**Organize! Ohio AmeriCorps VISTA Position**

General Description: The VISTA member will provide outreach and support to low income and other community residents toward effectively addressing the issues impacting their lives.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Work to assist community groups and grassroots organizations to coalesce around the issues they are facing.
- Assist with the planning and implementation of the annual fair lending conference.
- Work with the Ohio Fair Lending Coalition for increased and equitable housing fair lending in Cleveland and Ohio.
- Work with the Shaker Square Alliance around housing and lending issues in the Larchmere area of Cleveland.
- Work with Ohio CDCs, nonprofits, and fair lending groups on the implementation of a community benefits plan resulting from agreements with three banks to provide new credit resources to low-income communities. Estimated value $3 billion.

Experience with community organizing is preferred but not required. A successful applicant will be trained and supervised in community organizing. Experience working with Excel a plus.

The VISTA member is a full-time VISTA position for 12 months, compensated with a monthly salary to be established in writing by VISTA. It is expected that the stipend will be $990 per month plus health care and persons completing their year of service will have their choice of either a $5,838 education award or $1,500 in cash. VISTA member is eligible to receive SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) and will receive travel and housing support. They may work part-time in addition as long as it does not interfere with service.

The VISTA will provide assistance to promote success with projects and programs. Networks will include community organizations, servicers, nonprofit organizations providing housing counseling, low income residents, and neighborhood leaders.

Skills:
Communicate effectively in writing, by phone, and in person with a diverse group of people.
Knowledgeable and competent in the effective use of computers and software.
Demonstrates skills in building on the strengths of others.
Demonstrates an understanding and sensitivity to transcultural differences.
Works as a member of the team.
Positive attitude in all interactions.
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