



Volunteer Iowa (Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service)

Quarterly Report:

April 1 – June 30, 2023

AmeriCorps

Volunteer Iowa has awarded \$9.1 million in grant funding and an additional \$2.6 million in Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards for Iowa AmeriCorps State programs and members. This funding will support over 800 AmeriCorps members in Iowa who will serve with nonprofit, community and faith-based organizations across the state. Two additional grantees will conduct planning activities to develop and expand new AmeriCorps programming across the state. After completing a full-time term of service, AmeriCorps members receive an award of approximately \$6,900 that they can use for tuition at eligible schools and educational programs or qualified student loan repayment.

AmeriCorps State grants provide funding to local organizations to support AmeriCorps members meeting critical community needs in the areas of education, disaster services, health, environmental stewardship, and economic opportunity.

Volunteer Iowa announced the following AmeriCorps State grants for program year 2023-2024:

Grantee Organization	AmeriCorps Program Name	Total Grant Award Amount
Bur Oak Land Trust	Bur Oak Land Trust AmeriCorps	\$346,771
City of Davenport	City of Davenport AmeriCorps & Youth Corps Program	\$986,165
City of Dubuque	City of Dubuque AmeriCorps Program	\$622,574
Conservation Corps of Minnesota and Iowa	Conservation Corps Iowa AmeriCorps	\$414,000

Graceland University	AmeriCorps Youth Launch	\$438,613
Habitat for Humanity of Iowa, Inc.	Habitat for Humanity of Iowa AmeriCorps	\$826,081
Hawkeye Community College	RedTails LEAD AmeriCorps	\$737,764
Iowa College Student Aid Commission	Course to College AmeriCorps-College Access	\$511,589
Iowa Economic Development Authority	IEDA Rural AmeriCorps	\$140,931
Iowa Economic Development Authority	Iowa Community Corps AmeriCorps	\$443,459
Iowa Legal Aid	Iowa Legal Aid AmeriCorps Project	\$513,700
Iowa State University of Science and Technology	Iowa AmeriCorps 4-H Outreach Program	\$1,531,250
Iowa State University of Science and Technology	Youth Connect AmeriCorps	\$374,191
Iowa & Minnesota Campus Compact	Civic Leaders AmeriCorps Program	\$652,449
Iowa & Minnesota Campus Compact	Iowa College Corps AmeriCorps Planning Grant	\$98,913
Reading and Math, Inc.	AMPACT AmeriCorps Planning Grant	\$158,444
Refugee and Immigrant Voices in Action	RISE AmeriCorps	\$1,484,984
The Iowa Children's Museum	Iowa Afterschool STEM AmeriCorps	\$273,532

United Ways of Iowa	Iowa Reading Corps AmeriCorps Program	\$1,755,579
University of Iowa	Disaster PrepWise AmeriCorps	\$117,504
University of Northern Iowa	Green Iowa AmeriCorps	\$2,458,792

Commission Business

Outgoing Commissioners: Volunteer Iowa held its final FY23 full commission meeting on Thursday, May 18. During the meeting, the commission bid farewell to four commissioners who are concluding their service on the commission. Dave Layton and Greg Sutherland have completed two full terms of service, making tremendous contributions to the commission. Kevin Brown and Jamarco Clark are both moving out of state, so did not reapply to serve a second term. They all will be greatly missed. Angela Jiskoot and Dan Cataldi will continue in their roles of Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.

Iowa Mentoring Partnership (IMP)

- Elements of Effective Practice Training was held for 10 newer mentoring professionals to strengthen their youth-serving programs with evidence-based practice.
- Webinar on YOUTH VOICE was held for mentoring program staff.
- Two programs completed their National Quality Mentoring Assessment and were granted certification.

Recognition

- ***Give Back Iowa Challenge:*** The 2023 Give Back Iowa Challenge had 32 employers registered to participate in the challenge. Over 16,000 volunteer hours were logged during the two-month challenge period. The winners and runners up of the challenge are:
 - Small: Community Youth Concepts (CYC), Des Moines
Honorable Mention: CENT Credit Union, Mason City
 - Mid-sized: Bankers Trust, Des Moines
Honorable Mention: First Citizens Bank, Mason City
 - Large: Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, Riverside
Honorable Mention: ITA Group, West Des Moines
- ***Iowa Volunteer Hall of Fame Ceremony:*** The Iowa Volunteer Award Ceremony honored 9 Hall of Fame inductees and 2 Excellence in Mentoring Awardees on Thursday, April 27, 2023, in the State Capitol. Governor Kim Reynolds and Commission Chair Angela Jiskoot presented the awards. Information about the inductees is available on our website at <https://www.volunteeriowa.org/hof>.
- ***Governor's Volunteer Awards 2023 Ceremonies:*** Three regional Governor's Volunteer Awards (GVA) ceremonies were held June 6 in Vinton and Cedar Falls, and June 15 in Ankeny, with the final ceremonies planned for July 21 in Ottumwa and tentatively in

