## National Service in Nebraska **2020 YEAR IN REVIEW**





## **Nebraska by the Numbers**

2,771



335



\$7.3m

Members & Volunteers Service Locations Total Investment

### **Meeting Needs in Nebraska**

Last year more than 2,700 Americans of all ages and backgrounds united to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and expand opportunity through national service in Nebraska. AmeriCorps invested more than \$4.9 million in federal funding to support cost-effective community solutions, working hand in hand with local partners to empower individuals to help communities tackle their toughest challenges.

AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers are preparing today's students for tomorrow's jobs, helping communities and families impacted by COVID-19, reducing crime and reviving cities, connecting veterans to services, fighting the opioid epidemic, helping seniors live independently, and rebuilding communities after disasters.

AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers served at more than 300 locations across Nebraska, including schools, food banks, homeless shelters, health clinics, youth centers, veterans' facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based organizations. Through a unique public-private partnership, AmeriCorps and its partners generated more than \$2.4 million in outside resources from businesses, foundations, public agencies, and other sources in Nebraska in the last year. This local support strengthened community impact and increased the return on taxpayer dollars.

### What is AmeriCorps?

AmeriCorps is the only federal agency tasked with elevating service and volunteerism in America. We provide opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to give their time and talent to strengthen communities across our country.

### **A Cornerstone of Our National Culture**

By bringing people together to serve communities, AmeriCorps is making service to others an indispensable part of the American experience. We offer individuals and organizations flexible ways to make a local impact through our programs and initiatives.

### Segal AmeriCorps Education **Award**

In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award that can be used to pay for trade school, college, or graduate school; or to pay back qualified student loans. Since 1994, more than 7,000 Nebraska residents have served approximately 11 million hours and earned education awards totaling more than \$25.6 million.

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### **Our Programs and Initiatives**

AmeriCorps State and National matches individuals with organizations that see service as a solution to local, regional, and national challenges. There are thousands of opportunities in locations across the country to serve with nonprofits, schools, public agencies, tribes, and community and faith-based groups. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to ServeNebraska, the Governor-appointed State Service Commission, which in turn awards grants to organizations to respond to local needs.

**AmeriCorps VISTA** places individuals with organizations that fight poverty, to build capacity and make sustainable change. Through fundraising, grant writing, volunteer recruitment, and so much more, AmeriCorps VISTA members gain experience and leadership skills that put them on track for a life of service in the public, private, or nonprofit sector.

**AmeriCorps NCCC** is a full-time, team-based, residential program for 18-24-year-olds. Whether clearing trails for a national park or building homes for families in need, AmeriCorps NCCC members engage in a variety of projects in multiple communities while developing leadership and teamwork skills. AmeriCorps NCCC FEMA Corps serves communities, in coordination with FEMA, through disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.

**AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparents** provides grants to organizations to engage low-income Americans 55 and older in providing one-on-one mentoring and academic support to children with special or exceptional needs.

**AmeriCorps Senior Companions** provides grants to organizations to engage low-income Americans 55 and older in providing supportive, individualizes services to help older adults and adults maintain their dignity and independence.

**AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP** provides grants to organizations to engage Americans 55 and older in tutoring and mentoring youth, responding to natural disasters, supporting veterans and their families, and meeting other critical needs.

**Volunteer Generation Fund** supports voluntary organizations and state service commissions in boosting the impact of volunteers in addressing critical community needs.

**MLK Day of Service** is observed each year on the third Monday in January as "a day on, not a day off." MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities.

**9/11 Day of Service** calls Americans across the country to volunteer in their local communities in tribute to the individuals lost and injured in the attacks, first responders, and the many who have risen in service to defend freedom.

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### **Program Funding**

	Projects	Service Locations	<b>Completed Participants</b>	<b>Education Awards</b>	Federal Funding
AmeriCorps National	4	4	6	\$15,349	\$26,753
AmeriCorps NCCC	6	6	49	-	-
AmeriCorps State	8	32	117	\$464,988	\$1,061,155
AmeriCorps VISTA	15	23	41	\$207,440	\$573,199
AmeriCorps Programs Subtotal	33	65	213	\$687,777	\$1,661,106
	Projects	Service Locations	<b>Completed Participants</b>	<b>Education Awards</b>	Federal Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	6	111	266	-	\$1,411,853
RSVP	6	152	2,232	-	\$348,550
Senior Companion Program	1	7	60	-	\$285,642
AmeriCorps Seniors Programs Subtotal	13	270	2,558	-	\$2,046,045
Other Funding					
	Projects	Service Locations	<b>Completed Participants</b>	<b>Education Awards</b>	Federal Funding
AmeriCorps State Planning Grant	1	-	-	-	\$35,124
State Commission Investment Funds	1	-	-	-	\$226,030
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$265,000
Subtotal	3	-	-	-	\$526,154
Total Program Funding					\$4,233,306
Total AmeriCorps Funding Including Education	Scholarships				\$4,921,082
Total Local Project Support (Non-AmeriCorps F	Resources)				\$2,448,891
Total AmeriCorps Funding + Total Local Pro					\$7,369,973
Total AmeriCorps Funding Including Education					

Since 1994, more than 7,000 Nebraska residents have served approximately 11 million hours through AmeriCorps, earning Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$25.6 million.

