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LA Serve VISTA Project



Providing a way for parishes, communities and local residents to own their plan for fighting poverty in their neighborhoods.

What is *LA Serve VISTA*?

LA Serve VISTA is a statewide project designed to provide support to parishes, communities and residents working to improve Louisiana life. This project helps the people of Louisiana reduce the level of poverty found in many of our parishes.

LA Serve VISTA works within Volunteer Centers, AmeriCorps* State Programs or other nonprofits to create a site project with goals aimed at:

- Engaging nonprofit, faith-based and governmental agencies to develop and promote service opportunities
- Strengthening communities by engaging local citizen participation
- Developing a long-term volunteer program



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To: Potential LA Serve VISTA Host Sites
From: Nicholas Auck
Subject: Host Site Application

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Host Project Site with the LA Serve VISTA Project. LA Serve VISTA is a statewide project designed to provide support to parishes, communities and residents working to improve Louisiana life. LA Serve VISTA helps the people of Louisiana reduce the level of poverty found in many of our parishes. LA Serve VISTA strives to address poverty through these focus areas:

- 1) Engaging nonprofit, faith-based and governmental agencies to develop and promote service opportunities
- 2) Strengthening communities by engaging local citizen participating
- 3) Developing a long-term volunteer program
- 4) Disaster Recovery efforts where appropriate

As a part of the host site selection process, we are looking closely at the commitment of host sites to AmeriCorps VISTA, the capacity of sites to manage the project, the ability of sites to comply with program requirements, and the understanding by host sites of National Service.

PLEASE NOTE:

Completion of this application is not a promise of placement.
All projects must meet Federal and Project Guidelines.

Name

Agency:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Answer the questions on the following pages about how you plan to integrate AmeriCorps VISTA Members in your program. Please call Nicholas Auck at (225) 342-6289 if you have any questions.
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY.

Tell us about yourself:

1. Briefly describe the following regarding your organization and the community it serves.

A. Organization's contact information, mission, and history

B. The specific poverty need which your organization addresses

2. Describe the project plan you want to implement by integrating an AmeriCorps VISTA member into your organization.

Please keep in mind your project plan should clearly demonstrate a realistic effort to help bring individuals and families out of poverty permanently; not simply to make poverty more tolerable. The responsibilities and duties of the AmeriCorps VISTA members should be geared towards building a permanent infrastructure within the applicant organization. The proposed project results should be measurable and convey the actual impact the project has on the individuals, families, and communities being served.

3. How long will it take to complete the project?

4. How many AmeriCorps VISTA members are you requesting?

5. Who will provide direct supervision to AmeriCorps VISTA?

6. Complete the attached VISTA Assignment Description (VAD). This document will include your VISTA Member's goals, activities, and tasks. Please see the example provided and use as a guideline. Keep in mind that you must fill out a separate VAD for each position description you wish to implement.

Questions 1-5 should be a one- to two- page document. Question 6 should be the completed VAD using the template provided. There is also a SAMPLE VAD provided for your review. Send your responses to:

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Baseline Information

This section contains a list of demographic indicators of interest to the Corporation and their stakeholders. Please note that you are **not required** to report on each indicator. However, if your program includes these types of leveraged volunteers or target groups, you are required to include this data in your report. If you do not collect data on an indicator, enter a zero (0) in that field.

| Category | Please report last annual report totals as applicable |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Volunteers | |
| Disadvantaged children and youth | |
| College students | |
| Baby Boomers | |
| Veterans | |
| People with disabilities | |
| Program Participants | |
| Disaster preparedness and response - # Participating in disaster services projects | |
| Disaster preparedness and response - # of members certified in disaster preparedness and response | |
| Disaster preparedness and response - # of members available for deployment in support of a local, state or other disaster | |
| Populations Served | |
| Disadvantaged children and youth | |
| Children of incarcerated parents | |
| Individuals mentored | |
| Independent living services | |
| Disaster preparedness and response - # of local disasters to which AmeriCorps members have responded | |
| Disaster preparedness and response - # of community members who receive assistance from AmeriCorps members and/or volunteers responding to disasters and participating in recovery | |

VISTA Assignment Description (VAD)
LA Serve VISTA

VISTA Project:

VISTA Member Name:

Host Site Name:

Assignment Areas:

VISTA Member Project Goals

Planned Period of Work

Goal 1 from VISTA Project Plan:

Goal 2 from VISTA Project Plan:

Goal 3 from VISTA Project Plan:

VISTA Member Activities and Steps Checklist

Goal 1:

Step 1:

Step 2:

Step 3:

Step 4:

Step 5:

Step 6:

Goal 1 Comments/Summary of Accomplishments:

Goal 1 Completed (date):

Goal 2:

Step 1:

Step 2:

Step 3:

Step 4:

Step 5:

Goal 2 Comments/Summary of Accomplishments:

Goal 2 Completed (date):

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| Goal 3, Activity 1: | | | |
| Step 1: | | | |
| Step 2: | | | |
| Step 3: | | | |
| Step 4: | | | |
| Step 5: | | | |
| Goal 3 Comments/Summary of Accomplishments: | | Goal 3 Completed (date): | |