



Statement of Purpose

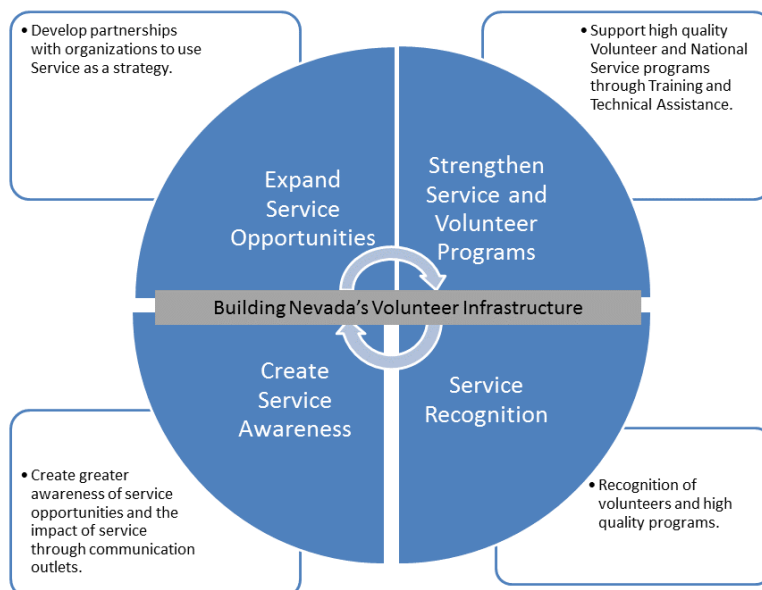
Nevada Volunteers is the Governor's Commission on Service. Through the administration of AmeriCorps we strive to address critical community needs through service. Our investment in Nevada's volunteer infrastructure shapes a culture of service and citizenship, engaging individuals, organizations, and businesses across Nevada.

The Problem Nevada Volunteers Solves

Charity organizations and the volunteers who give their time fill critical gaps in the community in support of education, public safety, health, arts and the environment. These critical services would go un-served or under-served if we relied solely on the government or private sector.

How Nevada Volunteers Solves the Problem

- Nevada Volunteers works closely with government and community organizations to identify the most pressing needs and align AmeriCorps programming to alleviate those needs.
- Nevada Volunteers holds grantees accountable to provide the services for which they have been granted AmeriCorps funds.
- Nevada Volunteers builds awareness of service and volunteer opportunities through communications channels, education, and relationship-building.
- Nevada Volunteers celebrates and honors those who serve, the organizations that provide critical community resources, and businesses that promote employee engagement.
- Nevada Volunteers provides education and training so volunteer programs are more effective and make stronger impacts and effectively tap the talents of our citizens.



Ways We Might Work Together...

Here are a few ways your business might benefit from working with Nevada Volunteers:

- Let us know of your employee engagement efforts so we can reach out to you for appropriate resources
- Encourage your nonprofit partners to become Service Enterprises
- Share your employee talent with nonprofits through skill-based volunteering
- Find volunteer opportunities on our statewide online volunteer matching system
- Connect with other volunteer managers for support and learning opportunities through our statewide list-serve
- Recognize your volunteers and volunteer programs by participating in the Governor's Volunteer Recognition Certificate, the Nevada Community Points of Light, or the Governor's Points of Light Awards
- Support/sponsor our recognition event or Service Enterprise training for your nonprofit partners

National Service

A recent study by Columbia University, commissioned by the Franklin Project and Voices for National Service shows that national service programs generate a high return on investment that improves communities and develops the next generation of leaders. The economic benefits of national service for youth are nearly four times greater than the costs of providing these programs. Programs for seniors also yield high returns that significantly exceed program costs.

Service Enterprise

Volunteers remain a relatively untapped human capital resource by community organizations throughout the country. Currently fewer than 15 percent of nonprofits nationwide are considered "Service Enterprises", a term defining organizations that effectively leverage the skills of volunteers to meet social missions. According to TCC Group and Deloitte, effective volunteer management practices correlate with overall organizational effectiveness. The Service Enterprise Initiative is a national project to help nonprofits transform, through a recognized change management model, to better leverage the skills of volunteers. In 2014 Nevada Volunteers became the first Service Enterprise Hub in Nevada and launched the first cohort of Nevada nonprofits undergoing the Service Enterprise model in 2015.

A Few Facts about Nevada Volunteers

- Since the inception of Nevada Volunteers and AmeriCorps, 20 years ago, 4,000 AmeriCorps members have served over 4.8 million hours in Nevada, earning \$10 million in education awards.
- Nevada Volunteers funded AmeriCorps*State members have recruited an additional 66,682 volunteers donating more than 750,715 hours of community service-a value of \$14,301,120 since 1999.
- More than 350 nonprofits are actively using Nevada Volunteers' statewide web-based volunteer matching system which helps Nevadans find meaningful volunteer opportunities.
- Nevada Volunteers hosts the Governor's Points of Light Awards, Nevada's most prestigious award for volunteer service.