

AmeriCorps & Afterschool

September 23, 2021



Mission:

To improve lives, strengthen communities and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering.

Our Programs & Initiatives



AmeriCorps
Iowa

AmeriCorps State
AmeriCorps VISTA
Volunteer Generation Fund



Youth Mentoring Programs/OJJDP Grantees
Future Ready Iowa Mentoring program
Youth Workplace Mentoring Initiative



AmeriCorps
Seniors

RSVP
Senior Companions Program
Foster Grandparents Program



DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM

GET CONNECTED





NOMINATIONS FOR THE GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER AWARDS ARE NOW OPEN!



DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: APRIL 9

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

[FIND A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY](#)

[POST A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY](#)

NEWS

01/15/2021 – [Governor Reynolds Proclaims January National Mentoring Month in Iowa](#)

10/14/2020 – [Volunteer Iowa Announces Applications Are Now Open for Volunteer Generation Fund Grants](#)

09/28/2020 – [Food Bank of Iowa Receives National Service Enterprise Certification](#)

EVENTS CALENDAR

[Skills-Based Volunteer Training Workshop Sessions](#)
03/09/2021 - 10:00am to 12:00pm

[Skills-Based Volunteer Training Workshop Sessions](#)
03/16/2021 - 10:00am to 12:00pm

[Skills-Based Volunteer Training Workshop Sessions](#)
03/23/2021 - 10:00am to 12:00pm

CONNECT WITH FACEBOOK



Volunteer Iowa
on Tuesday

Honor someone you know who served with both Peace Corps and AmeriCorps by nominating them for a Joint Service Award!



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What is AmeriCorps?



National Service Programs: AmeriCorps



**AmeriCorps
State/National**

**AmeriCorps
VISTA**

**AmeriCorps
NCCC**

- **AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps)**
 - *is a full-time residential program for men and women aged 18-24 that strengthens communities while developing leaders through direct, team-based national and community service.*
- **AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America)**
 - *provides full-time members to community organizations and public agencies to create and expand programs that build capacity and ultimately bring low-income individuals and communities out of poverty.*
- **AmeriCorps State and National**
 - *offers grants that support a broad range of local service programs that engage thousands of Americans in primarily direct service to meet critical community needs.*



www.nationalservice.gov



AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC)



- Short-term service assignments (from 6-8 weeks)
- Project application
- Sponsor provides:
 - Lodging
 - Materials/specialized tools
 - Orientation, training and technical supervision



AmeriCorps Volunteers In Service To America (VISTA)

- Focus on poverty and capacity building
- Application Process:
 - Need statement
 - Performance measures
- Apply directly to AmeriCorps or apply to host a member from Volunteer Iowa's AmeriCorps VISTA program



Volunteer Iowa's AmeriCorps VISTA Program

- Volunteer Iowa is an AmeriCorps VISTA program sponsor
- Our program acts as an intermediary to help other organizations access AmeriCorps VISTA resources
- You can apply to Volunteer Iowa to host an AmeriCorps VISTA member (or two!) to help with capacity-building activities at your organization.
 - AmeriCorps VISTA members cannot do direct service
 - See more at <https://www.volunteeriowa.org/vista>

Hosting an AmeriCorps VISTA Member

- Host sites must provide the member with physical space to do their service (some teleservice options are available during COVID), materials and supplies needed to carry out their service, and an on-site supervisor
- Host sites pay a cost-sharing fee to cover the living allowance for the AmeriCorps VISTA member (can be waived)
- AmeriCorps VISTA provides the member living allowance and benefits





AmeriCorps Iowa





AmeriCorps State- Benefits for Organizations

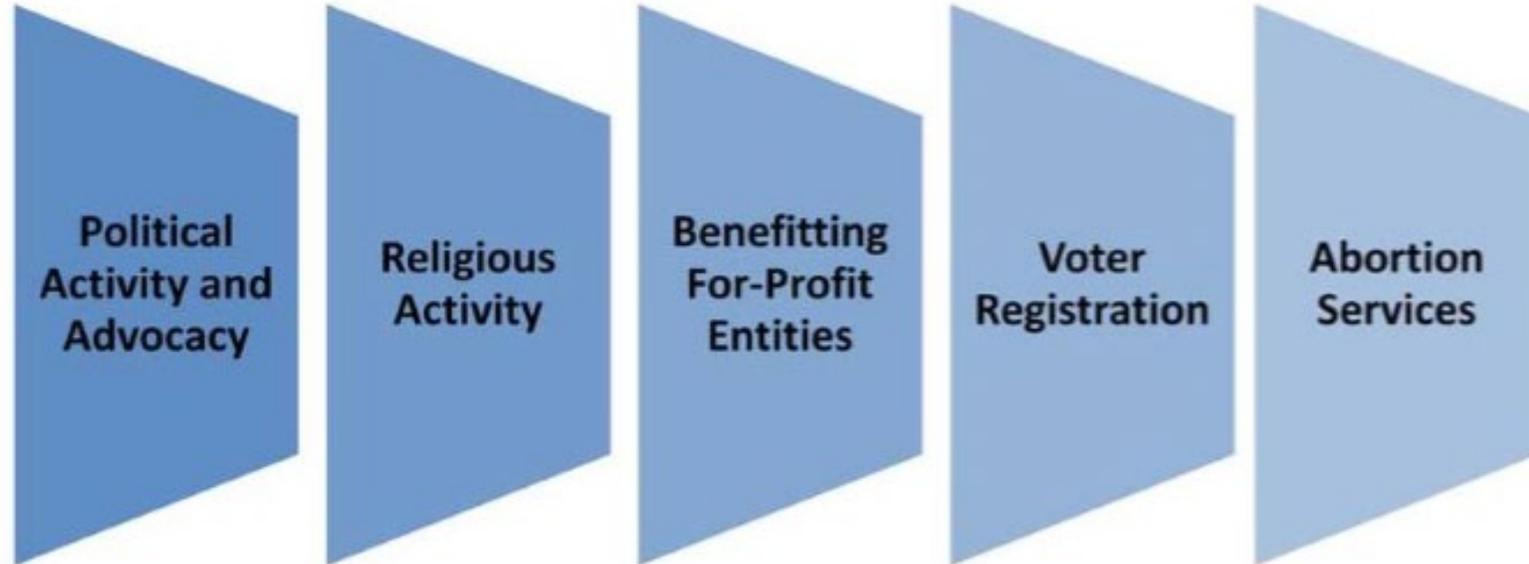
- Relatively Low Cost
 - Max federal funding ~\$21K/FT member
 - Staff support and administrative funding available
 - Limited cash match is needed
- Broad Latitude for Service Positions
 - Direct Service
 - Capacity Building Volunteer Management
 - Flexible hours and timeline for members (FT, TQT, HT, RHT, QT, MT, AT)
- Proven Program
 - Pool of future employees and volunteers
 - Rewarding to watch members grow/develop
 - Resources and support available





