



AmeriCorps State Programs Iowa 2018-2019



This document lists our currently funded AmeriCorps programs for the 2018-2019 program year who will have members serving with them and host sites across the state. This is a directory that lists the programs in alphabetical order with their AmeriCorps program name, a brief summary of the activities the program offers, and contact information. Please reach out to the contact person listed with any inquires.

Program Name	Program Sponsor	Focus Area	Program/Site Location
AmeriCorps Partnering to Protect Children	Iowa State University	Capacity Building	Statewide
AmeriCorps Partners in Learning & AmeriCorps Partners in Learning -Summer	City of Dubuque	Education	Dubuque
AmeriCorps Youth Launch	Graceland University	Education & Youth Development	South Central Iowa
City of Davenport AmeriCorps/Youth Corps	City of Davenport	Education & Youth Development	Davenport
College Possible Iowa AmeriCorps	College Possible	Education	Cedar Rapids & Decorah
Conservation Corps Iowa AmeriCorps	Conservation Corps Minnesota and Iowa	Environment	Ames, Council Bluffs, & Des Moines
Des Moines Public School AmeriCorps	Des Moines Independent Community School District	Education	Des Moines
Educate and Elevate AmeriCorps	Iowa Department of Education	Economic Opportunity & Education	Statewide
Green Iowa AmeriCorps	University of Northern Iowa	Energy Efficiency	Northeast & Eastern Iowa
Grinnell AmeriCorps Partnership	Trustees of Grinnell College	Capacity Building	Grinnell
Habitat for Humanity of Iowa AmeriCorps	Habitat for Humanity of Iowa	Environment	Statewide
Land & Water Steward AmeriCorps	University of Northern Iowa	Energy Efficiency & Environment	Northeast & Eastern Iowa
Iowa AmeriCorps 4H Outreach Program & Iowa AmeriCorps 4H Environmental Education Program	Iowa State University	Education & Youth Development	Statewide
Iowa College AmeriCorps Program	Iowa Western Community College	Capacity Building	Statewide
Iowa College Success AmeriCorps	Iowa College Student Aid Commission	Education	Statewide



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IDPH AmeriCorps Substance Abuse Prevention Program	Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH)	Healthy Futures	Statewide
Iowa Legal Aid AmeriCorps Project	Iowa Legal Aid	Economic Opportunity	Statewide
Iowa Reading Corps AmeriCorps Program	United Ways of Iowa	Education	Statewide
Kids on Course AmeriCorps	Zach Johnson Foundation	Education	Cedar Rapids
Public Allies Iowa AmeriCorps	Public Allies, Inc.	Capacity Building	Statewide
Refugee RISE AmeriCorps	Ethnic Minorities of Burma Advocacy & Resource Center (EMBARC)	Economic Opportunity	Des Moines & Marshalltown
Summer Ladder AmeriCorps	Iowa Children's Museum	Education & Capacity Building	Statewide



AmeriCorps Partnering to Protect Children

The Child Welfare Research and Training Project at Iowa State University (ISU) proposes to have 20 AmeriCorps members who will build capacity in under-served rural and high-poverty urban areas with limited resources and organizational infrastructure. At the end of the 2018 (third) program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for providing technical assistance for implementing evidence-informed and evidence-based prevention strategies in local communities. In addition, AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 580 volunteers who will be engaged in 1160 hours of service, with 23 volunteers assuming leadership (champion) positions in local communities. The program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Healthy Futures.

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AmeriCorps Partners in Learning

The AmeriCorps Partners in Learning program proposes to have 68 AmeriCorps members who will tutor struggling readers one on one or in small groups in the Dubuque Community School District's elementary schools and summer programs. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for increasing the reading scores of 810 economically disadvantaged students. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 300 volunteers who will be engaged in Dubuque community days of service.

AmeriCorps Partners in Learning – Summer

The AmeriCorps Partners in Learning Summer program proposes to have 10 AmeriCorps members who will mentor at risk youth one on one or in small groups at the Leisure Services Evening Playground Program and the Multicultural Family Center's Youth Employment and Education Program (YEEP). At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for ensuring 56 at risk youth complete the mentoring program. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 100 volunteers who will be engaged in Dubuque community days of service.

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AmeriCorps Youth Launch

Graceland University AmeriCorps Youth Launch (AYL) proposes to have 36 AmeriCorps members (2 RFT, 12 HT, 16 QT, 6 MT) who will serve as mentors to provide asset-building activities in Clarke, Decatur, Lucas, Ringgold, Union, and Wayne Counties in rural South Central Iowa. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for mentoring youth and providing interventions to increase the possession of 7 Developmental Assets to increase the likelihood of school and life success to reduce economic, cultural, and opportunity poverty. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage 460 volunteers who will be engaged in programs and activities that serve youth, families, and communities.

