



Volunteer Iowa (Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service)

Quarterly Report:

April 1 – June 30, 2022

- **AmeriCorps**

Volunteer Iowa has awarded federal and state AmeriCorps funding that will leverage private and local funding for a total of over \$15 million, an increase of \$3 million compared to last year's awards. This funding will support over 800 AmeriCorps State members who will be eligible to earn over \$2.7 million worth of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards for their service. (After completing a full term of service, AmeriCorps members receive an award of approximately \$6,500 that they can use to pay for college or to pay off student loans.

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.

In addition to the program grants listed below, Volunteer Iowa also approved the award of planning grant funding to be made available during a competition taking place in summer-fall 2022.

Volunteer Iowa announced the following AmeriCorps State grants for program year 2022-2023:

Grantee Organization	AmeriCorps Program Name	Total Grant Award Amount
Bur Oak Land Trust	Bur Oak Land Trust AmeriCorps	\$308,823
City of Davenport	City of Davenport AmeriCorps & Youth Corps Program	\$969,731
City of Dubuque	City of Dubuque AmeriCorps Program: Creating Opportunities	\$385,378

City of Dubuque	City of Dubuque AmeriCorps Program: Partners in Learning	\$567,633
Conservation Corps of Minnesota and Iowa	Conservation Corps Iowa AmeriCorps	\$360,000
Ethnic Minorities of Burma Advocacy and Resource Center (EMBARC)	RISE AmeriCorps	\$1,631,916
Graceland University AmeriCorps Youth Launch	AmeriCorps Youth Launch	\$422,923
Habitat for Humanity of Iowa, Inc.	Habitat for Humanity of Iowa AmeriCorps	\$941,785
Hawkeye Community College	RedTails LEAD AmeriCorps	\$406,468
Iowa College Student Aid Commission	Course to College AmeriCorps- College Access & Success	\$457,965
Iowa Council for International Understanding	Welcome English AmeriCorps	\$370,935
Iowa Economic Development Authority	IEDA AmeriCorps Planning Grant	\$24,742
Iowa Economic Development Authority	Iowa COVID-19 Recovery AmeriCorps	\$446,093
Iowa Legal Aid	Iowa Legal Aid AmeriCorps Project	\$482,890
Iowa State University of Science & Technology	ISU Child Welfare AmeriCorps Planning Grant	\$52,138
Iowa State University of Science and Technology	AmeriCorps Partnering to Protect Children	\$190,391

Iowa State University of Science and Technology	Iowa AmeriCorps 4-H Outreach Program	\$1,492,025
Iowa Western Community College	Campus Compact Civic Leaders AmeriCorps Program	\$944,992
Please Pass the Love	Behavioral Health Technology AmeriCorps Mentoring Project	\$85,248
The Iowa Children's Museum	Iowa Afterschool STEM AmeriCorps	\$357,960
United Ways of Iowa	Iowa Reading Corps AmeriCorps Program	\$1,556,791
University of Northern Iowa	Green Iowa AmeriCorps	\$2,485,147
Zach Johnson Foundation	Kids on Course AmeriCorps	\$534,662

- **Commission Business**

- Outgoing Commissioners: Volunteer Iowa held its commission meeting on Tuesday, May 17. During the meeting, the commission bid farewell to four commissioners whose terms have expired. Cherian Koshy, Leah Rodenberg, Anderson Sainci, and Kerry Walter Ashby made tremendous contributions to the commission during their terms of service, and they will be greatly missed. Angela Jiskoot was elected as chair of the commission and Dan Cataldi was elected vice chair. They both begin their leadership positions on July 1, 2022.

- **Iowa Mentoring Partnership (IMP)**

- Two Excellence in Mentoring Awards were presented on April 21, 2022, to outstanding youth mentors for service as mentors and mentor advocates.
- Two programs completed their National Quality Mentoring Assessment and were granted certification.
- Staff received training to become National Mentoring Resource Center technical assistance providers to local programs.

