

**The Iowa Disaster Human Resource Council** is not intended to be a competing agency, but an “umbrella organization” of existing agencies. Each member organization maintains its own identity and independence, yet works closely with other agencies to improve service, maximize resources and eliminate unnecessary duplication.

**Membership Eligibility:**

Any faith-based, voluntary or government agency with a stated policy of commitment of resources to meet the needs of people affected by a disaster without discrimination. More than 75 organizations make up the Iowa Disaster Human Resources Council.

**Our Mission:**

*To coordinate a holistic approach to disaster recovery by maximizing public and private resources, thereby providing an efficient system that can address immediate and long-term physical, spiritual and emotional needs of impacted citizens.*



**Disaster victims with unmet needs are encouraged to call the Iowa Concern Hotline  
1-800-447-1985**

**Hotline available 24/7**



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# Iowa Disaster Human Resource Council



**“Together, We Recover”**



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## Our Purpose

The key purpose of the IDHRC is to bring together faith-based, voluntary and government organizations active in disaster services to foster a more effective response and recovery for the people of Iowa in times of disaster. The Iowa Disaster Human Resource Council (IDHRC) is a 501 c3 non-profit organization and is Iowa's point of contact with the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster and also serves as the state's Citizen Corps Council.



Visit the IDHRC Website at [iavoad.communityos.org](http://iavoad.communityos.org)

## We Can Help!

IDHRC member agencies can help families recover from any scale of disaster. In the past, IDHRC member agencies have helped muck out basements after a flood, provide emotional support, remove debris, and help with roofing. Our members can also provide case advocacy for disaster grants and any other recovery programs.



## What is Citizen Corps?

Citizen Corps councils help drive local participation by coordinating Citizen Corps programs, developing community action plans, assessing possible threats and identifying local resources.



Programs under the Citizen Corps umbrella include Citizen Corps Councils (IDHRC in Iowa) Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), Neighborhood Watch, Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), Medical Reserve Corps, and Fire Corps.

Visit the Citizen Corps Website at [www.ready.gov/citizen-corps](http://www.ready.gov/citizen-corps)

## Long-Term Recovery Committee

The IDHRC's Long-Term Recovery Committee (LTRC) serves as the statewide LTRC for Iowa. The LTRC acts as an outlet to provide last-resort unmet needs assistance to those individual hardest hit by a declared or non-declared disaster, and who may have fallen through the cracks of various recovery programs.

## What is a VOAD?

The IDHRC is Iowa's Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) and a member organization of the National VOAD. In 1970, the National VOAD was created after Hurricane Camille devastated the Gulf Coast of the U.S. The purpose of member VOADs nationwide includes programs dealing with disaster preparedness, response and/or recovery.



## IDHRC Committees

The IDHRC's Committees work to strengthen Iowa's capacity to meet the disaster preparedness and disaster response needs of Iowans.

**The IDHRC Committees are as follows:**

- Community Organizations Active in Disaster*
- Spiritual Emotional Care*
- Communications, Marketing, and Training*
- Volunteers and Donations Management*
- Disaster Case Advocacy*
- Functional Needs and Finance*
- Long-Term Recovery Committee*