AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associate
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dwelling Place seeks an outstanding individual to provide one summer of service through AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America). Dwelling Place is a community-based nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the lives of people by creating quality affordable housing, providing essential support services and serving as a catalyst for neighborhood revitalization. Our AmeriCorps VISTAs will function as a core part of our staff team working alongside permanent staff, yearlong VISTA Members, internship staff, and community volunteers.

This VISTA position will be focused on engaging organizational partners and residents in the near neighborhoods around Dwelling Place Community Land Trust (CLT) sites to share information about the home ownership opportunities being opened in their neighborhoods. The position will specifically target low-income minority neighborhoods with the goal of identifying BIPOC persons looking for home ownership opportunities. The VISTA would work closely with the Community Building and Engagement team on creating a series of outreach promotions as well as the CLT Director to facilitate digital information sessions and make people aware of available homeownership classes.

This position requires a commitment to serve as a full-time employee for a ten (10) week period beginning Monday, June 7, 2021. Due to COVID-19, the work will primarily be done remotely, with some required onsite activities. Compensation is paid directly to VISTA Summer Associates in the form of a modest bi-weekly living allowance from AmeriCorps VISTA. At the end of the term of service, an education award or cash stipend may be provided. For more information about AmeriCorps VISTA, see http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/americorps/americorps-vista.

Training and Qualifications
- U.S. Citizen at least 18 years of age
- Responsible, self-motivated, and able to handle multiple on-going projects
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Relevant non-profit or community development experience
- Computer skills required (MS Office products proficiency helpful)
- Other language skills a plus
- Ability to exercise considerable initiative and independent judgment and follow-through
- Maintains regular and timely attendance
- Thrives in a fast-paced work environment

Applications will be accepted until Wednesday, April 28, 2021. For more information or to apply, contact Heather Ibrahim at hibrahim@dpgr.org.