Future Ready Iowa Mentoring:

- **Virtual College Coach Program: Last-Dollar Scholarship Campaign**
 - Current LDS recipients receiving text messages: 5,273
 - Total Messages Sent to LDS (since 8/1/21): 118,846
 - Total Messages received from LDS recipients (since 8/1/21): 9,165

- **Success Coach Program: 21-22 college campuses*:**
 - Kirkwood Community College - LDS Students: 767**
 - Southwestern Community College - LDS Students 164**
 - *On-campus coaches have all exited from their term - or - have moved service sites to Virtual College Coach
 - **LDS Recipient counts are not final; they are approximate until Iowa College Aid has closed awarding for 21-22 academic year
- **Career Mentoring Updates:**
 - 48 additional students (from 12 different colleges) enrolled in virtual career mentoring during the '21-'22 academic year
 - The number of enrolled mentors in the workforce increased to 77 - each of the eligible fields are represented, with the majority being in Information Technology (26) and Healthcare (25), which corresponds with student demand
 - 766 Mentoring Activities were captured in the Chronus E-Mentoring Platform (e.g., goals completed, resume review)
 - 131.3 Hours Were Spent in Virtual Meetings in the platform
 - 100+ Meetings and professional development activities occurred beyond the e-mentoring platform, including attendance at conferences and job site visits
 - 390 Instant messages were exchanged between matches
 - Student testimonials include employment and internships owed to engagement in the program
 - Several updates were made to the existing curriculum to drive match engagement

Recognition

- **Give Back Iowa Challenge:** The 2022 Give Back Iowa Challenge had 30 employers registered to participate in the challenge. Nearly 30,000 volunteer hours were logged during the two month challenge period. The winners and runners up of the challenge are:
 - Small: CENT Credit Union, Mason City
Honorable Mention: Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization, Des Moines
 - Large: Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, Riverside
Honorable Mention: Spencer Municipal Hospital, Spencer
- **Iowa Volunteer Hall of Fame Ceremony:** The Iowa Volunteer Award Ceremony honored 9 Hall of Fame inductees and 2 Excellence in Mentoring Awardees on April 21, 2022 in the State Capitol. Lt. Gov Adam Gregg and Commission Chair Cherian Koshy presented the awards. Information about the inductees is available on our website at <https://www.volunteeriowa.org/hof>.
- **Governor's Volunteer Awards 2022 Ceremonies:** Four regional Governor's Volunteer Awards (GVA) ceremonies were held May 31, June 8, June 15, and June 21, with the final ceremony tentatively planned for September 2022. The ceremonies featured remarks from the Governor, Commissioners, and regional leaders. The ceremony honored contributions of 586 individuals and groups serving 422 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
Connections Area Agency on Aging	Mills and Pottawattamie County RSVP	\$ 14,227	\$ 52,500.00
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	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

- Service Enterprise**

Volunteer Iowa obtained recertification from Points of Light as a Certified Service Enterprise, which is effective through the end of 2024. The Iowa Department for the Blind received Service Enterprise Re-Certification, and applications are being accepted for a new training cohort this fall.

- **Volunteer Generation Fund**
 - A grant from Youth Service America was again received for a partnership between Volunteer Iowa, the Department for Human Rights, and the Iowa Afterschool Alliance to provide training and resources to support youth service and service learning. An AmeriCorps VISTA member has been recruited to help lead the project and will begin service in August.
- **Disaster**
 - Several trainings are being planned for next quarter that will address the growing percentage of turnover in the disaster field by having targeted trainings with newly onboarded Volunteer Center Staff and leaders.
- **Youth Service & Service-Learning**
 - Volunteer Iowa hosted two sessions for Global Youth Service Day (April 29-May 1). One session was for Iowa schools on best practices for creating a meaningful student voluntary service (silver cord) program. Volunteer Iowa also hosted a virtual professional development session for high school students, college students, and AmeriCorps members on how to leverage volunteer experience on resumes and/or college applications. Additionally, we discussed careers related to service and the nonprofit sector.