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Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service/Promise Mentoring Partnership — Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA)

History and Purpose

The Iowa Office on Volunteerism was created in 1978 by Executive Order 33. The Office was later replaced by the Iowa Commission for National and Community Service in 1994 (Executive Order 48). In 1998, the name was officially changed to the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service (ICVS) (Executive Order 64). The ICVS was added to the Iowa Code in 2005 as part of the Governor's Office in HF 478 (Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service Act). The ICVS was later transferred to the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) in HF 590 (Economic Development Agencies and Programs Act).

The mission of the ICVS is to advise and assist in the development and implementation of a comprehensive, statewide plan for promoting volunteer involvement and citizen participation in Iowa, as well as to serve as the State's liaison to national and State organizations that support the mission of the Commission. The ICVS is comprised of 25 members appointed by the Governor. The ICVS and its commissioners, staff, and partner agencies work with organizations and individuals and focus on three main areas: helping agencies develop programs that use service as a strategy to fulfill their missions and address Iowa's greatest areas of need; helping engage Iowans in their communities by promoting service and expanding the volunteer base; and connecting individuals with appropriate service opportunities by building the volunteer infrastructure.

More Information

Volunteer Iowa: www.volunteeriowa.org
Executive Order 33: publications.iowa.gov/3820/1/Executive_Order_Number_Thirty-Three.pdf
Executive Order 64: publications.iowa.gov/3956/1/Executive_Order_Number_Sixty-Four.pdf
HF 478: www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/iactc/81.1/CH0042.pdf
Iowa Economic Development Authority: iowaeconomicdevelopment.com
HF 590: www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/iactc/84.1/CH0118.pdf
Iowa Mentoring Partnership: www.iowamentoring.org
Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring: www.mentoring.org/program_resources/elements_and_toolkits
SF 2428: www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/iactc/78.2/CH1230.pdf
HF 2743: www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/iactc/81.2/CH1181.pdf
Department on Aging: www.iowaaging.gov
Corporation for National and Community Service: www.nationalservice.gov
Disaster Volunteers: volunteeriowa.org/disaster-volunteers
AmeriCorps State Grants: volunteeriowa.org/ameri-corps-state
AmeriCorps Vista: volunteeriowa.org/ameri-corps-vista
AmeriCorps NCCC: volunteeriowa.org/organizations/icvs-programs/ameri-corps/ameri-corps-nccc
Volunteer Generation Fund: volunteeriowa.org/press-release/2015-10-22/volunteer-generation-fund-vgf-grant-opportunity
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Another responsibility of the ICVS is to administer the Iowa Mentoring Partnership (IMP). The IMP certifies Iowa mentoring programs using the national Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring, promotes mentoring through events and education, provides e-mentoring web service to Iowa programs, facilitates collaboration through a provider board, and provides statewide training and technical assistance to Iowa programs.

State Funding

A General Fund appropriation to the ICVS began in FY 2001 in SF 2428 (FY 2001 Economic Development Appropriations Act). In FY 2003, this appropriation was merged with the Administrative Services Division appropriation to the Department of Economic Development (DED). The Iowa Mentoring Partnership was added to the ICVS and received an appropriation from the Healthy Iowans Tobacco Trust Fund from FY 2007 to FY 2009 in HF 2743 (Healthy Iowans Tobacco Trust Fund Act). In FY 2010, the IMP was funded from the General Fund. In FY 2012, the portion that was previously paid for by the DED Administrative Services Division appropriation was made part of the Promise Mentoring Partnership appropriation, bringing the total moneys for both programs into one appropriation. In addition to this General Fund appropriation, the Iowa Department on Aging General Fund appropriation annually allocates funds for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Service Program operated by the ICVS. State funding provides approximately 8.1% of the total funding for the ICVS.

Federal Funding and Other Funds

The General Fund appropriation allows the ICVS to match the AmeriCorps State Service Commission Support Grant. This grant has a 1:1 match requirement. Participation in this grant is required for participation in the rest of the programs offered by the Corporation for National and Community Service. Additional programs administered by the ICVS include Disaster Volunteers, Learn & Serve, AmeriCorps State Grants, AmeriCorps Vista, AmeriCorps NCCC, and Volunteer Generation Fund. Federal funding makes up about 83.6% of the total current receipts for the ICVS. The majority of this funding is expended through State Aid. The ICVS also receives and utilizes private donations as available.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [15H](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [261](#) and [817](#)

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