



**Iowa Community  
ACTION  
ASSOCIATION**

#### **ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION**

*Community Action is a network of 17 independent non-profit Community Action Agencies working across the state to address the impact of COVID-19 and the derecho disaster on Iowans living in poverty. Iowa's Community Action Agencies (CAAs) identify the unique needs of the poverty population within their communities and design programs to meet those needs. Although CAAs across the state administer several similar programs, each agency has the ability to tailor its services to the needs of local communities. Iowa's CAAs possess extremely efficient and effective delivery systems that maximize federal, state, and local resources providing services to citizens in all of Iowa's 99 counties.*

The Iowa COVID-19 Response AmeriCorps program was created to address critical community needs that have arisen because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the derecho disaster. AmeriCorps members are deploying across the state at Community Action Agencies to provide added support and resources to help meet the needs of Iowans.

#### **SERVICE DATES**

*Members can start as early as September 14<sup>th</sup> with multiple 4-month and 9-month positions available.*

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

*Open until filled.*

#### **LOCATION**

*Most members will serve remotely with Community Action Agencies across Iowa, however some positions will be on-site.*

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

*AmeriCorps members will assist Community Action Agencies to build capacity and improve the effectiveness and timeliness of the delivery of services and programs that will support lowans with a low income as they address the issues caused by COVID-19 and the derecho disaster.*

AmeriCorps members will deliver support to meet the basic needs of lowans, lending a hand to organizations that are experiencing challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the derecho disaster. AmeriCorps members may address four key needs: (1) food insecurity, (2) volunteer management, (3) independent living needs and (4) direct response activities as identified by the State Emergency Operations Center.

## LIVING ALLOWANCE

**Three Quarter Time** AmeriCorps members will provide **1,200** hours of service over **36** weeks. A living allowance of **\$10,650** will be paid to help meet the necessary living expenses incurred while serving. The living allowance will be divided evenly across the term of service and paid every two weeks via direct deposit.

**Quarter Time** AmeriCorps members will provide **450** hours of service over **16** weeks. A living allowance of **\$3,900** will be paid to help meet the necessary living expenses incurred while serving. The living allowance will be divided evenly across the term of service and paid every two weeks via direct deposit.

AmeriCorps is considered a training opportunity and therefore does not interfere with a member's ability to continue to receive unemployment benefits.

## UNIQUE BENEFITS

*AmeriCorps members will receive training and professional development related to the knowledge and skills required for working in Community Action and the community served.*

At the end of a successful term of service, Emergency Response Corps members in a Three Quarter Time position will receive a Segal Education award of \$4,336.50; and Emergency Response Corps members in a Quarter Time position will receive a Segal Education award of \$1,638.89.

Student loan support is available and health insurance and childcare assistance are extended to qualifying individuals. Depending on household resources, AmeriCorps members may be eligible to receive SNAP benefits.

## REQUIREMENTS

AmeriCorps members must: (1) be at least 17 years of age, (2) a citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident alien of the United States, (3) have a high school diploma or equivalent, or be in process of completion and, (4) pass mandatory pre-service background checks.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

**[Apply Now!](#)** and indicate in Question #13 that you are interested in working with the Iowa Community Action Association.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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