Notes: All data shown represents national service activity completed between January 15, 2020 and January 13, 2021. 1. Projects may be headquartered in other states. 2. The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple AmeriCorps programs operated. 3. Completed participants reflects all AmeriCorps members who completed service in Nebraska between January 15, 2020 and January 13, 2021. For AmeriCorps Seniors, this reflects all volunteers funded by grants completed during that same period. 4. The Education Awards figures represent the maximum potential value of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards that could be earned by AmeriCorps members who completed service in Nebraska. The award can be used in any state to pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay back student loans. 5. AmeriCorps State and National, Foster Grandparent, and Senior Companion federal funding reflects the estimated proportionate share of the federal grant associated with the participants in this report. For AmeriCorps VISTA, funding reflects the national average cost per participant. RSVP funding appears in the state where the project is based and reflects the full amount awarded to operate the completed grant. 6. Current participants reflects national service participants currently serving in Nebraska. 7. Total local project support reflects non-AmeriCorps cash and in-kind resources that AmeriCorps grantees committed to raise in support of their completed grants. As part of its public-private partnership approach, AmeriCorps grantees leverage additional resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on the federal investment.



## **Program Funding**

City	Project Name Sponsor Organization	Program Type	Service Locations	Completed Participants	Education Awards	Federal Funding	Current Participants
Beatrice	SCA NE Student Conservation Association, Inc.	AmeriCorps National	1	1	\$3,048	\$400	-
Fremont	Rebuilding Together Platte Valley East Rebuilding Together, Inc	AmeriCorps National	1	1	\$6,095	\$15,192	-
Grand Island	Heartland United Way, Inc. Heartland United Way, Inc.	AmeriCorps VISTA	6	9	\$35,819	\$99,262	2
Grand Island	Literacy Council of Grand Island Literacy Council of Grand Island Inc	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	1	\$6,095	\$16,704	-
Hastings	YWCA Adams County AmeriCorps Program YWCA Adams County	AmeriCorps State	3	16	\$26,089	\$63,707	12
Kimball	Plains Historical Society (July 30 - September 11, 2020) Plains Historical Society	AmeriCorps NCCC	2	9	-	-	-
Lincoln	Economic Development Outreach Economic Development Administration	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	1	\$6,195	\$17,571	-
Lincoln	FIRST AmeriCorps VISTA FIRST	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	1	\$6,095	\$16,704	-
Lincoln	Food Bank of Lincoln (August 17 - October 16, 2020) Food Bank of Lincoln	AmeriCorps NCCC	3	7	-	-	-
Lincoln	Lead Up - Roots and Branches Lead Up	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	1	\$6,195	\$17,571	-
Lincoln	Mission Assignment R07-3791-NE-PAS-XXX (December 9 - February 16, 2020) FEMA- Joint Field Office- Lincoln, NE	AmeriCorps NCCC	1	7	-	-	-
Lincoln	Nebraska Conservation Educational Fund Conservation Nebraska	AmeriCorps State	5	43	\$126,821	\$316,036	23
Lincoln	Nebraska Extension AmeriCorps VISTA University of Nebraska-Lincoln	AmeriCorps VISTA	-	-	-	-	2
Lincoln	Recognizing Increased Skills in Education Nebraska State Probation	AmeriCorps State	8	13	\$59,392	\$148,113	7
Lincoln	YWCA of Lincoln YWCA of Lincoln	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	2	\$12,290	\$34,275	1
Macy	AIHEC Tribal VISTA Project American Indian Higher Education Consortium	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	1	\$6,095	\$16,704	-
Omaha	Campus Compact AmeriCorps*VISTA Campus Compact	AmeriCorps VISTA	-	-	-	-	1
Omaha	Chicano Awareness Center DBA Latino Center of the Midlands Chicano Awareness Center DBA Latino Center of the Midlands	AmeriCorps VISTA	-	-	-	-	2
Omaha	CL Environmental Stewards The Corps Network	AmeriCorps National	-	-	-	-	1
Omaha	College Possible Omaha College Possible	AmeriCorps State	12	31	\$187,117	\$368,400	25
Omaha	College Possible VISTA College Possible	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	1	\$6,095	\$16,704	- 1