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City of Davenport AmeriCorps/Youth Corps Program

The City of Davenport proposes 99 AmeriCorps members who will serve to improve the graduation rate of Davenport, by serving in programs and activities at Big Brothers Big Sisters, Davenport Community Schools, Stepping Stones, Davenport Parks and Recreation and Girl Scouts. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for raising the attendance rates, reading proficiency, and decreasing the high-risk behaviors for Davenport community schools students. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 300 volunteers who will be engaged in mentoring activities with youth.

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College Possible

College Possible proposes to have 4 AmeriCorps members, 4 MSY, who will work with Coe College and Luther College to prepare their low-income students for success in post-secondary education. At the end of this program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for increasing student persistence; a one-year measure of success towards college graduation. This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Education.

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Conservation Corps Iowa AmeriCorps

Conservation Corps proposes to have 24 AmeriCorps members who will restore habitat, create trail, and respond to disasters to improve community health and safety in Polk County and Pottawattamie County, Iowa. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for restoring 7500 acres of vital habitat and creating or improving 20 miles of trails and waterways. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 100 community volunteers, who will be engaged in river clean-ups, rain garden installations and tree planting events.

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Des Moines Public Schools AmeriCorps Program

The Des Moines Public Schools proposes to have thirty-six AmeriCorps members who will provide literacy tutoring to 2,140 K-5th grade students each year in thirty elementary schools and in summer programs, as well as six members who will provide Check and Connect programming to 210 students in six middle schools. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for 873 elementary students meeting expected growth in reading, evidenced by FAST and MAP assessment data, and 119 middle school students demonstrating improved academic engagement, evidenced by improved attendance (fewer days absent), improved behavior (fewer discipline referrals), and improved academic achievement (meeting expected growth in reading and math on MAP assessment). In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 268 volunteers who will be engaged in assisting with family activities at school. This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of education.

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Educate and Elevate AmeriCorps

The Iowa Department of Education proposes to have 49 AmeriCorps members who will provide one-on-one tutoring, small group tutoring, peer mentoring and volunteer management services in Iowa's 15 community colleges that serve all of Iowa's 99 counties. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for a 3 percent increase in high school equivalency credentials for the state of Iowa. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage 70 volunteers who will be engaged in literacy development.

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Green Iowa AmeriCorps

The University of Northern Iowa proposes to have 58 members who will provide direct energy efficiency services, environmental education, volunteer engagement opportunities, and engage in member professional development experiences in 13 Iowa counties. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for 440 audits for low-income households, 308 low-income weatherizations, and 300 educational programs completed with 3,000 participants. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage 1,040 volunteers who will be engaged in 240 service projects related to energy and the environmental stewardship. This program will focus on the CNCS Focus Area of Environmental Stewardship.

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Grinnell AmeriCorps Partnership

Grinnell College proposes a multi-focus intermediary program to have 33 AmeriCorps Members who will provide direct service (literacy enrichment) through out-of-school opportunities and capacity building services for our Campaign for Grade Level Reading effort in Grinnell, Iowa, a rural community of 9141. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps Members will be responsible for helping community organizations address the early learning achievement gap for low income students, with an anticipated outcome of 42 economically disadvantaged students completing the summer education program (as measured by having attended at least 75 hours of summer programming) and 32 of those students showing improved academic performance in literacy. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 32 volunteers who will be engaged in community taskforce work to advance local education priorities.

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Habitat for Humanity of Iowa AmeriCorps State Program

The Habitat for Humanity of Iowa proposes to have 37 AmeriCorps members who will develop affordable housing in Iowa. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for increasing the number of families living in Habitat housing. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 10,000 volunteers who will be engaged in the construction of low-income housing. This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Economic Opportunity.

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Iowa AmeriCorps 4H Outreach Program

The Iowa State University AmeriCorps 4-H Outreach Program, a Rural Intermediary program, proposes to have 23 full time and 14 part-time AmeriCorps members who will coordinate a combination of in-school programming, after-school programming, and out-of-school programming in 18 sites that have a high concentration of youth who are economically disadvantaged, reside in rural areas, and/or have special/exceptional needs. At the end of the first program year, the members will be responsible for increasing academic engagement in youth participants. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage 1200 volunteers to support activities associated with positive youth development.

Iowa AmeriCorps 4H Environmental Education Program

The Iowa State University AmeriCorps Environmental Education Program proposes to have 26 AmeriCorps members who will provide environmental and health education activities. The program meets the Environmental Stewardship priority by supporting responsible stewardship of the environment; by providing programs that teach how to conserve natural habitats, protect clean air and water, maintain public lands, and cultivate individual and community self-sufficiency. The program also meets the Healthy Futures priority by increasing physical activity and improving nutrition in youth with the purpose of reducing childhood obesity

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Iowa College AmeriCorps Program

Iowa Campus Compact proposes to have 179 AmeriCorps members who coordinate student volunteers, provide specialty capacity building services, and implement summer reading programs in communities across the state of Iowa. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for improving the efficiency of Iowa's colleges and nonprofits to serve more local beneficiaries. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 4,000 volunteers who will be engaged in supporting nonprofits by providing direct services to their communities.

