

# **Housing Action Corps**





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Open AmeriCorps Positions: Community Development Project Leader

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## What is the Housing Action Corps?

Since 2010, Housing Action Corps has paired hundreds of AmeriCorps members with organizations across Illinois. Each year, we connect 30-40 AmeriCorps members in the VISTA program with community organizations to address local challenges with local solutions. The Housing Action Corps helps organizations launch projects and expand their programs while providing professional development for the next generation of housing justice leaders.

## What do AmeriCorps VISTA members do?

AmeriCorps VISTA members serve full-time with community organizations for a year of service. They take on a variety of roles and responsibilities, all aimed at fighting poverty, ending homelessness, and helping communities thrive.

AmeriCorps members perform indirect activities to help organizations enhance and expand their programs. They typically serve in an office setting and tackle projects like:

- Program development
- Grant writing & fundraising
- Community organizing
- Research & data management
- Communications
- Volunteer recruitment
- Curriculum development

#### Paving Your Career Path

Build up communities while building your future! Alumni of the Housing Action Corps go on to pursue further education, a job in affordable housing, or another term of service. One-third of alumni are hired by their host site.

## What are the benefits of AmeriCorps service?

## **AmeriCorps VISTA Benefits**

- ★ \$878 stipend every two weeks\*
- ★ End of Service (choose 1):
  - ☆ Segal Education Award \$7,395
  - ☆ Cash Stipend \$1,803
- ★ *If eligible*: student loan deferment, health care allowance, childcare assistance, relocation payment

### Professional Development

- ★ Customized trainings
- ★ 1:1 Supervision & mentorship
- ★ Networking opportunities
- ★ Year of Non-Competitive Status for Federal Employment
- ★ AmeriCorps Alumni resources

 $<sup>^</sup>st$  AmeriCorps VISTA stipend is <u>not</u> considered income when determining eligibility for federally subsidized housing