



*Maryland-DC* | **Campus Compact**

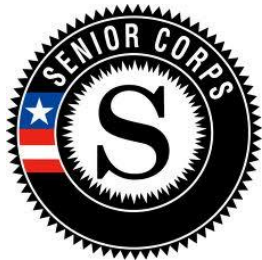


# VISTA PROJECT GUIDELINES



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**VISTA**  
Volunteers In Service To America



# CORE PRINCIPLES OF AMERICORPS VISTA

- Anti-Poverty Focus
- Community Empowerment
- Sustainable Solutions
- Capacity Building



# ANTI-POVERTY FOCUS

- The goal of every project must be to help individuals and communities out of poverty, not simply make poverty more tolerable.



# COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

- Every VISTA project must be responsive and relevant to the lives of the community residents, and tap into inherent community assets, strengths, and resources.



# SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

- VISTAs are short-term resources that serve to build the long-term sustainability of anti-poverty programs.
- VISTA projects should be developed with a goal to phase out the need for VISTA members, while maintaining the ability of the project to continue without them.



# CAPACITY BUILDING

- VISTA projects expand the scale, reach, efficiency or effectiveness of, or leverage resources, for programs or organizations that fight poverty.



# EXAMPLES OF CAPACITY BUILDING

- Building infrastructure;
- Expanding community partnerships;
- Securing long-term resources;
- Developing training for participants;
- Much more, as determined by local needs.





# VISTA PROGRAMMING PRIORITIES FOR FY 2014

- Economic Opportunity
- Education
- Healthy Futures
- Veterans and Military Families



# ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

- Financial Literacy
- Housing
- Employment



# EDUCATION

- School Readiness
- K-12 Success
- Post-Secondary Success



# HEALTHY FUTURES

- Obesity and Food (Food Resources)
- Access to Health Care



# VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES

- Economic Opportunity
- Education
- Healthy Futures



Veterans  
Served

