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***SERVE NEBRASKA IS NOW ACCEPTING AMERICORPS GRANT APPLICATIONS***

**Lincoln, Nebraska** – ServeNebraska announced last week that they are accepting AmeriCorps planning and operational grant applications. Organizations which are interested in receiving funding to start an AmeriCorps program during the 2020-2021 program year should visit the ServeNebraska website for instructions on how to submit an application.

Nebraska AmeriCorps programs address unmet educational, economic, environmental, health, veterans and disaster response needs. ServeNebraska receives funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to invest in AmeriCorps programming across the state. Programs engage AmeriCorps members to actively strengthen Nebraska communities by addressing local community needs or expanding an organization's existing services.

“AmeriCorps programs are extremely beneficial to our communities,” said Cathleen Plager, executive director of ServeNebraska. “Organizations that are granted funding for these programs have in-depth knowledge of problems that Nebraska communities are facing and detailed plans to begin solving them.”

Planning grants provide organizations with funding to support the design, preparation, and development of a successful AmeriCorps program. Sub grantees who successfully complete their planning grant deliverables are better prepared to apply for operational grant funding.

AmeriCorps members are individuals who engage in community service through an approved national service position. Members may receive a living allowance and other benefits while serving and, upon completion of their service, they are eligible for a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award from the National Service Trust.

Questions regarding application procedure or materials should be emailed to [dhhs.americorps@nebraska.gov](mailto:dhhs.americorps@nebraska.gov).

**About ServeNebraska**

ServeNebraska is governed by a 24-member, bipartisan board appointed by the Nebraska governor. Its mission mobilizes 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 [www.serve.nebraska.gov](http://www.serve.nebraska.gov).

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