



Hunger Free Community-AmeriCorps VISTA

Hunger Free Oklahoma, Tulsa, OK



Overview:

Hunger Free Oklahoma is seeking full-time AmeriCorps VISTA member to cultivate the growth of a Hunger Free Community coalition by engaging community leaders and food-insecure community members to identify community assets, partners, leaders, and stakeholders for the development and/or implementation of a Hunger Free Community plan to increase community food security.

Hunger Free Oklahoma exists to end hunger in Oklahoma. Hunger Free Oklahoma 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. The AmeriCorps VISTA working in Hunger Free Oklahoma's Tulsa Office will represent this vision in the community. To learn more about Hunger Free Oklahoma and our work, visit us online at www.hungerfreeok.org.

Using the coalition toolkit, the VISTA will coordinate efforts by the existing Tulsa coalition to increase the collaboration around alleviating hunger in Tulsa. Through working at Hunger Free Oklahoma, the 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:

- Evaluating the Hunger Free Community's capacity to take on the task of community change, and identifying areas that need strengthening or further development.
- Establishing tools and processes by which the goals of the Hunger Free Community can be monitored and evaluated to ensure progress towards the end hunger plan is being made.
- Ensuring the sustainability of the Hunger Free Community's work by recruiting and training volunteers that can be maintained with minimal oversight by program staff.
- Connecting with partner organizations or other established entities in the community to continue services offered in part by the VISTA project.
- Helping to develop and implement a sustainable fundraising plan to increase funds and in-kind support for the continued work of the Hunger Free Community end hunger plan.
- Prepare and distribute materials; including but not limited to: press releases, video clips, and public documentation that demonstrates the value and reach of the Hunger Free Community.

- Ensure the long-term viability of the Hunger Free Community by building upon the strategic capacity of the coalition and advisory board.

Time Commitment:

This is a one year, full-time position. The anticipated start date is in August 13, 2018. 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, cover letter, and a 1-2 page writing sample to treba.shyers@hungerfreeok.org by June 1.

For questions specifically about VISTA, please reach out to Brittany Madison, bmadison@alliancetoendhunger.org

[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.