

AMERICORPS VISTA PROGRAM Request for 2019-2020 Service Year



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 health care. AmeriCorps members help our organization fulfill its mission by supporting public health programming and facilitating organizational development. AmeriCorps VISTA Programs support the efforts of organizations to recruit and deploy members to address unmet needs of communities they serve through capacity-building and sustainability.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTNERSHIP

NNCC is applying for the AmeriCorps VISTA Program for the 2019-2020 service year. We are seeking organizations to participate as host sites for our AmeriCorps VISTA members. NNCC has been a sponsor of VISTAs for the past sixteen years through The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS).

As a sponsor, NNCC provides oversight and support for organizations interested in hosting AmeriCorps VISTA members at their sites to address their communities' needs. NNCC is responsible for AmeriCorps program application submission, AmeriCorps candidate recruitment, site supervisor support and completion of financial and reporting requirements. The cost to host an AmeriCorps VISTA member for the 2019-2020 service year is \$8,000 - \$10,000 per member.

PREVIOUS AND CURRENT NNCC AMERICORPS VISTA PROJECTS:

- Kids Smiles improving dental health of children in Southwest Philadelphia
- Interfaith Hospitality Network to connect persons experiencing homelessness with services
- Health Promotion Council working in the community on diabetes self-management education
- Out of School Time: John Bartram High School focusing on STEM Program Improvement
- PA Partnership for Medical and Financial Health Project for consumers accessing health insurance
- Housing Authority of Chester County connecting housing authority residents to services
- Wallace Medical Concern, Human Solutions, and Home Forward
- Workforce Institute connecting youth to workforce development and employment opportunities
- Drexel University Healthy Communities connecting residents in the West Philadelphia Promise Zone
- PHMC Health Network helping patients navigate services for health care needs

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit the following to Christine Simon, csimon@nncc.us in a Word Document by **November 5, 2018** (details on each section provided below):



- Organization Contact Information
- Number of VISTA members requested
- Geographic Scope of the Assignment
- Describe the unmet poverty-related community need(s) you propose to address using AmeriCorps VISTA member resources
- Describe how the project aims to complement or expand current efforts to strengthen communities and address those unmet needs
- VISTA Assignment - key objectives and activities of VISTA members
- Recommended skills and qualifications to assist NNCC in the recruitment of candidates for your organization

NEXT STEPS

Oct 2018

NNCC requests applications from organizations to be included as host sites for the AmeriCorps VISTA 2019-2020 Program

Nov 2018

NNCC selects organizations and provides feedback for projects to be included in the application for 2019-2020

Dec 2018

NNCC submits the application through CNCS for AmeriCorps VISTA members to be placed at host sites

Jany-Mar 2019

CNCS reviews NNCC application for VISTA members

Apr 2019

CNCS awards AmeriCorps VISTA placements

Jun 2019

NNCC recruits AmeriCorps VISTA for host site organizations

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on this program and the benefits of partnering with the National Nurse-Led Care Consortium please contact Christine Simon, Public Health Project Manager, at csimon@nncc.us.

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1. Organization Contact Information
 - Name of organization
 - Address
 - Supervisor name
 - Supervisor email
 - Supervisor phone number

2. Number of VISTA members requested for the assignment (no more than 2)
3. Geographic scope of the assignment (Philadelphia, PA)

4. **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.

5. 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 encompass 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.

6. 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 mentoring coordination support for volunteer mentors.
 - Identifying new funding sources/opportunities
 - Prepare grant proposals and corporate sponsorship applications and assist with donation outreach
 - Develop marketing materials to promote the program to potential funders and donors providing content for website updates.
 - Provide materials and support for volunteer management and recognition.
- Please also include “Recommended skills/qualifications”, Examples below:
 - The ability to work independently and solve problems.
 - Excellent communication skills.
 - Excellent writing skills, including 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.