

FY16 Promise Zone Benefits from Partnering Agencies

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service

Programs with PZ Benefits:
AmeriCorps Vista

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Website: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ameri-corps/ameri-corps-vista>

Benefit Type: Program Assistance

Eligible Communities: Urban, Rural, and Tribal

Funding Availability: To obtain an AmeriCorps VISTA member, organizations must apply to be a project sponsor with the [Corporation for National and Community Service office in their state](#). The length of the application process varies, but the average time from the initial contact to the final decision is three to five months.

Benefits to Promise Zone: Each Promise Zone will be eligible to receive up to five AmeriCorps members who will support each community's goals and recruit and manage volunteers. These AmeriCorps VISTA members will work to build the capacity of the Promise Zone to work with federal agencies, coordinate key stakeholders, and create the community's project evaluation. Placements for Third Round Designees are planned for the Fall of 2016.

Program Description: AmeriCorps VISTA members make a year-long, full-time commitment to serve on a specific project at a nonprofit organization or public agency. These members focus their efforts to build the organizational, administrative, and financial capacity of organizations that fight illiteracy, improve health services, foster economic development, and otherwise assist low-income communities.

Funding Opportunities: The Corporation of National and Community Service provides grants to national and local nonprofits, schools, government agencies, faith-based and community organizations, and other groups committed to strengthening their communities through volunteering. Funding opportunities vary by program.

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