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Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service/ Promise Mentoring Partnership

History and Purpose

The Iowa Office on Volunteerism was created in 1978 by [Executive Order 33](#). The Office was later replaced by the Iowa Commission for National and Community Service in 1994 (pursuant to [Executive Order 48](#)). In 1998, the name was officially changed to the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service (ICVS) (pursuant to [Executive Order 64](#)). In 2005, the ICVS was added to the Iowa Code as part of the Governor's Office in 2005 Iowa Acts, chapter [42](#) (Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service Act). The ICVS was later transferred to the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) in 2011 Iowa Acts, chapter [118](#) (Economic Development Agencies and Programs Act). The ICVS was transferred to the Department of Health and Human Services in 2023 Iowa Acts, [SF 514](#) (State Government Alignment Act).

The mission of the ICVS is to advise and assist in the development and implementation of a comprehensive, statewide plan for promoting volunteer involvement and citizen participation in Iowa, as well as to serve as the State's liaison to national and State organizations that support the mission of the Commission. The ICVS is comprised of 25 members appointed by the Governor. The ICVS and its commissioners, staff, and partner agencies work with organizations and individuals and focus on three main areas: helping agencies develop programs that use service as a strategy to fulfill their missions and address Iowa's greatest areas of need; helping engage Iowans in their communities by promoting service and expanding the volunteer base; and connecting individuals with appropriate service opportunities by building the volunteer infrastructure.

Another responsibility of the ICVS is to administer the Iowa Mentoring Partnership (IMP). The IMP certifies Iowa mentoring programs using the national Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring, promotes mentoring through events and education, provides e-mentoring web service to Iowa programs, facilitates collaboration through a provider board, and provides statewide training and technical assistance to Iowa programs.

State Funding

A General Fund appropriation to the ICVS began in FY 2001 in 2000 Iowa Acts, chapter [1230](#) (FY 2001 Economic Development Appropriations Act). In FY 2003, this appropriation was merged with the Administrative Services Division appropriation to the Department of Economic Development (DED). The Iowa Mentoring Partnership was added to the ICVS and received an appropriation from the Healthy Iowans Tobacco Trust Fund from FY 2007 to FY 2009 in 2006 Iowa Acts, chapter [1181](#) (Healthy Iowans Tobacco Trust Fund Act). In FY 2010, the IMP was funded from the General Fund. In FY 2012, the portion that was previously paid for by the DED Administrative Services Division appropriation was made part of the Promise Mentoring Partnership appropriation, bringing the total moneys for both programs into one appropriation. In addition to this General Fund appropriation, the Iowa Department on Aging General

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Fund appropriation annually allocates funds for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program operated by the ICVS. State funding provides approximately 8.1% of the total funding for the ICVS. Beginning in FY 2024, funding for the ICVS comes from a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services.

Federal Funding and Other Funds

The General Fund appropriation allows the ICVS to match the AmeriCorps State Service Commission Support Grant. This grant has a one-to-one match requirement. Participation in this grant is required for participation in the rest of the programs offered by the Corporation for National and Community Service. Additional programs administered by the ICVS include Disaster Volunteers, Learn and Serve, AmeriCorps State Grants, AmeriCorps Vista, AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC), and the Volunteer Generation Fund. Federal funding makes up about 83.6% of the total current receipts for the ICVS. Most of this funding is expended through State aid. The ICVS also receives and utilizes private donations as available.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [15H](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [261](#) and [817](#)

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