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Announcement of funding opportunity for Iowa AmeriCorps grants

Interested applicants are encouraged to apply for 2020-2021 AmeriCorps State funding

Des Moines, Iowa – Volunteer Iowa is pleased to announce the availability of federal funding in the form of AmeriCorps State program grants. AmeriCorps is a National Service program that helps meet community needs through the efforts of AmeriCorps members. The AmeriCorps State program offers different types of funding to meet the needs of various host agencies and communities.

Currently, AmeriCorps members serving in Iowa tutor at-risk youth and run after-school programs; provide outreach and services to prevent child and substance abuse; build low-income housing and improve home energy efficiency; provide capacity-building services to increase the effectiveness of Iowa nonprofit organizations; restore habitats and build trails in Iowa parks; and assist refugees in accessing healthcare and securing jobs. Potential applicants may do similar activities or use members to address other identified needs in their community.

For more information or to access the application materials, please visit the Funding Opportunities section of the IowaGrants website at www.iowagrants.gov. The announcement and appendices are posted to the
AmeriCorps State 2020-2021 funding opportunity. Application materials are also available upon request via email to Volunteer Iowa at americorps@iowaeda.com.

There is no Notice of Intent to Apply for this competition, but potential applicants can sign up here to receive updated information about the competition. Required pre-applications for returning programs are due October 8, 2019, whereas new applicants have an option of rolling due dates starting with November 12, 2019.

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About Volunteer Iowa
Volunteer Iowa and its partner agencies work with organizations and individuals on three main fronts. The first is to help agencies develop quality programs that use service as a strategy to fulfill their missions and address Iowa’s greatest areas of need. The second is to help engage Iowans in their communities by promoting service and expanding the volunteer base. Finally, the third area of work is to connect individuals with appropriate service opportunities by building the volunteer infrastructure. More information is available at volunteeriowa.org.

About the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)
AmeriCorps is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency that engages more than five million Americans in service through AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, the Social Innovation Fund, and the Volunteer Generation Fund. For more information, visit NationalService.gov.