

15H.7 Iowa reading corps program

FY2021 Annual Report to the General Assembly and the Department of Education

The purpose of the Iowa reading corps program is to provide Iowa reading corps AmeriCorps members with a data-based, problem-solving model of literacy instruction to use in tutoring students from prekindergarten to third grade who are not proficient in reading or who are at risk of becoming not proficient in reading. The program shall use models of early literacy instruction reviewed and approved by the Iowa department of education pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.9(53)"c." Iowa reading corps grants will give support, on a competitive basis, to AmeriCorps programs in Iowa that utilize AmeriCorps funding awarded by the commission and other funds received in the community programs account established pursuant to 2015 Iowa Acts, House File 488, section 2. The program is established under the authority of the Iowa commission on volunteer service in collaboration with the Iowa department of education pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 15H as amended by 2015 Iowa Acts, House File 488.

In FY2021, two Iowa reading corps programs were certified, but no state funding was appropriated:

Program Sponsor	Program Name	Iowa reading corps State Funding Awarded	Total MSYs Awarded (similar to FTE)
City of Dubuque	Partners in Learning AmeriCorps Program	\$0	13.18
United Ways of Iowa	Iowa Reading Corps AmeriCorps Program	\$0	65

The programs had the following accomplishments (please note these programs were impacted by COVID-19, so numbers might be lower than anticipated or compared to previous years):

- Complete data for the 2019-2020 AmeriCorps program year (only partial data was available for FY20)
- Partial data for the 2020-2021 AmeriCorps program year*

Program Year	Description	Performance Measure- Output	Results	Performance Measure- Outcome	Results
2019-2020**	AmeriCorps members provide literacy tutoring sessions to students identified as needing additional support in reading and literacy skills.	Number of students served by a CNCS-supported education program.	2,431	Number of students with improved academic performance in literacy.	1,276
2020-2021	AmeriCorps members provide literacy tutoring sessions to students identified as needing additional support in reading and literacy skills.	Number of students served by a CNCS-supported education program.	1,233	Number of students with improved academic performance in literacy.	848

*The final reporting period for the 2020-2021 program year will be in the fall of 2021, so the numbers reflected here are only from their mid-year progress report. We will include the full 20-21 program results in the FY22 state report, in addition to the mid-year data for 21-22 program year.

**This set of data includes the 2 Program Sponsors listed above, in addition to Des Moines Public Schools, Des Moines Public Schools AmeriCorps. This program closed at the end of 2019-2020 program year.