

# Becoming a HandsOn AmeriCorps VISTA Host Site!



We put volunteers to work where they are needed most!

### What is AmeriCorps VISTA?

AmeriCorps VISTA is a federal National Service program where members serve in full time roles for 1 year. All VISTA projects engage in indirect service and focus on sustainable capacity building.

### The HandsOn Difference

HandsOn knows how to help craft positions and build the bridge between host sites in need of AmeriCorps resources individuals who are looking to serve their communities and country in a meaningful way.

### Who are VISTA Members?

Many are straight out of college, some are using their AmeriCorps experience to transition into a new field, and a few are even retirees, but one thing unites all members and that is service! They are the people who ask ‘What can I do for community?’



## BENEFITS OF VISTA CAPACITY BUILDING

### Program Development, Delivery & Evaluation

- **Develop** or pilot a new program
- **Expand** existing programs
- **Establish & improve** tracking of program outcomes
- **Create** mechanisms for communicating with partners
- **Increase** the number of beneficiaries served
- **Assessment** of a new program

### Volunteer Management

- **Train** volunteers
- **Establish** partnerships for recruitment
- **Build** volunteer manuals/curriculum
- **Oversee** volunteer projects
- **Evaluate** volunteer impact

### Outreach

- **Develop** outreach plan for target beneficiaries or volunteers
- **Pilot** training for staff
- **Generate** community presentations to improve recruitment

### Technology Use

- **Develop** and pilot new databases
- **Improve** social media/web platforms to connect community partners to programs
- **Pilot** new technology tools



### Your commitment

AmeriCorps VISTA roles can run up to 3 consecutive years. As a HandsOn partner you will be involved in the selection process for a member, the host site manager are required to complete a training and be a part of ongoing discussions with HandsOn about the member’s performance, and there are brief monthly reports to complete. Partners do not have to pay members a wage, financially there is only a cost share fee of \$14,000 for the first year. VISTA projects must have a focus on poverty alleviation, but there are many ways that might manifest inside a program.

### How to get involved!

If you are interested in becoming a HandsOn AmeriCorps VISTA host site, reach out to us!



We will connect with you about what it takes to be a partner



We have application deadlines throughout the year!  
The sooner you apply the sooner you can host a VISTA.

APPLY NOW!

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“HandsOn provides a great support system of other VISTAs, and provided great professional development resources. The VISTA program in general is a great way to help underserved communities and transition into the workforce after college.”

Dakota Leonard  
2020 HANDSON GREATER PHOENIX  
AMERICORPS VISTA ALUMNI



### Our Partners over the years

