



**Volunteer Iowa (Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service)
Quarterly Report:
October 1 – December 31, 2020**

AmeriCorps:

In December, the Commission voted to forward the following slate of AmeriCorps programs to the federal level funding competition for the 2021-2022 program year:

Iowa AmeriCorps State Competitive Cost Reimbursement		
Competitive continuation	City of Davenport	City of Davenport AmeriCorps & Youth Corps Program
Competitive continuation	City of Dubuque	AmeriCorps Partners in Learning
Competitive continuation	Ethnic Minorities of Burma Advocacy and Resource Center (EMBARC)	RefugeeRISE AmeriCorps
Competitive continuation	Iowa Legal Aid	Iowa Legal Aid AmeriCorps Project
Competitive continuation	Habitat for Humanity of Iowa, Inc.	Habitat for Humanity of Iowa AmeriCorps
Competitive continuation	Iowa State University	AmeriCorps Partnering to Protect Children
Competitive new	Iowa Western Community College	Campus Compact AmeriCorps Program
Competitive new	Zach Johnson Foundation	Kids on Course AmeriCorps
Competitive recompetete	Graceland University AmeriCorps Youth Launch	AmeriCorps Youth Launch
Competitive recompetete	Iowa College Student Aid Commission	Course to College AmeriCorps- College Access
Competitive recompetete	Iowa State University	Iowa AmeriCorps 4-H Outreach Program
Competitive recompetete	United Ways of Iowa	Iowa Reading Corps AmeriCorps Program
Competitive recompetete	University of Northern Iowa	Green Iowa AmeriCorps

Iowa AmeriCorps State Competitive Fixed Amount		
Competitive continuation	College Possible	College Possible Iowa AmeriCorps
Competitive continuation	Conservation Corps of Minnesota and Iowa	Conservation Corps Iowa AmeriCorps

Commission Business: Nothing new to report.

Disaster Response:

Volunteer Iowa continues to support communities recovering from the August 10th Derecho. The AmeriCorps Disaster Response Team (A-DRT) Mission Assignment was completed. It was between 9.15.2020-10.28.2020. AmeriCorps allocated \$233,000 to support the deployment.

A-DRT Field Deployments

- 6 Crews deployed over the course of this Mission Assignment from Volunteer Iowa, ACE Texas, Conservation Corps of Minnesota and Iowa (CCMI), and the North Central NCCC campus
- 27 AmeriCorps Members made up these teams
- 3 Staff Members deployed over the course of this Mission Assignment
- 6,317 Member service hours

Mission Quantifiables

- 60 Work Orders Completed a "work order" refers to a single address; there can be multiple jobs under one work order.
- 90 Damage Assessments Completed
- 4,953 Cubic yards of debris cleared
- 367 Hazardous Trees Removed
- 162 Wellness and Safety Checks
- 0 Cases of COVID-19

Iowa Mentoring Partnership (IMP):

- ***Youth Mentoring:*** Monthly program calls added in addition to monthly professional development webinars for increased networking/support for mentoring program staff. Virtual Mentoring Conference held October 29 and 30 with a focus on supporting mentoring programs and matches during the pandemic. One on One Mentoring Garner completed National Quality Mentoring System assessment and met requirements for new certification with the IMP.
- ***Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant:*** New Grant Manager, Toni Lampley, hired in December. Budget adjustments allowed to support safe programming during the pandemic. Group call hosted in December for peer learning.
- ***Future Ready Iowa Mentoring Program:*** Virtual Career Mentoring program delivered presentations regarding the program to multiple associations, campus and workforce partners. Facilitated training and orientation for host sites and AmeriCorps College Success Coaches.

Volunteer Recognition:

- ***Governor's Volunteer Awards:*** The 2020 Governor's Volunteer Awards were cancelled due to COVID-19 and will resume in 2021.
- ***2020 Volunteer Hall of Fame and Excellence in Mentoring Awards:*** Nominations for the 2020 awards opened in November - January 21, 2020. The 2020 Volunteer Iowa awards ceremony scheduled for April 21, 2021 was postponed due to COVID-19 and will be rescheduled in 2021. More information about the awards and the 2020 Volunteer Hall of Fame inductees can be found [here](#).

RSVP: Nothing new to report during this time period.

Service Enterprise:

A virtual statewide Service Enterprise cohort was hosted to allow interested organizations to continue to participate despite barriers to coming together in-person for the trainings. This will be explored as a continuing option in the future to expand access to the process to rural communities.

Training:

- Volunteer Iowa continued to support programs through virtual training and technical assistance.
- ***AmeriCorps Program Staff Launch:*** This is an annual training offered for all Iowa AmeriCorps program staff. It occurred October 19th and 20th. The training sessions offered networking, learning about state and federal grant requirements and updates and overall support program core competency growth.
- ***Iowa Mentoring Partnership Open Space Conference:*** This training and learning occurred October 29th and 30th. The Open Space conference is also referred to as an unconference. This gives the ability for attendees to offer topics and sessions they want to cover, talk about, and tackle. These sessions are peer led.

Volunteer Generation Fund:

Volunteer Iowa has awarded Volunteer Generation Fund grants to the following organizations: City of Dubuque, North Iowa Area Community College, United Way of East Central Iowa, United Way of Wapello County, Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley, and Volunteer Siouxland. This represents year one of a three-year grant award.