

Nebraska Senior Corps Projects

Alliance: Box Butte County RSVP Website: www.cityofalliance.net

City of Alliance, PO Box 825; 212 Yellowstone Ave., Alliance, NE 69301

Phone: 308-762-1293

Program Director: Ms. Terry Grosz

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Serves: Box Butte County

RSVP Program Number of unduplicated volunteers
343

Box Butte County RSVP is well established with a forty year history of providing high quality volunteer opportunities that meet important community needs. The RSVP office is located in Alliance, NE and serves the City of Alliance and Village of Hemingford. An estimated 343 RSVP volunteers will serve 58 Box Butte County nonprofit, governmental and health care stations. Volunteers will provide a number of service activities including food delivery, transportation, companionship, coaching, food collection and tutoring in public schools. The primary focus area of this project is Healthy Futures.

Beatrice: Pioneer FGP

Website: www.bvca.net

Blue Valley Community Action, Inc., 5109 W. Scott Rd., Ste. 415, Beatrice, NE 68310

Phone: 402-223-6036 1-800-540-8981

Program Director: Ms. Sonja Workman

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Serves: Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, Seward, Thayer, and York Counties

Foster Grandparent Program Volunteer Service Years		
Federal	Non-Federal	Total
61	0	61

An estimated sixty five FGP volunteers will serve. FGP volunteers will be primarily serving preschool and K-12 children in the focus area of Education, both School Readiness and K-12 Success. Their activities will include working one on one with students, modeling good behaviors, mentoring, tutoring, encouraging and praising children. The primary focus area of this project will be helping children improve performance in the area of Social and Emotional Development.

Chadron: Dawes and Sioux Counties RSVP Website: <http://www.ncap.info/>

Phone: 308-432-4200

Program Director: Ms. Rachel Johnson

Email: rjohnson@ncap.info

Serves: Dawes and Sioux Counties

RSVP Program Number of unduplicated volunteers
256

The Dawes and Sioux County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is well established with a twenty-six year history of providing high quality volunteer opportunities that meet important community needs. The RSVP

central office is located in Chadron, NE and a satellite office which serves the City of Crawford and Sioux County is located twenty-three miles to the west in Crawford, NE. The Dawes and Sioux County RSVP have an estimated 256 volunteers that serve their communities. They serve children, home-bound seniors, and the community at large by providing services that allow organizations to operate fully. These services include food collection and distribution, transportation, mentoring, companionship, tutoring, staffing libraries and museums. This is just a sample of the services provided through a network of approximately fifty-six volunteer stations. Volunteer stations are located throughout the service area from schools, hospitals, nursing home facilities, art centers, museums, libraries and faith-based organizations. We have targeted Healthy Futures as our Primary Focus area, specifically 'Aging in Place' and 'Obesity and Food'. The anticipated outcomes for 'Obesity and Food' will show a greater number of individuals reporting increased food security for their families as a result of increased RSVP volunteer activities and training.

Chadron: Chadron FGP Website: <http://www.ncap.info/>
 Northwest Community Action Partnership, 270 Pine St., Chadron, NE 69337
 Phone: 308-432-4200
 Program Director: Ms. Rachel Johnson Email: rjohnson@ncap.info
 Serves: Box Butte, Cherry, Dawes, Sioux, and Sheridan

Foster Grandparent Program Volunteer Service Years		
Federal	Non-Federal	Total
22	0	22

It is anticipated that in the 2013-2016 FGP grant years that 30 Foster Grandparents will volunteer for a total of 22 Volunteer Service Years per grant year, primarily serving preschool and K-12 children in the focus area of Education, both School Readiness and K-12 Success. Foster Grandparents will be volunteering in early childhood classrooms (Head Start and others), Public School systems, the Pine Ridge Job Corps English Language Program, museums and libraries. Foster Grandparents will serve at 10 K-12 schools in five counties (including the English Language Learning Program at the Pine Ridge Job Corps), 14 early childhood centers in four counties, two libraries and one museum. Foster Grandparents will be assisting teaching staff in tutoring children/students who are economically disadvantaged and/or have defined needs in reading, math or social/emotional areas. Activities will include reading to children, listening to children read, assisting with math skills, providing encouragement and emotional support, helping children follow the rules and work within the classroom structure. At the end of the three year grant period it is anticipated that 252 children will complete their programs and 151 children will demonstrate gains in their academic and or social/emotional development as outlined in our focus area.

