

## **NeighborWorks VISTA opportunity – Resident Engagement Specialist 2021-22**

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.

The Resident Engagement Specialist acts on the behalf of the Support Services Department for Dwelling Place of Grand Rapids. The responsibilities of the Resident Engagement Specialist will provide collaboration with the residents and services provider. Supervision is provided by the Support Services information regarding services to residents. Support resident efforts in community building initiatives. Assist other department staff in understanding and participating in the goals and programs-initiated Director. It is the responsibility of the Resident Engagement Specialist is to develop and implement supportive service programming in collaboration with residents and local community service providers. To provide ongoing outreach services to identify individuals who would benefit from services, recruit volunteers, and identify program and service gaps. He/She will act as a liaison to local human service providers and represent Dwelling Place on various task forces and community groups.

The expected outcomes from this initiative would be to increase the utilization of community resources and help integrated behavioral health and community recourse for Dwelling Place residents.

**Project goal:** Provide Dwelling Place low-income permanent supportive housing residents with resources and education around behavioral health.

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/amicorps/amicorps-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](mailto: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>