



Northern Arizona Community Engagement VISTA Position Description

Effective Dates: 03/18/19-03/17/20

Sponsoring Organization: Association of Arizona Food Banks

Project Name: Association of Arizona Food Banks

Project Number: 17VSWAZ005

Site Name: St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance (Flagstaff office)

Focus Area(s): Food Security

Primary: Healthy Futures

Secondary:

Project goals and position description

The overall goal of the Community Engagement VISTA is to increase access to meals for children and families with children during the summer months. The VISTA will work to develop partnerships in target communities aimed at increasing collaboration and streamlining access to resources available to community members in each community.

The project utilizes AmeriCorps*VISTA members in the following capacities:

- ▶ Assist in building and strengthening partnerships with community partner agencies and non-traditional partners outside of hunger relief services to expand summer food and rural summer meal distribution sites
- ▶ Assist in recruitment and management of volunteer opportunities related to SFSP distribution and programming
- ▶ Engage community members and clients in summer feeding and rural summer meal distribution by increasing participation. Expand community knowledge and support of the program efforts and assistance in execution.
- ▶ Assist with promotion of Summer Food Service Program in target communities and identify community partners to support summer food programs and increase participation.
- ▶ Conduct on-site training and site monitoring for summer feeding and rural summer meal distribution following all USDA program requirements
- ▶ Create and distribute surveys to determine impact of summer food service, rural summer meal distribution and school pantry programs. Draft recommendations for on-going program challenges and barriers.

Expected skills and qualifications of AmeriCorps*VISTA members

- ▶ College degree and previous community service
 - ▶ Excellent oral and written communication skills
 - ▶ Willingness to take initiative to promote partnerships
 - ▶ Entrepreneurial skills (to seek non-traditional partners)
 - ▶ Relationship building, teamwork, and leadership skills
 - ▶ Patience, willingness to learn, and open mindedness to differing perspectives and ideas
 - ▶ Excellent organizational skills
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Benefits for VISTA members

- ▶ Educational or stipend award upon successful completion of the program
- ▶ 10 Personal Days and 10 sick days
- ▶ Childcare assistance if eligible
- ▶ Health coverage
- ▶ Living allowance
- ▶ Relocation allowance
- ▶ Student loan forbearance and deferment if eligible
- ▶ Professional Development Training with partner organizations
- ▶ One year of non-competitive eligibility for federal government positions upon completion of service

Requirements to serve as a VISTA member

- ▶ Must be 18 years of age
- ▶ US citizen, national, or legal resident
- ▶ Successfully complete a criminal background check

How to Apply

- ▶ Apply through the [MyAmeriCorps Portal](#)