Gering: Panhandle FGP Website: www.capwn.org
 Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska, 3350 10th St., Gering, NE 69341
 Phone: 308-635-3089 ext. 3348
 Program Director: Ms. Cathy Schumacher Email: cschumacher@capwn.org
 Serves: Banner, Cheyenne, Deuel, Garden, Keith, Kimball, Lincoln, Morrill and Scotts Bluff Counties

Foster Grandparent Program Volunteer Service Years		
Federal	Non-Federal	Total
70	0	70

An estimated 90 unduplicated Panhandle Foster Grandparent Program volunteers will serve each year of the three-year grant. They will provide one-on-one support including weekly tutoring assistance; mentoring and modeling of appropriate social behaviors to increase a student's learning capacity; specialized Volunteer Assignment Plans (VAPs) to identify and intervene in an individualized way for each child; a focus by each Grandparent on

individualized attention and developmentally-appropriate interventions for social, behavioral, and cognitive skills to children. These children will be assisted through a network of 47 volunteer sites such as elementary schools, day care centers and Head Start Centers. The Senior Corps Focus Area of this project is Education.

Hastings: Adams/Webster County RSVP Website: www.hastingsrsvp.org
 Senior Action, Inc., 212 W. 3rd St., Ste. C, Hastings, NE 68901
 Phone: 402-463-1454
 Program Director: Ms. Debby Shuck Email: debby@hastingsrsvp.org
 Serves: Adams and Webster Counties

RSVP Program Number of unduplicated volunteers	
432	

Senior Action's RSVP Program of Adams and Webster counties estimates 432 RSVP volunteers will serve. Activities include school and community based mentoring, emergency food distribution, leading exercise classes to help combat obesity, and services related to individuals remaining independently living in their home, such as transportation, companionship, and food delivery. The primary focus area is Healthy Futures which helps to meet the needs within our two county area including access to care, aging in place and addressing obesity and food issues. At the end of the three-year grant 5,693 individuals will receive services and \$5,000 will be leveraged for local non-profits. 40% of students served will show improved academic engagement, 75% will show increased social support due to food delivery, 30% due to transportation assistance 40% due to companionship services provided. 40% of individuals will have increased food security.

Hastings: Senior Action, Inc. FGP Website: www.hastingsrsvp.org
 Senior Action, Inc., 212 W. 3rd St., Ste. C, Hastings, NE 68901
 Phone: 402-463-1454
 Program Director: Ms. Debby Shuck Email: debby@hastingsrsvp.org
 Serves: Adams, Buffalo, Clay, Custer, Dawson, Hall, Hamilton, Howard, Kearney, Merrick, Nance, Nuckolls, Platte, Sherman, and Webster Counties

Foster Grandparent Program Volunteer Service Years		
Federal	Non-Federal	Total
49	0	49

Senior Action's Foster Grandparent Program addresses the following service categories: Elementary Education Tutoring and Child Literacy, Pre-Elementary Day Care and School Readiness/Head Start/Early Childhood Education. Some activities include working one-on-one with pre-school children to develop positive social/emotional behaviors; working one-on-one with elementary students to develop literacy & other academic skills; reading to children; listening to children read.

Ogallala: Ogallala/Keith County RSVP Website: www.ogallala-ne.gov
 City of Ogallala, 411 E. 2nd St., Ogallala, NE 69153
 Phone: 308-284-6464
 Program Director: Ms. Ginny Steinke Email: ginny.steinke@ogallala-ne.gov
 Serves: Keith County

RSVP Program Number of unduplicated volunteers	

RSVP of Ogallala/Keith County serves one Nebraska County and five communities within that County, all located in the Western part of Nebraska. RSVP volunteers provide support for various community activities, such as Meals on Wheels, the Kieth County Fair, the Keith County Historical Society, the Chamber of Commerce, Indian Hills Manor, Kenfield Gallery, Red Cross Blood Drive, Wild West Soap Box Derby, the Ogallala School Booster Club, Wel-Life Assisted Living Facility, the Nebraska Game & Parks Visitors Center, flu shot clinics and health and wellness fairs.

Lincoln: Aging Partners FGP Website: <http://aging.lincoln.ne.gov>
Aging Partners, 1005 “O” St., Lincoln, NE 68508-3628
Phone: 402-441-6105
Program Director: Ms. Elisa Stutheit Email: estutheit@lincoln.ne.gov
Serves: Lancaster County

Foster Grandparent Program Volunteer Service Years		
Federal	Non-Federal	Total
31	0	31

An estimated 33 unduplicated FGP volunteers will serve at an estimated 14 sites/stations in the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska. Stations include public & parochial elementary schools, & early childhood classrooms including Head Start. Foster Grandparents are primarily placed in schools that have the highest percentages of children that are low-income, those learning English as a second language, &/or students of color, because these are the children that consistently do not meet state & national standards on assessment tests thus having the greatest need for literacy assistance services. FGP volunteers will be primarily serving preschool & K-12 children in the Focus Area of Education, both School Readiness & K-12 Success. Some activities include working one-on-one with pre-school children to develop positive social/emotional behaviors; working one-on-one with elementary students to develop literacy & other academic skills; reading to children; listening to children read. The primary focus will be helping children who are economically disadvantages &/or have other defined needs to improve performance. At the end of the 12 month performance period, children's progress will be assessed with an anticipated improvement in at least 50% of the youth. At the end of the 3 year grant period, at least 132 elementary students will improve their academic engagement & 18 children in childcare will gain in social/emotional development.

