current) Blue Valley Community Action Inc.	7	AmeriCorps State Formula
Gering	Successful Transitions for Economic Progress (STEP) (Current) Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Hastings	YWCA Adams County AmeriCorps Program (Current) YWCA Adams County	11	AmeriCorps State Formula
Kearney	Rural Corps of South Central Nebraska: An AmeriCorps Program (Current) Kearney Public Schools Foundation	19	AmeriCorps State Formula
Kimball	City of Kimball (July 15 - August 2, 2013) Kimball County Visitors Committee	7	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Lewellen	Healthy Rural Communities (Current) Volunteers of America, Lewellen, Nebraska Inc.	10	AmeriCorps State Formula
Lincoln	Capacity Building Project (Current) Provider's Network, Inc.	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Lincoln	Lincoln Public Schools Federal Programs (Current) Lincoln Public Schools	5	AmeriCorps VISTA
Lincoln	NE - University of Nebraska Lincoln (Completed) Regis University-Colorado Campus Compact	28	AmeriCorps National
Lincoln	NE - University of Nebraska Lincoln (Current) University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)	17	AmeriCorps National
Lincoln	Nebraska Campus Compact AmeriCorps Service Scholars (Current) University of Nebraska-Lincoln	26	AmeriCorps State Formula
Lincoln	Providing Resources Opportunity & Hope (PROH) AmeriCorps (Current) Center for People in Need	20	AmeriCorps State Formula
Lincoln	Rural Improvement for Schooling and Employment (RISE) (Current) Nebraska State Probation	17	AmeriCorps State Formula
Lincoln	Youth on the Move (Current) City of Lincoln	34	AmeriCorps State Formula
Macy	Bright Futures AmeriCorps Team (Current) Omaha Tribe	14	AmeriCorps Indian Tribes
Niobrara	Santee AmeriCorps Program (Current) Santee Sioux Nation	11	AmeriCorps Indian Tribes
Omaha	SCA AmeriCorps National Direct Nebraska (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	1	AmeriCorps National
Omaha	Boys Hope Girls Hope Links of Nebraska (Completed) Boys Hope Girls Hope	-	AmeriCorps National
Omaha	City of Omaha, Cities of Service VISTA Project (Current) City of Omaha	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Omaha	College Possible Omaha (Current) College Possible	20	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Omaha	Expanding the Ability to End Hunger in Nebraska (Current) Food Bank for the Heartland	4	AmeriCorps VISTA
Omaha	Habitat for Humanity of Omaha (October 18 - November 3, 2013) Habitat for Humanity-Omaha	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects



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Omaha	Health Center Association of Nebraska (Completed) National Association of Community Health Centers, Inc.	3	AmeriCorps National
Omaha	Lauritzen Gardens (October 18 - November 3, 2013) Lauritzen Gardens	6	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Omaha	LFS VISTA (Current) Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska	4	AmeriCorps VISTA
Omaha	Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska (Current) Points of Light Foundation	7	AmeriCorps National
Omaha	MCC*Corps Program (Current) Metropolitan Community College	24	AmeriCorps State Formula
Omaha	Metropolitan Community College (Completed) Metropolitan Community College	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Omaha	MMI AmeriCorps (Current) University of Nebraska Medical Center (MMI) Sponsored Programs	29	AmeriCorps State Formula
Omaha	Nebraska Economic Opportunity Corps (Current) Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska	39	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Omaha	Omaha, HFH of (Current) Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.	21	AmeriCorps National
Omaha	Visiting Nurse Association (Completed) Share Our Strength's Cooking Matters	1	AmeriCorps National
Omaha	Visiting Nurse Association (Current) Share Our Strength's Cooking Matters	2	AmeriCorps National
Omaha	YouthBuild Omaha AmeriCorps (Current) Goodwill Industries, Inc. (Omaha)	30	AmeriCorps State Formula
South Sioux City	City of South Sioux City VISTA Project (Current) City of South Sioux City	3	AmeriCorps VISTA

Notes: If there are programs with identical names in separate entries, they are different grants to the same organization. If no members are shown, either the grant is for planning or technical assistance, or enrollment data was not available at the time of printing.
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Senior Corps in Nebraska



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	2,772	12
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	1,220	5

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Alliance	Box Butte County RSVP July 2014 (Current) City of Alliance	363	RSVP
Beatrice	Pioneer FGP (Current) Blue Valley Community Action Inc.	85	Foster Grandparent Program
Chadron	Chadron FGP (Current) Northwest Community Action Partnership	31	Foster Grandparent Program
Chadron	Dawes & Sioux County RSVP (Completed) Northwest Community Action Partnership	385	RSVP
Chadron	Dawes & Sioux County RSVP (Current) Northwest Community Action Partnership	308	RSVP
Gering	CAPWN FGP (Completed) Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska	98	Foster Grandparent Program
Gering	Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska (Current)	98	Foster Grandparent Program
Hastings	Adams/Webster Counties RSVP (Current) Senior Action Inc.	450	RSVP
Hastings	Senior Action Foster Grandparent Program (Current) Senior Action Inc.	69	Foster Grandparent Program
Lincoln	Lincoln/Lancaster FGP (Current) Aging Partners	43	Foster Grandparent Program
Lincoln	SCP of Lincoln (Completed) Aging Partners	43	Senior Companion Program
North Platte	North Platte Area RSVP (Completed) City of North Platte	600	RSVP
Ogallala	Ogallala City/Keith County RSVP (Current) City of Ogallala	290	RSVP
Omaha	Eastern Nebraska FGP (Current) Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging	95	Foster Grandparent Program
Omaha	Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging RSVP (Current) Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging	850	RSVP
Omaha	SCP Omaha/Eastern Nebraska (Completed) Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging	94	Senior Companion Program
Omaha	Senior Companion Program (Current) Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging	90	Senior Companion Program

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