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ServeNebraska Announces 2026 AmeriCorps Notice of Funding Opportunity

Lincoln, Neb. — ServeNebraska today announced the release of its 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), inviting eligible organizations to apply for AmeriCorps funding to address critical community needs across Nebraska. Planning grants are also available to support program development and design.

Community-based nonprofits, faith-based organizations, and public entities are encouraged to submit proposals outlining plans to provide or expand direct services through AmeriCorps members. Funded programs will begin service in September 2026.

Since 1994, AmeriCorps programs in Nebraska have addressed unmet educational, economic, environmental, health, veteran, and disaster response needs. These programs strengthen communities while providing AmeriCorps members with training, professional experience, a modest living allowance, and a Segal Education Award upon successful completion of service.

“AmeriCorps funding is a powerful tool for organizations looking to expand their impact and reach more Nebraskans,” said Cathleen Plager, executive director of ServeNebraska. “These programs increase both the quality and capacity of services while developing the next generation of the nonprofit workforce.”

ServeNebraska receives funding from the federal AmeriCorps agency to invest in locally driven AmeriCorps programs across the state. More information about the funding opportunity and application process is available at www.serve.nebraska.gov.

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About ServeNebraska

ServeNebraska is the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission and is governed by a bipartisan board appointed by the Nebraska governor. Its mission is to mobilize 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 serve.nebraska.gov.

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