

Chapter 8 – Program Management

Broadly, the purpose of AmeriCorps state grants is to “initiate, improve, or expand the ability of an organization and community to provide services to address local unmet environmental, educational, public safety (including disaster preparedness and response), or other human needs”.

Strong management principles are needed to meet the programmatic demands and expectations involved in successfully administering an AmeriCorps program.

All forms and resources referenced in this chapter can be accessed in the Grantee Central section of the ServeNebraska website.

ServeNebraska Grant Modification Request

If during the course of the program year there is a need to revise any of the programmatic or financial information contained in the approved grant application, submit the ServeNebraska AmeriCorps Grant Modification Form, along with any supporting documentation, to your Serve Nebraska Commission Program Officer.

Learning Pathways for Program Start-Up

http://s3.amazonaws.com/resource_center_video/taag/program-start-up/index.html

The Learning Pathways for AmeriCorps Program Start-Up is a Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) Online Resource. The Start-Up Online Resource provides an accessible, user-friendly learning pathway to information, resources and tools to successfully launch and sustain an AmeriCorps Program. It is designed to align the online resources with each phase of your Program Start-Up to navigate your organization through the steps necessary to establish the components of strong and effective AmeriCorps Programs. The learning pathway links you to a variety of resources including those found at the National Resource Center and the AmeriCorps website.

Programmatic Exercise: Where Do I Stand? Where Am I Stuck?

This exercise from the California Volunteers Commission is used to help identify program strengths and understand where they may be getting stuck.

<http://www.serve.nebraska.gov/pdf/grantee/ameriCorps/Where%20do%20I%20Stand%20-%20Where%20am%20I%20stuck.pdf>

AmeriCorps FAQ

This CNCS page provides answers to your frequently asked AmeriCorps questions:

<http://www.nationalserviceresources.org/files/frequently-asked-questions-090409.pdf>.

AmeriCorps Connect

<http://www.americorpsconnect.org> – This website is provided by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to help AmeriCorps State and National grantees, as well as members and others interested in AmeriCorps access resources, and learn and connect with one another.

Sustainability

On-The-Go eTA for Sustainability Resources

<http://www.onthegoeta.net/blog1/> – Refer to the Sustainability Resources page to access capacity building information from 77 issues. Information is organized in the following categories:

- Communications/Marketing Resources
- Fundraising Resources
- Management Resources
- Volunteer Resources

AmeriCorps Email Discussion List (AC List)

The AmeriCorps list is a forum for AmeriCorps programs, state commissions, T/TA providers, staff of the Corporation for National and Community Service, and anyone else interested in AmeriCorps. Discussions focus on training, technical assistance, and programmatic issues. To learn more about the AC List and other Email Discussion Lists, go to: <http://www.nationalserviceresources.org/e-mail-discussion-lists>. If you prefer, you can also subscribe to the AmeriCorps list by sending an e-mail message to join-aclist@lists.etr.org.

CNCS System Operating Status Notices: What is Working – What is Not?

<https://www.nationalservice.gov/status/> - This site provides insight into the current and planned operating status of various Corporation for National Service online platforms.