

# GROW YOUR LOCAL IMPACT



## Host a Stewards AmeriCorps VISTA

Stewards Individual Placement Program (SIPP) invites you to partner with us and the Corporation of National Community Service (CNCS) to host a member of our AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) program in your community.

AmeriCorps VISTA is an *anti-poverty* program that was developed as a domestic version of the Peace Corps. SIPP's AmeriCorps VISTA program is made up of individual members serving in rural, tribal, and urban communities across the country in order to preserve natural resources and strengthen communities.

## Add Value to Your Organization

AmeriCorps VISTA members are US citizens and legal permanent residents over the age of 18. Most AmeriCorps VISTA members have achieved a Bachelor's degree and have a strong sense of social responsibility. AmeriCorps VISTAs serve for 365 days and have four primary objectives:

1. Alleviating poverty;
2. Empowering communities;
3. Building capacity; and
4. Creating sustainable solutions.

Stewards VISTA members do this by engaging at the local level through partnership development, asset mapping, volunteer recruitment, planning community engagement events and fundraisers, grant writing, and developing curriculums and best practices for programs. Our members are typically seeking experience and career opportunities in nonprofit, civic service, and environmental fields. SIPP provides training and support in nonprofit development during their service term with our goal of creating a future of community minded Steward leaders.

## Return on Your \$13,000 Investment

Here's a breakdown of the comparative financial value of hosting a Stewards VISTA:

Fulltime Member 40 hours x 52 weeks	\$25,000
On-going project support and an extended network for best practices in community assessment, fund development and project management	\$12,000
1/20 peer leadership support for members	\$3,300
All Expenses paid, in-person Stewards VISTA Training	\$1,100
Relocation Reimbursement for VISTAs moving to their service region*	\$1,000
Harwood Virtual Public Innovators Lab	\$795
Settling In allowance (when applicable)	\$750
AmeriCorps VISTA Healthcare Allowance (eligibility through CNCS)	\$7,350
Segal AmeriCorps Education Award	\$6,095

**Estimated Value to your Organization: \$57,390**

## Measuring the Impact

In 2018, Stewards VISTA members:

- generated more than **\$2,000,000** in cash funding,
- supported **5,837** community volunteers in providing **over 37,000** volunteer hours,
- identified **57** new economic development/community revitalization projects

*"The Stewards Program does an excellent job recruiting and supporting [AmeriCorps] VISTAs, and provides them with valuable training on non-profit management, volunteer recruitment and resource development..."*

**Melissa May**

Stewards VISTA Alum  
and Supervisor,  
San Juan Soil and  
Water Conservation District

## What YOU Need to Host a Stewards VISTA:

- A great project tied to economic development
- Commitment to mentor a Member
- Work space and technology
- \$13,000 membership fee



# REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)



## About Stewards

Stewards Individual Placement Program (SIPP) is a program of Conservation Legacy, a national organization dedicated to supporting locally based conservation service programs. As a part of Conservation Legacy, SIPP is proud to work with federal and local non-profit partners to create lasting community change through placement of individual (AmeriCorps VISTA) members. SIPP strives to create a better future for people and for the environment by supporting and investing in future generations. Together with a robust network of partners, SIPP encourages and supports members and alumni to continue their service to the country by going on to work in government, nonprofit, private and academic sectors.

## Our Process

Hosting an AmeriCorps VISTA member with SIPP begins by expressing your interest! Our staff are available to answer questions and work with you to develop the project through the application process. Once the project has been approved by CNCS, you're able to promote and recruit the position locally, and our staff work with you to recruit at a national level.

Host organizations make final member selection decisions and SIPP handles enrollment in the AmeriCorps VISTA program, administers benefits, and provides member and supervisor support to ensure project compliance with federal requirements (CNCS). We take care of the administrative duties, you provide the projects, work space, infrastructure and project and mentoring of your AmeriCorps VISTA member(s).

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Stewards Individual  
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***Now accepting applications for 2019 service terms.***