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Omaha	DIBS For Kids DIBS For Kids	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	4	\$24,380	\$66,816	-
Omaha	Disrupting Traffick Disrupting Traffick	AmeriCorps VISTA	2	2	\$12,190	\$33,408	1
Omaha	Family Housing Advisory Services Inc. (January 7 - March 11, 2020) Family Housing Advisory Services	AmeriCorps NCCC	4	8	-	-	-
Omaha	Habitat for Humanity - Omaha (March 9 - March 19, 2020) Habitat for Humanity - Omaha	AmeriCorps NCCC	3	10	-	-	-
Omaha	Habitat for Humanity - Omaha (October 28 - December 16, 2020) Habitat for Humanity - Omaha	AmeriCorps NCCC	3	8	-	-	-
Omaha	International Council for Refugees and Immigrants International Council for Refugees and Immigrants	AmeriCorps State	1	2	\$8,673	\$22,027	6
Omaha	Omaha Admission Possible College Possible	AmeriCorps National	1	1	\$1,290	\$2,033	1
Omaha	Partnership 4 Kids Partnership 4 Kids	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	2	\$12,190	\$33,408	3
Omaha	Partnership 4 Kids College and Career Corps Partnership 4 Kids	AmeriCorps State	1	6	\$36,570	\$91,142	6
Omaha	The Set Me Free Project The Set Me Free Project	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	2	\$12,290	\$34,275	2
Omaha	Together Together Inc. of Metropolitan Omaha	AmeriCorps State	1	1	\$4,337	\$11,876	11
Omaha	Together Nourish Together Inc. of Metropolitan Omaha	AmeriCorps VISTA	3	9	\$30,936	\$85,410	5
Omaha	United Way of the Midlands United Way of the Midlands	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	2	\$12,190	\$33,408	3
Omaha	Women's Center for Advancement ServeNebraska Women's Center for Advancement	AmeriCorps State	1	5	\$15,989	\$39,853	-
Omaha	YouthBuild Omaha YouthBuild USA, Inc	AmeriCorps National	1	3	\$4,917	\$9,128	12
Winnebago	AIHEC Tribal VISTA Project American Indian Higher Education Consortium	AmeriCorps VISTA	-	-	-	-	1
Winnebago	Community and Family Education and Prevention Initiative Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	3	\$18,385	\$50,979	1
AmeriCorps Progra	ams Subtotal		75	213	\$687,777	\$1,661,106	128
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Alliance	Box Butte County RSVP City of Alliance	RSVP	35	270	-	\$47,500	2,435



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Beatrice	Pioneer FGP Blue Valley Community Action Inc.	Foster Grandparent Program	25	50	-	\$303,206	50
Chadron	Dawes & Sioux County RSVP Northwest Community Action Partnership	RSVP	-	-	-	-	115
Gering	CAPWN FGP Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska	Foster Grandparent Program	27	70	-	\$322,082	70
Hastings	Adams/Webster Counties RSVP Senior Action Inc.	RSVP	30	712	-	\$65,058	360
Hastings	Senior Action, Inc. Foster Grandparent Program Senior Action Inc.	Foster Grandparent Program	18	40	-	\$228,381	40
Lincoln	Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Count Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties, Inc	Foster Grandparent Program	3	11	-	\$60,914	11
North Platte	North Platte Area RSVP City of North Platte	RSVP	14	74	-	\$47,500	83
Ogallala	Ogallala City/Keith County RSVP City of Ogallala	RSVP	34	295	-	\$47,500	295
Omaha	Eastern Nebraska FGP Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging	Foster Grandparent Program	37	65	-	\$314,529	65
Omaha	Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging RSVP Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging	RSVP	38	866	-	\$140,992	-
Omaha	RSVP Carroll County Carroll County Board	RSVP	1	15	-	-	-
Omaha	RSVP of North Central Iowa North Iowa Area Community College	RSVP	-	-	-	-	4
Omaha	SCP Omaha/Eastern Nebraska Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging	Senior Companion Program	7	60	-	\$285,642	60
Walthill	Omaha Nation Community Response Team Omaha Nation Community Response Team	Foster Grandparent Program	1	30	- 	\$182,741	30
AmeriCorps Ser	niors Programs Subtotal		270	2,558	-	\$2,046,045	3,618

## **Other Funding**

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Lincoln	ServeNebraska	State Commission Investment Funds	-	-	-	\$226,030	-
Lincoln	ServeNebraska	State Commission Operations Support	-	-	-	\$265,000	-
Omaha	Planning Grant for Member Support Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska	AmeriCorps State Planning Grant	-	-	-	\$35,124	-
Subtotal			-	-	-	\$526,154	-
Total Program Ful Total AmeriCorps	nding Funding Including Education Scholarships		345	2,771	\$687,777	\$4,233,306 \$4,921,082	3,746



Total Local Project Support (Non-AmeriCorps Resources)

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Total AmeriCorps Funding + Total Local Project Support

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