

Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service
FY2006 – 4th Quarter Report

Volunteer Promotion and Recognition

More than 700 Governor's Volunteer Awards were presented June 12-15th to volunteers who spend time assisting state or city government agencies or one of Iowa's nonprofit organizations. Regional recognition ceremonies were held in Des Moines, Storm Lake, Cedar Falls, Marion, and Ottumwa. This is the 27th Annual Governor's Volunteer Awards Program and the first time city governments have been eligible to nominate their outstanding volunteers through our partnership with the Iowa League of Cities.

AmeriCorps/Senior Corps Training

The 2nd Annual Iowa National Service Leadership Institute was held on May 2-3, 2006 at the Greater Des Moines YMCA camp. This event attracted nearly 100 AmeriCorps members and program directors from across the state and engaged them in various leadership workshops to enhance their personal and professional development. The Asset Based Community Development Institute from Northwestern University provided training to help participants create ways to mobilize resources to strengthen communities. Participants were also involved in trainings that provided effective methods for developing community service projects and strengthening team leadership building skills. This event also serves as a recognition event for National Service participants across the state for their commitment to serving Iowa communities.

AmeriCorps Grants

In June, we received notification from the Corporation for National and Community Service, that Iowa's AmeriCorps programs would receive more than \$1.5 million in federal funds to administer eight AmeriCorps programs. The federal funds will leverage more than \$1.1 million in local resources and will generate more than 220,000 hours of service from the AmeriCorps members. In addition, it's anticipated that more than 5,000 additional volunteers will provide more than 100,000 hours of service in support of the AmeriCorps programs.

RSVP Grants

The Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service is pleased to announce the distribution of nearly \$200,000 in state resources to Iowa's RSVP programs. These programs work across the state to engage individuals that are 55 and over in meeting Iowa's critical needs. The amounts awarded and counties served are listed below:

City	County	Amount
Boone	Boone	\$ 11,492
Carroll	Carroll	\$ 5,346
Cedar Rapids	Linn	\$ 5,346
Clarinda	Page, Taylor, Montgomery	\$ 5,346
Clinton	Clinton	\$ 5,346
Council Bluffs	Mills, Pottawattamie	\$ 16,938
Davenport	Scott	\$ 5,346
Decorah	Winneshiek	\$ 14,040
Des Moines	Dallas, Polk, Warren	\$ 5,346
Dubuque	Dubuque	\$ 5,346
Forest City	Cerro Gordo, Worth, Hancock, Winnebago	\$ 5,346

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Fort Dodge	Webster	\$ 16,938
Fort Madison	North Lee County	\$ 5,346
Iowa City	Johnson, Iowa, Muscatine	\$ 31,864
Mount Pleasant	Henry	\$ 11,492
Newton	Jasper	\$ 5,346
Ottumwa	Monroe, Wapello	\$ 5,346
Sioux City	Woodbury	\$ 5,346
Spencer	Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Kossuth, Palo Alto	\$ 5,346
Story City	Story, Marshall	\$ 14,244
Waterloo	Blackhawk, Fayette	\$ 5,346
Webster City	Hamilton, Wright	\$ 5,346