

AmeriCorps Summer Associate

The AmeriCorps VISTA Program is a national service program that connects people and organizations to help end poverty and strengthen communities.

Our ten (10) AmeriCorps 2021 VISTA Summer Associates will have the unique opportunity to assist selected member community development corporations and affiliates during the AmeriCorps' VISTA ten week summer program. Associates will help our members to increase program capacity to address COVID-19 impacted and other community development issues. These are unprecedented times and our Summer Associates 10 week VISTA projects will provide targeted technical assistance and other needed support to address these problems. Our Summer Associates will be engaged in a variety of projects and that will help build our member organization's program capacity. They will assist in project research and planning, service delivery, and other areas needed to impact the effectiveness and success of our member's projects. Collectively these initiatives will have a successful and meaningful impact on the improvement of housing affordability in LMI communities during and post COVID-19 throughout New Jersey.

Specifically our 2021 VISTA Summer Program will address issues in a wide variety of roles aimed at expanding and improving: affordable housing preventing COVID related evictions/ foreclosures, addressing housing insecurity and homelessness, providing supportive housing and services, food insecurity, access to health care, addressing the digital divide, and other community issues from environmental and safety to reading and creative arts. Our Summer Associates will have the rare opportunity to be actively engaged in the development, planning and execution of these types of projects that are in more demand due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and disproportionately affect low and moderate NJ households/ communities.

Duration: Project placements begin June 7, 2021 and end August 13, 2021 (minimum of 35 hours per week).

Compensation: AmeriCorps members receive a modest living allowance to help cover basic expenses. With approval from their supervisors, AmeriCorps members can also work a job in their spare time, but they must be available to serve during regular business hours.

\$613.48 dispersed bi-weekly for a total living allowance amount of \$3,067.48.

Benefits: In addition to the living allowance, you will also receive benefits as part of your AmeriCorps service. Summer associate can choose either a Segal Award or end of term cash benefit.

\$1,342.86 Segal Award or \$345.80 End of Term Cash Benefit.

Your participation as a summer associate will enhance professional development skills and strengthen your resume.

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