September in Storm Lake. The ceremonies featured remarks from the Governor, Commissioners, and regional leaders. The ceremonies honor contributions of over 600 individuals and groups serving more than 150 communities across the state. Photos from the ceremony are available on our [Flickr Page](#).

RSVP

Volunteer Iowa awarded 37 RSVP Grants with state awards based on legislative appropriation award in June. Initial award amounts:

Organization	Project Name	State Award	Federal Amount
Boone County Hospital	RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program of Boone and Greene Counties	\$ 15,978	\$ 50,000.00
Boone County Hospital	RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program of Guthrie County	\$ 7,353	\$ 75,000.00
Carroll County Board	RSVP Carroll County (Carroll, Crawford, Calhoun)	\$ 14,705	\$ 127,500.00
Clinton County	RSVP of Clinton County	\$ 7,353	\$ 50,000.00
Decorah Public Library	Northeast Iowa RSVP (Allamakee, Howard, Winneshiek)	\$ 19,304	\$ 52,500.00
Graceland University	Southern Iowa RSVP (Clarke, Decatur, Ringgold, Union)	\$ 15,381	\$ 131,529.00
HIRTA Public Transit	HIRTA RSVP Madison	\$ 7,353	\$ 75,000.00
HIRTA Public Transit	HIRTA RSVP Marion	\$ 7,353	\$ 75,000.00
Iowa Department on Aging	Iowa Department on Aging RSVP Cass County	\$ 7,353	\$ 75,000.00
Iowa Department on Aging	Iowa Department on Aging RSVP Harrison County	\$ 7,353	\$ 75,000.00
Iowa Department on Aging	Iowa Department on Aging RSVP Iowa County	\$ 7,353	\$ 75,000.00

Iowa Department on Aging	Iowa Department on Aging RSVP Keokuk County	\$ 7,353	\$ 75,000.00
Iowa Department on Aging	Iowa Department on Aging RSVP Mahaska County	\$ 7,353	\$ 75,000.00
Iowa Department on Aging	Mills and Pottawattamie County RSVP	\$ 14,227	\$ 52,500.00
Iowa Department on Aging	Iowa Department on Aging RSVP Monona County	\$ 7,353	\$ 75,000.00
Iowa Department on Aging	Iowa Department on Aging RSVP Montgomery County	\$ 7,353	\$ 75,000.00
Iowa Department on Aging	Iowa Department on Aging RSVP Poweshiek County	\$ 7,353	\$ 75,000.00
Iowa Department on Aging	Iowa Department on Aging RSVP Shelby County	\$ 7,353	\$ 75,000.00
Iowa Department on Aging	Iowa Department on Aging RSVP Woodbury County	\$ 7,353	\$ 75,000.00
Iowa Department on Aging	Iowa Department on Aging RSVP Fremont County	\$ 7,353	\$ 75,000.00
Iowa Department on Aging	Iowa Department on Aging RSVP Louisa County	\$ 7,353	\$ 75,000.00
Iowa Lakes Community College	Northwest Iowa RSVP (Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Kossuth, Palo Alto)	\$ 20,607	\$ 92,908.00
Jasper County Agricultural Extension District	Newton/Jasper RSVP	\$ 7,353	\$ 52,500.00
North Iowa Area Community College	RSVP of North Central Iowa (Cerro Gordo, Franklin, Worth, Mitchell, Hancock, Winnebago)	\$ 14,705	\$ 141,647.00
Story City Senior Citizens, Inc.	Central Iowa RSVP - Story, Marshall, Hamilton, & Webster Co.	\$ 38,305	\$ 172,498.00

