



## Northwest Food Partners Network AmeriCorps VISTA Chicago, IL

### Overview:

Northwest Food Partners Network-La Casa Norte is seeking a full-time AmeriCorps VISTA member to cultivate the growth of a Hunger Free Community coalition by engaging community leaders and food-insecure community members to identify community assets, partners, leaders, and stakeholders for the development and/or implementation of a Hunger Free Community plan to increase community food security.

[Hunger Free Community](#) coalitions are broad-based, multi-sector coalitions that are committed to ending hunger in their communities. These coalitions range in scale, from small towns and counties to major metropolitan areas and states. Some are led by governors, mayors, or members of Congress, while others are entirely volunteer driven. At their core, these initiatives are formed around the belief that to end hunger at the community level, a broad range of community stakeholders must unite behind a common vision and strategy.

### Position Description:

The Hunger Free Community-AmeriCorps VISTA will be responsible for:

- Evaluating the Hunger Free Community's capacity to take on the task of community change, and identifying areas that need strengthening or further development.
- Establishing tools and processes by which the goals of the Hunger Free Community can be monitored and evaluated to ensure progress towards the end hunger plan is being made.
- Ensuring the sustainability of the Hunger Free Community's work by recruiting and training volunteers that can be maintained with minimal oversight by program staff.
- Connecting with partner organizations or other established entities in the community to continue services offered in part by the VISTA project.
- Helping to develop and implement a sustainable fundraising plan to increase funds and in-kind support for the continued work of the Hunger Free Community end hunger plan.
- Prepare and distribute materials; including but not limited to: press releases, video clips, and public documentation that demonstrates the value and reach of the Hunger Free Community.
- Ensure the long-term viability of the Hunger Free Community by building upon the strategic capacity of the coalition and advisory board.

### Time Commitment:

This is a one year, full-time position. The anticipated start date is in August 13, 2018. This is a stipend volunteer position with AmeriCorps-Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA). Learn more at <https://www.vistacampus.gov/>.

**Position Benefits\*:**

- Living allowance of \$14,097 a year
- Segal Education Award (\$5,902) or End-of-Service stipend (\$1,800)
- Health benefits\*
- Potential to forbear or defer student loans while in service
- Relocation assistance (if applicable)
- Childcare assistance (if applicable)
- Optional life insurance
- One year non-competitive status for federal government positions
- A network of over 180,000 AmeriCorps VISTA members and alums

\*For more information on benefits provided through AmeriCorps VISTA, visit:

<https://www.vistacampus.gov/in-service/benefits-service>

**Qualifications:**

- Associate's Degree or equivalent experience.
- Strong interest in working on domestic nutrition, hunger and food security issues.
- Demonstrated experience in community engagement preferred.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Good working knowledge of Microsoft Office programs.
- AmeriCorps VISTA Requirements:
  - Be 18 years or older (no upper age limit)
  - Pass a national service criminal history check
  - Hold one of the following citizenship statuses: US citizen, US National, Lawful Permanent Resident Aliens and persons residing in a state that have the following legal residency classifications: refugee, asylum or asylee, temporary protected status, or deferred action for childhood arrivals (DACA) status.

**How to Apply:**

To apply, please completely fill out the online application through MyAmeriCorps:

<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=80508&fromSearch=true>

For questions specifically about VISTA and/or this position, please reach out to Layla Arnold, [larnold@alliancetoendhunger.org](mailto:larnold@alliancetoendhunger.org)

**[About AmeriCorps VISTA:](#)**

AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) members bring their passion and perseverance where the need is greatest: to organizations that help eradicate poverty. The most pressing challenges we face as a nation require the most courageous and creative people to address them. An AmeriCorps VISTA member serves as a catalyst for change, living and working alongside community members to advance local solutions.

**[About Alliance to End Hunger:](#)**

The Alliance to End Hunger engages diverse institutions to build the public and political will to end hunger at home and abroad. The Alliance to End Hunger's Hunger Free Communities initiative supports broad-based, multi-sector coalitions in the U.S. that are committed to ending hunger in their communities.