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National Nurse-Led Care Consortium
AmeriCorps VISTA Program Host Site 2021-2022:
Request for Application **due March 1, 2021**

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WHO WE ARE

The National Nurse-Led Care Consortium (NNCC) is a national member-supported organization advocating on behalf of nurse leaders on the frontlines of healthcare. AmeriCorps members help our organization fulfill its mission by supporting public health programming and facilitating organizational development. AmeriCorps Volunteers In Service to AmeriCorps (VISTA) Projects support organizations to address unmet needs of communities they serve through capacity-building and sustainability.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTNERSHIP

NNCC is seeking organizations to participate as host sites for AmeriCorps VISTA members. As the sponsoring entity, NNCC provides oversight and support for organizations interested in hosting AmeriCorps VISTA members at their sites to address community needs. NNCC is responsible for AmeriCorps program application submission, AmeriCorps candidate recruitment, site supervisor support and completion of reporting requirements.

The cost to the organization to host an AmeriCorps VISTA member for the 2021-2022 service year (twelve months of placement) is $8,000 per member.

AMERICORPS PRIORITIES

VISTA projects focusing on the below topics will be considered priority for the 2021-2022 service year:

- Programming to combat hunger and food insecurity, including USDA Summer Food Service Programs and senior meal programs
- Scaling up a contact tracing program due to COVID-19
- Programming to ensure housing stability or assist those affected by housing or homeless issues as a result of COVID-19 in conjunction with community efforts
- Programming to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion in communities

NEXT STEPS and TIMELINE

January 2021	NNCC posts request for applications for organizations to be included as host sites for the AmeriCorps VISTA 2021-2022 Program
February 2021	**Applications due to NNCC by March 1, 2021**
March 2021	NNCC selects organizations and provides feedback for projects to be included in application
April 2021	AmeriCorps selects VISTA projects to be included in the 2021-2022 service year.
May 2021	NNCC starts recruitment for AmeriCorps VISTA members.
June 2021	NNCC schedules interviews with host site organizations to select candidates.
July 2021	AmeriCorps VISTAs start projects with host site organizations.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information on this program and the benefits of partnering with the National Nurse-Led Care Consortium please contact Christine Simon, Senior Project Manager, at **csimon@phmc.org**.

APPLICATION INFORMATION REQUESTED – please download application and fill in each section below.

Applicants must submit the application through the online form below by March 1, 2021 to be considered:
https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/47d2e42360554347b20e637fa6b80871

1. **Organization Contact Information**

    o   Name of Organization:

    o   Organization Address:

    o   Contact Name:

    o   Contact Email:

    o   Contact Phone:

2. **Geographic scope of the assignment** (PA County):

Need: In this section describe the unmet poverty-related community need(s) you propose to address using AmeriCorps VISTA resources. Clearly describe the poverty-related need and the local beneficiary community, as well as how the planned program strategy (i.e., intervention) will lead to the final planned outcomes for the beneficiary community. Your narrative must describe:

*   The community you plan to serve, using data that are current, objective, and specific to the community. These data should substantiate the need(s) you aim to address. Cite the data source(s).
*   The specific low-income population your project intends to serve.
*   Why the needs are not being met now.
*   How your proposed project relates to the programming priorities outlined in the AmeriCorps VISTA Program Guidance of the current fiscal year. If your proposed project does not align with the current VISTA programming priorities, justify why the project should be considered.
*   A summary of how your project will ultimately strengthen the community and bring individuals out of poverty. This should include a description of how the planned program strategy (i.e., intervention) will address the poverty- related need and will lead to the final planned anti-poverty outcomes. Include any evidence that suggests your approach will be successful. Evidence could include past performance, results from credible research, or results from a similar, successful program. Evidence would provide the basis for decisions about the design, frequency, and intensity of the proposed intervention.

Strengthening Communities: In this section, describe how your VISTA project aims to complement or expand current efforts in the community to address the need(s) described. Your response should include the following:

- A description of how the project will be designed to build long-term sustainability in an organization or program to ensure it continues after VISTA resources end.
- How VISTAs would be used, and how many VISTAs you are requesting.
- A discussion of how this approach will change over time as the VISTA(s) implements the project and build capacity.

VISTA Assignment: Provide a summary of the key objectives of the VISTA assignment and the activities the full-time VISTA(s) and Leader(s) will perform to implement the proposed project. Please note that VISTA members serve for an entire year; therefore, the activities should be sufficient to enable a member to fulfill a one-year, full-time commitment. The tasks and activities should logically align with the project goals you propose in the Needs sections. Examples below:

- Refine a system of resource-generation for the organization to support its programming.
- Support volunteer program by developing a system to recruit
- Provide materials and support for volunteer management and recognition.
- Identifying new funding sources/opportunities
- Develop marketing materials to promote the program to potential funders and donors providing content for website updates.

Please also include "Recommended skills/qualifications", Examples below:

- The ability to work independently and solve problems.
- Excellent communication, writing skills, proficiency in Microsoft Publisher, Word and Outlook.
- Post-high school education in social work, nursing, health or human services, public health or other related fields.

Additional VISTA Resources: What, if any, additional resources is your organization able to provide a VISTA member or would need to supplement their stipend?

- Examples: Transportation Assistance, Housing Assistance, Grocery Cards