

15H.7 Iowa reading corps program

FY2024 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 FY2024, one Iowa reading corps programs were certified, but no state funding was appropriated:

Program Sponsor	Program Name	State Funding Awarded	Federal Funding Awarded	Total MSYs Awarded (similar to FTE)	Total AmeriCorps Members Awarded
United Ways of Iowa	Iowa Reading Corps AmeriCorps Program	\$0	\$1,098,496	45	65

The programs had the following accomplishments:

- Complete data for the 2022-2023 AmeriCorps program year*
- Mid-year data for the 2023-2024 AmeriCorps program year**

Program Year	Description	Performance Measure- Output	Results	Performance Measure- Outcome	Results
2022-2023	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.	1208	Number of students with improved academic performance in literacy.	758
2023-2024	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.	1008	Number of students with improved academic performance in literacy.	670

*FY2023 includes data from the two Iowa reading corps programs that were certified (Partners in Learning AmeriCorps Program (City of Dubuque) and Iowa Reading Corps AmeriCorps Program (United Ways of Iowa)).

**The final reporting period for the 2023-2024 program year will be in the fall of 2024, so the numbers reflected here are only from the mid-year progress report.