



## Hunger Free Community-AmeriCorps VISTA

Hunger Free Oklahoma, Tulsa, OK



### Overview:

Hunger Free Oklahoma is seeking full-time AmeriCorps VISTA member to build the capacity of our coalition to support community leaders in identifying food-resource barriers, developing comprehensive solutions and implementing anti-hunger strategies.

Hunger Free Oklahoma (HFO) exists to end hunger in Oklahoma. HFO holds the core belief that hunger is solvable, unnecessary, and unjust. We believe that the effects of hunger in Oklahoma impact the wellbeing of the entire state. To learn more about Hunger Free Oklahoma and our work, visit us online at [www.hungerfreeok.org](http://www.hungerfreeok.org).

AmeriCorps VISTA working in Hunger Free Oklahoma's Tulsa Office will be tasked with representing this vision in the community. Using our coalition toolkit and other resources, VISTA will identify key stakeholders in the area and develop a plan, with the support of HFO staff, to contact and bring those stakeholders to the table. Once convened, the VISTA will coordinate efforts around a specific topic area decided upon by the coalition geared towards alleviating hunger. Some of the issues identified through HFO's current research are Summer and Afterschool meals, SNAP outreach, and WIC participation – all of which fall below national standards for participation and/or access.

The VISTA will be integral in leading the coalition towards consensus on its focus area, crafting a plan for assessing and addressing hunger in the Tulsa area, and facilitating the implementation of the assessment. The VISTA will serve as the professional staff of the coalition producing internal communications, promotional material, and synthesizing assessment findings into reports as well facilitating collaboration and ensuring that all members follow through on their assigned duties. Through this work HFO VISTA will gain a better understanding of food access issues, community organizing, research methods, leadership, planning and executing projects, and professional communication.

### Position Description:

The Hunger Free Community-AmeriCorps VISTA will be responsible for:

- Working with community members to develop and enhance collaborations between governmental agencies, community-based organizations and other community stakeholders (faith-based, business, etc.).
- Completing community assessments/mapping to identify community institutions/assets to be included in anti-hunger goals.
- Enhancing public/private partnerships by identifying potential organizations to recruit to anti-hunger work.
- Identifying barriers to food resources and producing a report of findings.
- Creating a community-wide “end hunger” plan with the input of partner organizations as well as low-income community members which documents the

impact of hunger in the community and a plan for addressing this hunger through a collective impact approach.

- Recruiting, managing, and training community volunteers to participate in identified activities.
- Collecting data and reporting on the coalition's progress.

**Time Commitment:**

This is a one year, full-time position. The anticipated start date is in July 22, 2017.

This is a stipend volunteer position with AmeriCorps-Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA). Learn more at <https://www.vistacampus.gov/>.

**Position Benefits\*:**

- Living allowance of \$11,880
- Segal Education Award (\$5,775) or End-of-Service stipend (\$1,500)
- Health benefits\*
- Potential to forbear or defer student loans while in service
- Relocation assistance (if applicable)
- Childcare assistance (if applicable)
- Optional life insurance
- One year non-competitive status for federal government positions
- A network of over 180,000 AmeriCorps VISTA members and alums

\*For more information on benefits provided through AmeriCorps VISTA, visit:

<https://www.vistacampus.gov/in-service/benefits-service>

**Qualifications:**

- Associate's Degree or equivalent experience.
- Strong interest in working on domestic nutrition, hunger and food security issues.
- Demonstrated experience in community engagement preferred.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Good working knowledge of Microsoft Office programs.
- AmeriCorps VISTA Requirements:
  - Be 18 years or older (no upper age limit)
  - Pass a national service criminal history check
  - Hold one of the following citizenship statuses: US citizen, US National, Lawful Permanent Resident Aliens and persons residing in a state that have the following legal residency classifications: refugee, asylum or asylee, temporary protected status, or deferred action for childhood arrivals (DACA) status.

**How to Apply:**

Email resume and cover letter to Richard Comeau ([info@hungerfreeok.org](mailto:info@hungerfreeok.org)) by June 16, 2017.

**[About AmeriCorps VISTA:](#)**

AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) members bring their passion and perseverance where the need is greatest: to organizations that help eradicate poverty. The most pressing challenges we face as a nation require the most courageous and creative people to address them. An AmeriCorps VISTA member serves as a catalyst for change, living and working alongside community members to advance local solutions.