The Fellowship Cup	RSVP Henry County	\$ 15,802	\$ 47,500.00
The Finley Hospital	RSVP Dubuque County	\$ 7,353	\$ 59,125.00
United Way of Wapello County	RSVP of Monroe, Jefferson and Wapello Counties	\$ 14,705	\$ 78,479.00
United Way of Central Iowa	United Way of Central Iowa RSVP (Polk, Dallas, Warren)	\$ 7,353	\$ 89,323.00
United Way of East Central Iowa	United Way 55+ Initiative (Linn, Jones)	\$ 7,353	\$ 52,500.00
United Way of East Central Iowa	UWECI - Cedar Co. 55+ Initiative	\$ 7,353	\$ 75,000.00
United Way of East Central Iowa	UWECI - Benton Co. 55+ Initiative	\$ 7,353	\$ 75,000.00
United Way of Johnson & Washington Counties	Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (Johnson, Muscatine, Des Moines and Iowa)	\$ 43,813	\$ 71,281.00
United Way of Johnson & Washington Counties	Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (Washington)	\$ 7,353	\$ 23,558.00
United Way of the Great River Region (formerly Ft. Madison Area United Way)	RSVP of Lee County/ United Way of Great River Region	\$ 7,353	\$ 50,000.00
Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley	Engaging People to Build a Stronger Community (Blackhawk, Fayette)	\$ 7,353	\$ 104,585.00
Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley	RSVP of Buchanan County	\$ 7,353	\$ 75,000.00
		\$418,698	\$ 2,849,933

Volunteer Generation Fund

- A pilot multipart training and coaching series for cities to develop volunteer engagement strategies continued with training and coaching being completed this

quarter. Participating cities and counties include Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Dubuque, Hardin County, Mason City, Monticello, Nevada, Shenandoah, and Storm Lake. Ongoing opportunities to support cities with volunteer engagement are being identified.

Disaster

- During the spring flooding of the Mississippi, staff provided leadership and technical assistance to community organizations active in disaster along the Mississippi. In collaboration with Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management, staff gathered information on the demand for resources such as volunteer waivers, pre-scripted messages, and homeowner waivers and was able to deliver said documents. Similar technical assistance was provided to the Davenport community and Emergency Management during the building collapse disaster.

Youth Service & Service-Learning

- Volunteer Iowa hosted a virtual professional development session for Global Youth Service Day (April 28-30). This session was for high school students, college students, and AmeriCorps members to discuss how to leverage volunteer experience on resumes and/or college applications. Additionally, we discussed careers related to service and the nonprofit sector.
- Volunteer Iowa awarded five K-12 schools Volunteer Generation Fund American Rescue Plan (ARP) Youth Service-Learning Grants. Grantees were awarded \$15,000 fixed-price grants to support the development and strengthening of service-learning programming in K-12 schools districts. The following schools were each awarded a Youth Service-Learning Grant:
 - CAL Elementary School
 - Central Lyon Community School District
 - Hamburg Community School District
 - Waterloo Community School District – LifeLab
 - Sioux Center Community School District

AmeriCorps VISTA Program

- The VISTA program provides much needed resources to areas of the state that are under resourced and non-profit and public organizations that need support to further their mission to meet critical needs in Iowa.
- The Volunteer Iowa VISTA Program enrolled eight year-long VISTAs to serve with the following organizations: Iowa Community Action Agency, NAMI Dubuque, Centrally Rooted (Dubuque), Volunteer Iowa Disaster Services, EMBARC (Des Moines), and NAMI South Central Iowa (Centerville). These members will be serving for 12 months full-time to develop systems and programs, recruiting volunteers, and conducting outreach on behalf of their organizations.
- Additionally, a summer program started to assist with short-term, 10-week projects, across the state to address summer learning loss, food insecurity, and increased capacity needs for a variety of organizations. A total of 18 VISTAs are currently serving the following organizations this summer: Disaster Prepwise (Iowa City), ArtHaus (Decorah), Volunteer Iowa, Centrally Rooted (Dubuque), Heal House (Indianola), Central

Iowa Shelter & Services (Des Moines), United We March Forward (Cedar Rapids), and NAMI South Central Iowa (Centerville).

AmeriCorps Seniors

- The Volunteer Iowa Senior Demonstration Program enrolled three volunteers to serve with Conmigo Early Education Center and Everybody Wins! Iowa for the summer term. The Senior Demonstration Program currently has five total volunteers serving across Polk County. These volunteers serve children with exceptional needs and support their academic and personal development.
- The Volunteer Iowa Senior Demonstration Program recruited two new organizations in Polk County, one new organization in Appanoose County, and one new organization in Boone County to act as volunteer stations. These organizations will receive volunteers to assist in addressing the needs of the young people they serve. These organizations are: Conmigo Early Education Center (Polk County), South Union Elementary School (Polk County), Teammates Mentoring (Appanoose County), and Boone Community Schools (Boone County).