What AmeriCorps Members Can't Do

Prohibited Activities: Activities that staff, members, and volunteers may not engage in while charging time to the AmeriCorps program, accumulating service or training hours, or otherwise performing activities supported by the AmeriCorps program or CNCS.





Grants Provide Funding For:

- Staff Salaries/Benefits and Administrative Costs
- Supplies and Equipment
- Training and Travel for Staff and Members
- Member Uniforms and Safety Gear
- Member Living Allowances and Benefits

Match Required:

- 24% for year one, increasing to 50% by year 10
- Cash and in-kind match resources are allowable
- Fixed amount grants do not track match but still must provide it to cover the costs of the program



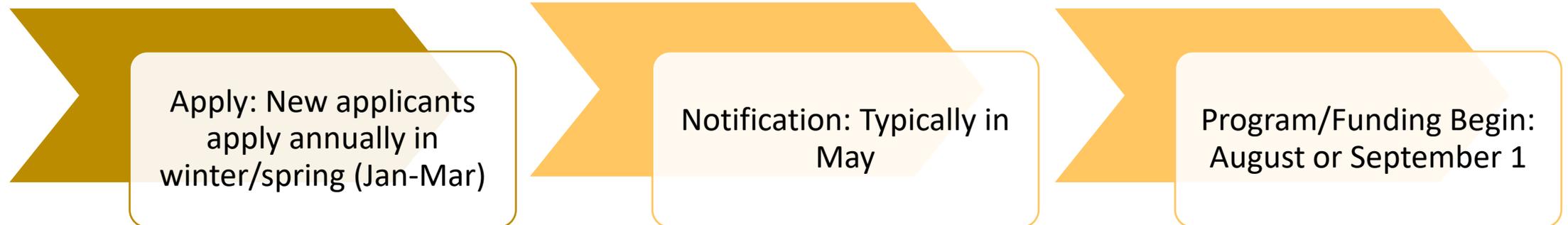
Iowa Funding Levels:

- Average competitive grant is \$247,324 (37 members)
- Average formula grant is \$182,400 (25 members)



AmeriCorps State- Grant Timeline

- Grants are awarded through an annual grant competition.



- Grant Period: One year for formula programs. Three years for competitively funded programs
- Access copies of recent application materials at <https://www.volunteeriowa.org/americorps-state>
- Sign up for mailing list [here](#)

AmeriCorps Member Benefits



Benefits of being an AmeriCorps member:

- Education Award
- Professional Development
- Networking
- Stipend & Benefits
- Serving a cause you care about!

Examples of How AmeriCorps has Supported Afterschool

Summer Ladders AmeriCorps

The Summer Ladders AmeriCorps Program places 15 minimum time members in summer programs across the state of Iowa each year where they are charged with developing high quality activities and facilitating those activities with high need youth in an effort to mitigate the summer learning loss experienced by some youth.

See more at:

<https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/ameri-corps>





- Kids on Course AmeriCorps
- AmeriCorps members support both year-round and summer programming for students in the Cedar Rapids school district.
- See more at <https://kidsoncoursecr.com/ameri-corps>



You will fall in love
with the students...
they will welcome
you and see you as
role models.

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AMERICORPS ALUM

- **Grinnell Education Partnership**

- The Grinnell Education Partnership, a campus community initiative, brings together community nonprofits, area employers, the Grinnell-Newburg School District, and community volunteers. Supported by a team of AmeriCorps members embedded in host sites across the community, the partnership is helping to ensure that Grinnell's kids get both a strong start and a strong finish to their school experience.

- **Learn more at:**

<https://www.grinnelleducationpartnership.org/> or
<https://www.grinnell.edu/about/offices-services/community-enhancement/partnership/ameri-corps>

- **Listen to a podcast about the programming at:**

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/1786751/8578953>





Activity- How Can AmeriCorps Benefit Your Program?

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