Omaha: Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging FGP Website: www.enoa.org
Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging, 4223 Center St., Omaha, NE 68105
Phone: 402-444-6536
Program Director: Ms. Mary Parker Email: mary.parker@nebraska.gov

Serves: Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington Counties

Foster Grandparent Program Volunteer Service Years		
Federal	Non-Federal	Total
68	0	68

Foster Grandparents are matched with children of all ages needing attention due to special or exceptional needs primarily those below development or academic levels. The primary focus area the project will address is education. Foster Grandparents will work with children in pre-elementary school readiness programs including Head Start and children in K- 12. They will perform activities by assisting pre-elementary children to improve their individual skill development and school readiness by engaging them in one-on-one activities such as language

acquisition, motor skill development, emotional-social developmental areas including social relationships with peers, self-concept, and self-control. Foster Grandparents will work one-on-one with K-12 students who have the greatest need for literacy assistance and those struggling to engage academically. They will tutor children and other activities include listening to children read, helping with a daily routine, helping children to stay on task, goal-setting and providing support and encouragement. FGP partners with 22 volunteer stations with 52 locations including public and parochial schools, Head Start Programs, Early Development Childhood Centers, health agencies and mental health facilities. By measuring the progress on the volunteer assignment plans at the closing of the academic year, it is anticipated that 50% of the children (165) will demonstrate improvement in academic engagement or social and emotional development for school readiness.

Omaha: 13SXNNE001 Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging SCP Website: www.enoa.org

Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging, 4223 Center St., Omaha, NE 68105

Phone: 402-444-6536

Program Director: Ms. Mary Parker

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Serves: Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington Counties

Senior Companion Program Volunteer Service Years		
Federal	Non-Federal	Total
61	4	65

Senior Companions are matched with adults needing companionship, independent living assistance, or respite due to a disability, physical or emotional challenge, Alzheimer's disease or related dementia or aging frailty. The primary focus areas the SCP will address are Healthy Futures/ Companionship and Respite for the purpose of Aging in Place. Senior Companions provide companionship or non-medical in-home care services to clients in their private homes, adult day centers, mental health and rehabilitation centers. They also provide respite to caregivers of homebound or older adults and individuals with disabilities in private homes. Senior Companions assist with activities including some or all of the following: transportation to medical appointments, home safety checks, referring clients to needed community resources, activities of daily living, recreational activities, encouraging therapy and redirecting potentially stressful situations. The anticipated outcome of the service is that 60% of the recipients will report increased social ties/perceived social support by aging in place through the Healthy Futures Focus area at the closing of the funding period. SCP partners with 16 volunteer stations including aging and health agencies, independent and assisted living housing units, adult day services, mental health or rehabilitation facilities.

Omaha: 12SRNNE001 Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging RSVP Website: www.enoa.org

Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging, 4223 Center St., Omaha, NE 68105

Phone: 402-444-6536

Program Director: Ms. Pat Tanner

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Serves: Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington Counties

RSVP Program Number of unduplicated volunteers
761

An estimated number 761 RSVP Volunteers will serve seniors, veterans, children and the frail elderly. They will assist with processing prints in museums, providing interesting tours, preserve military aircrafts, crowd control for special community events, assist with class room assignments, assist with reading and math in elementary school, assist in cataloging at libraries, being museum docents, assist at local volunteer operated recycling organization, assist at local thrifts stores with merchandise and customer services, providing transportation to frail seniors in rural Nebraska, providing meals to homebound, assist the public in hospitals and museums gift shops, fundraising projects that contribute overall to the community, assisting the patients and the public at local hospitals, providing emergency food assistance, assist with emergency crisis , provide companionship to in-bound or disabled seniors,

assist nursing home residents, help register donors for blood drives, labeling & transport blood products for American Red Cross, serving hot meals at senior centers, providing classes and activities at local senior centers, providing monthly dinners to veterans in rural Nebraska, adding names to a tribute wall to honor veterans and assisting in the telephone response unit by returning non-emergency calls to citizens that want to make a report of some types with the local police dept., and assisting the Grand Parent Resource Center that provides educational in-services to grandparents who are raising their grandchildren.

The picture below summaries where Senior Corps programs are funded to serve across the State of Nebraska.