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Iowa College Success AmeriCorps

Iowa College Aid proposes to have 20 AmeriCorps members who will provide one-on-one advising and support to college-aspiring, economically disadvantaged high school students or college-aspiring high school seniors with special and exceptional needs in Iowa high schools. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for 225 students entering post-secondary institutions. This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Education.

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Iowa Department of Public Health AmeriCorps Substance Abuse Prevention Program

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), Division of Behavioral Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse proposes to support 30 AmeriCorps members (15 full time and 15 half time) who will provide education to Iowa community members on substance abuse, particularly opioid and prescription drug abuse; build capacity of organizations who need to broaden understanding of opioid and prescription drug abuse; and form coalitions and partners to address the growing crisis. At the end of the first program year, AmeriCorps members will increase community education, knowledge, and awareness on prescription drug and opioid abuse and enhance program capacity and sustainability of substance abuse prevention programs, mentoring programs, and recovery community organizations. In addition, AmeriCorps members will recruit 300 volunteers who will be engaged in 1100 hours of service.

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Iowa Legal Aid AmeriCorps

Iowa Legal Aid proposes to have 20 AmeriCorps members who will provide direct services to Iowa Legal Aid's low-income clients, helping them access legal information, resources, and support they need to resolve their civil legal problems impacting their basic necessities of life and fundamental legal obligations. Members will serve low-income Iowans in each of the state's 99 counties, from Iowa Legal Aid's 10 regional offices, located in Cedar Rapids, Council Bluffs, Davenport, Des Moines, Dubuque, Iowa City, Mason City, Ottumwa, Sioux City, and Waterloo. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for helping 9,500 low-income Iowans receive essential legal support. AmeriCorps members will also leverage an additional 310 volunteers who will be engaged in helping more low-income Iowans receive improved access to the justice system.

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Iowa Reading Corps AmeriCorps

The United Ways of Iowa proposes to have 70 AmeriCorps members who will serve as Iowa Reading Corps AmeriCorps members tutoring students in K-3rd grade who are at risk of reading failure in the state of Iowa. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for delivering interventions that improve literacy skills and related academic performance. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage 350 volunteers who will be engaged in 1-time and ongoing literacy activities.

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Kids on Course AmeriCorps

The Kids on Course AmeriCorps proposes to have 10 full-time and 20 minimum-time AmeriCorps members who will provide academic support and increase engagement for low-income children, kindergarten through 12th grade, through literacy and math tutoring, enrichment curricula, coordination of after school interventions, and summer programming in the Cedar Rapids Community School District. At the end of the first year, the AmeriCorps will be responsible for lessening the achievement gap in the Cedar Rapids community. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage 40 volunteers who will be engaged in academic interventions, enrichment programming, and wholistic support projects that support the wellbeing of the students.

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Land & Water Stewards AmeriCorps Program

The University of Northern Iowa proposes to have 34 Land & Water Stewards AmeriCorps members who will focus on water quality improvement in urban settings as part of a yearlong and summer program initiative. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will have installed 50 water quality projects resulting in 25 acres of private or public property committed to maintenance practices free of pesticides and herbicides. The program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Environmental Stewardship.

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Public Allies Iowa AmeriCorps

The Public Allies Iowa AmeriCorps program proposes to have 25 AmeriCorps members who will deliver more effective programming that addresses economic disparities contributing to or resulting from poverty, in 18 unique organizations throughout metropolitan Des Moines and surrounding areas. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for engaging volunteers to provide 3,500 hours of service, building partnerships and collaborations with 225 organizations, developing materials and programs, and other activities such that 90% of host sites demonstrate an increase in their effectiveness and 4,375 new beneficiaries receive support as a result of Member service. The AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 1,000 volunteers that will be engaged in providing direct services at the nonprofits where our Members are serving.

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RefugeeRISE AmeriCorps Program

RefugeeRISE (Rebuild, Integrate, Serve, Empower) AmeriCorps proposes to have 55 AmeriCorps members who will provide support for activities that improve the economic well being and health of economically disadvantaged refugees in Des Moines, Waterloo, Marshalltown, Storm Lake, Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, Coralville, and Columbus Junction through a multi-focused intermediary model. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for providing 400 individuals job training and other skill development services and 100 individuals information on health insurance, health care access, wellness such as patient rights and responsibilities, levels of care, nutrition and health benefits.

In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 300 volunteers who will be engaged in providing job skill training and delivering health care information. This program will focus on the CNCS focus areas of Economic Opportunity and Healthy Futures.

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Summer Ladder AmeriCorps

The Iowa Children's Museum (Iowa Afterschool Alliance) proposes to have 15 AmeriCorps members who will develop high quality activities according to the Dimensions of Success framework (<https://www.thepearinstitute.org/dimensions-of-success>) and facilitate the activities at host sites across the state of Iowa over the summer of 2019. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for creating and facilitating at least 30 high quality activity lesson plans for and with targeted high-need youth.

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