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AmeriCorps Grant Awarded to City of Dubuque Partners in Learning

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) has announced that the City of Dubuque Partners in Learning Program has received a \$210,587 AmeriCorps grant for fiscal year 2014-2015.

The Partners in Learning grant will support 50 AmeriCorps members who will meet vital needs in Dubuque. Thirty-two members will be placed throughout the Dubuque Community School District to provide academic reading interventions for students in kindergarten through third grade. Eighteen members will be placed at various community organizations to provide youth activities and focus on decreasing the summer learning loss experienced by many children during the summer months. In addition, AmeriCorps members will be trained to operate a volunteer center in times of a disaster, and participate in Make a Difference Day and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

This year's AmeriCorps grant cycle was highly competitive, due to the strong and growing demand by organizations seeking AmeriCorps resources. Demand is also strong from individuals wanting to serve.

AmeriCorps, which is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, is a national service program that engages Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service to meet critical needs. Its members serve through thousands of nonprofit and faith-based organizations in rural and urban communities throughout the nation. Among other activities, AmeriCorps members tutor and mentor youth, build affordable housing, teach computer skills, clean parks and streams, run after-school programs, help communities respond to disasters, and recruit and train other volunteers.

To apply or to learn more about available opportunities with AmeriCorps, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/ameri-corps or contact Deb Bell, Program Director, at 563-584-8644 or deb.bell@clarke.edu.

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