

February 27, 2015

The Honorable Terry Branstad
State Capitol
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Governor Branstad,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) has awarded a 2015 Senior Corps RSVP grant to one or more organizations in Iowa.

The attachment includes a brief summary of each grant awarded in Iowa, including local contact information for the grantee.

This funding builds on Senior Corps RSVP's longstanding history of civic engagement. Established in 1971, Senior Corps RSVP is one of the largest senior volunteer organizations in the nation. Senior Corps RSVP taps the skills, talents, and experience of thousands of Americans age 55 and older. In 2009, Congress passed the Serve America Act, the most sweeping expansion of national service in a generation. This landmark law established an annual competition of the Senior Corps RSVP program that began in 2013. This competition requires grantees to meet performance measures and funds projects that meet a diverse range of specific local and community needs. Senior Corps RSVP volunteers serve through Area Agencies on Aging, Community Action Agencies, Volunteer Centers, United Ways, social services agencies, faith-based organizations, and many others. Together these Senior Corps RSVP volunteers have improved lives in the following ways:

- Served 329,400 veterans in activities such as transportation and employment service referrals
- Mentored nearly 78,000 children
- Provided independent living services to 797,000 adults, primarily frail seniors
- Provided respite services to 20,300 family or informal caregivers
- Engaged 20,100 veterans who served as Senior Corps RSVP volunteers.
- Leveraged an additional 18,500 volunteers to support Senior Corps RSVP activities such as delivering meals to those in need and tutoring at-risk children.

In a time of significant economic challenges, national service is a critical and cost-effective method to engage America's citizens in solving problems in their communities. Our agency seeks to expand service opportunities for older Americans and make service a transformative experience for all who serve and for the communities that they support.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss national service with you at your convenience. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Kimberly L. Allman, Director of Government Relations, at kallman@cns.gov or (202) 606-6707.

Warmest regards,



Wendy Spencer
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Adam Lounsbury, Executive Director – Volunteer Iowa

Iowa – 2nd Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: Fort Madison Area United Way
732 Ave G
Fort Madison, IA 52627-2927
(319) 372-3585

Contact: Sarah Crabtree
fmunitedway@lisco.com

Project Name: Fort Madison United Way: RSVP

Service Area: Lee County

Estimated Volunteers: 74

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 16,763

Grant Type: New RSVP grants - funds will support RSVP projects in established geographic service areas that were competed per the Serve America Act beginning in 2013. These competitive grants ensure investment in quality programming within communities across the country.

**Program Primary
Focus Area:**

Healthy Futures:

Grants will assist with meeting health needs within communities including access to care, aging in place, and childhood obesity.

Grant activities will:

- Increase seniors' ability to remain in their own homes with the same or improved quality of life for as long as possible;
- Increase physical activity and improve nutrition in youth with the purpose of reducing childhood obesity and increasing access to nutritious food, and
- Improve access to primary and preventive health care for communities served by CNCS-supported programs (access to health care).

Iowa – 2nd Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: Mobile Meals United Inc
1929 North 8th Street
Clinton, IA 52732-2736
(563) 242-3957

Contact: James Horst
jhorst1949@q.com

Project Name: RSVP of Clinton County

Service Area: Clinton County

Estimated Volunteers: 220

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 32,829

Grant Type: New RSVP grants - funds will support RSVP projects in established geographic service areas that were competed per the Serve America Act beginning in 2013. These competitive grants ensure investment in quality programming within communities across the country.

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Iowa – 3rd Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: United Way of Central Iowa
1111 9th Street
Suite 100
Des Moines, IA 50314-2527
(515) 246-6507

Contact: Sarah Roy
sroy@unitedwaydm.org

Project Name: United Way of Central Iowa RSVP

Service Area: Polk, Warren and Dallas Counties

Estimated Volunteers: 170

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 81,823

Grant Type: New RSVP grants - funds will support RSVP projects in established geographic service areas that were competed per the Serve America Act beginning in 2013. These competitive grants ensure investment in quality programming within communities across the country.

Program Primary Focus Area: **Education**
Grants will provide support and/or facilitate access to services and resources that contribute to improved educational outcomes for economically disadvantaged people, especially children, and for children with special and/or exceptional needs. Grant activities will improve:

- School readiness for economically disadvantaged young children
- Educational and behavioral outcomes of elementary, middle, and high school students with special and exceptional needs
- The preparation for and prospects of success in post-secondary education institutions for economically disadvantaged students or students with special or exceptional needs.

Iowa – 4th Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: Boone County Hospital
1015 Union Street
Boone, IA 50036-4821
(515) 433-8470

Contact: Sara Behn
sbehn@bchmail.org

Project Name: RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program of Boone and Greene Counties

Service Area: Boone and Greene Counties

Estimated Volunteers: 152

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 34,630

Grant Type: New RSVP grants - funds will support RSVP projects in established geographic service areas that were competed per the Serve America Act beginning in 2013. These competitive grants ensure investment in quality programming within communities across the country.

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Healthy Futures:

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Iowa – 4th Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

- Project Sponsor:** Iowa Lakes Community College
19 S 7th St
Estherville, IA 51334-2234
(712) 362-0432
- Contact:** Valerie Newhouse
vnewhouse@iowalakes.edu
- Project Name:** Northwest Iowa RSVP
- Service Area:** Clay, Emmet, Kossuth, Palo Alto, and Dickinson Counties
- Estimated Volunteers:** 300
- CNCS Award Amount:** Up to \$85,408
- Grant Type:** New RSVP grants - funds will support RSVP projects in established geographic service areas that were competed per the Serve America Act beginning in 2013. These competitive grants ensure investment in quality programming within communities across the country.
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Iowa – 4th Congressional District

Senior Corps 2015 RSVP Grants

Project Sponsor: Story City Senior Citizens, Inc.
503 Elm Avenue
Story City, IA 50248-1341
(515) 733-2812

Contact: Terry Greenfield
mattie38@iowatelecom.net

Project Name: Central Iowa RSVP North

Service Area: Webster and Hamilton Counties

Estimated Volunteers: 275

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 89,500

Grant Type: New RSVP grants - funds will support RSVP projects in established geographic service areas that were competed per the Serve America Act beginning in 2013. These competitive grants ensure investment in quality programming within communities across the country.

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Contact: Terry Greenfield
mattie38@iowatelecom.net

Project Name: Central Iowa RSVP - Serving Story and Marshall Counties

Service Area: Story and Marshall Counties

Estimated Volunteers: 480

CNCS Award Amount: Up to \$ 75,498

Grant Type: New RSVP grants - funds will support RSVP projects in established geographic service areas that were competed per the Serve America Act beginning in 2013. These competitive grants ensure investment in quality programming within communities across the country.

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