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ServeNebraska Announces More Than \$1.02 Million in AmeriCorps Funding for Nebraska Programs

Funding will support 89 AmeriCorps members serving communities across the state

LINCOLN, Neb. — ServeNebraska announced \$1.02 million in AmeriCorps funding for six Nebraska programs during the 2026-27 program year. The investment will support 89 AmeriCorps members addressing needs related to education, conservation, youth development, healthy living, food security, refugee and immigrant services, and juvenile justice.

The funded programs will serve Nebraskans in urban, rural, and statewide settings while engaging hundreds of additional community volunteers. Programs will begin their service terms in August or September 2026.

The 2026-27 AmeriCorps grant recipients are:

YWCA Adams County — \$76,000

Fourteen AmeriCorps members will serve through after-school programming, adult education, transitional housing, juvenile diversion, youth mentoring, and outdoor education in the Hastings area. The program expects to engage between 100 and 200 community volunteers.

Conservation Nebraska — \$184,537

Fourteen AmeriCorps members will lead the Common Ground Education Program, providing environmental stewardship education and training and organizing conservation projects across Nebraska. The program expects to engage 150 community volunteers.

International Council for Refugees and Immigrants — \$282,240

Sixteen AmeriCorps members in Douglas County will provide structured academic mentoring and after-school enrichment designed to improve students' academic engagement, attendance, and performance. The program expects to engage approximately 30 community volunteers.

Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln — \$144,466

Twenty-two AmeriCorps members will serve in 12 Lincoln Title I elementary schools and support local food, garden, nutrition, and physical activity initiatives for youth and families in low-income neighborhoods.

Administrative Office of Probation Juvenile Services Division RISE Program — \$138,601

Eleven AmeriCorps members will deliver an education-focused skill-building curriculum to adjudicated youth in judicial districts across Nebraska. The program expects to engage 36 volunteers who will contribute curriculum-related expertise.

Together Inc. of Metropolitan Omaha — \$202,075

Twelve AmeriCorps members will support Choice Food Pantry operations, food-security outreach, community gardens, and volunteer coordination. The program aims to help 25,000 people access nutritious food and contribute to distributing 4 million pounds of food with support from 500 community volunteers.

Through these investments, AmeriCorps members will help Nebraska organizations expand services, address locally identified needs, and strengthen volunteer engagement statewide.

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About ServeNebraska

ServeNebraska is Nebraska's state volunteer service commission, connecting Nebraskans with opportunities to strengthen communities through volunteerism and national service. Through AmeriCorps and other service initiatives, ServeNebraska works with partners statewide to address community needs and create opportunities for Nebraskans to serve.