NeighborWorks VISTA opportunity – Community Engagement Coordinator 2022-23

AmeriCorps VISTA

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dwelling Place seeks an outstanding individual to provide a full year 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, internship staff, and community volunteers.

Dwelling Place is now hiring a Community Engagement Coordinator to establish connections and relationships in numerous communities across West Michigan, design and implement civic engagement activities, and forge engagement plans for that better facilitate community-driven development efforts. This position is perfect for someone interested in community organizing, neighborhood revitalization and making a difference in the lives of others. This one-year AmeriCorps VISTA position will be housed at the Dwelling Place Administrative Office in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The expected outcomes from this initiative would be a more robust and standard approach for how Dwelling Place initiates various housing opportunities in local communities, and how development and engagement staff connect to and include members of that community and neighborhood stakeholders, providing more opportunity and more connections to better serve low-income households through the creation of additional affordable housing options.

Project goal: Investigate and establish methods for community and neighborhood engagement as a part of the housing development process.

This position requires a commitment to serve as a full-time employee for a one-year period beginning Monday August 29, 2022 – August 28, 2023. Compensation is paid directly to VISTA 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 Monday, June 27, 2022. For more information or to apply, contact Heather Ibrahim at hibrahim@dpgr.org.

This is a full-time position for one year (08/31/2022-08/30/2023). Benefits upon successful completion of service include the choice of education award of $6,495 or end of service stipend, health coverage, relocation allowance, childcare assistance (if eligible), bi-weekly living allowance of $513.94, and training. There is potential for this project to be continued for a second year.

*For details about AmeriCorps VISTA healthcare benefits, please visit http://www.vistacampus.gov/healthcare