

Serve ND

2024-2026 State Service Plan

Serve ND is a 15-member board who are appointed by the Governor. Federal AmeriCorps resources from the Corporation for National and Community Service are awarded to organizations seeking to deliver services through an evidence based approach creating community solutions. Veterans and their families, people with disabilities, and older adults will be priority populations to serve as AmeriCorps members and volunteers. Management efforts will continue towards solutions that reach beyond continuous government support. In addition, the ND State Commission will support organizations that model delivery systems that address one or more of the following focus areas:

Focus Areas as Defined in the Serve America Act

Disaster Services	Environmental Stewardship	Healthy Futures
Education	Economic Opportunities	Veterans and Military Families

State Service Plan Objectives:

1. Serve ND Volunteer Initiative

Objective 1: Build a culture of volunteerism and service, and Civic Engagement

Action Steps:

- Improve website and expand social media presence to showcase volunteer impact, tell stories of service, increase awareness, and recognize programs and days of service.
- Create a scheduled plan to promote volunteerism, mentoring, national service, and civic engagement.
- Recruitment and retention of AmeriCorps members.
 - Individuals 55 and over
 - College Students
 - Veterans and Families
 - People with Disabilities

Objective 2: Diversify funding opportunities and increase the number of organizations receiving funds.

Action Steps:

- Seek out foundation and private grants to supplement the federal funding received from AmeriCorps.
- Increase the number of new organizations receiving Commission grants.

2. Serve ND will work with partner programs

Objective 1: Strengthen existing partnerships and seek new, diverse partnerships.

Action Steps:

- Educate and engage elected officials and state leaders regarding Serve ND programs, activities, and initiatives.
- Cultivate strategic partnerships with volunteer centers, volunteer connection agencies, foundations, governmental agencies, tribal organizations, etc.
- Foster networks that enhance collaboration across organizations and sectors.

Objective 2: Utilize service and volunteerism as a strategy to address the needs of North Dakota communities, including Tribal organizations, and governments.

Action Steps:

- Prioritize funding around poverty, youth development and mentoring, education, rural communities, and Economic Opportunity and reevaluate annually to be responsive to emergent needs of North Dakota.
- Expand national service programs in North Dakota.
- Collaborate across streams of national service.

3. Serve ND board members and program staff will promote the mission and goals of community service

- Engage in professional learning opportunities to strengthen community service leadership.
- Provide educational development opportunities to enhance sustainability for community service agencies such as nonprofits and faith-based organizations.