



## Now Hiring for the Summer (August 15, 2022)



The Northwest Regional Planning Commission

**2 AmeriCorps VISTA Positions**  
**Housing & Communications Specialist**  
**Local Food Access and Education Specialist**

### About the Positions

#### Housing & Communications Specialist

The VISTA member's service will have a multi-faceted approach to alleviating poverty through a diversity of projects with a particular focus on addressing housing needs. The VISTA will support the Northwest Working Communities Challenge project to improve access to housing in the region through project & grant writing assistance. The VISTA will also support NRPC's energy & climate work, with a focus on initiatives that benefit historically marginalized Vermonters. Additionally, the VISTA will manage a data software that assesses the impact of the plan on poverty alleviation and related issues; support the development of municipal plans with a focus on economic, housing, health, and hunger issues; provide outreach and assistance in communications for NRPC projects; and complete other tasks related to the VISTA's project areas as needed. Experience in communications, research, planning or grant writing is a plus.

#### Local Food Access and Education Specialist

The VISTA member's service will address poverty through projects that support access to healthy local food for all residents of the region. This work will have a particular focus on food access and farm to school education. The VISTA will support and help to expand Healthy Roots gleaning efforts and distribution of food to both traditional and non-traditional charitable foods sites. They will support HRC's Farm to School program by helping to enhance in school and after school FTS programming, and by developing supporting materials to educate and connect schools to local, fresh, and healthy foods. They will also provide assistance in exploring, continuing and/or expanding food access programs, like Everyone Eats and Healthcare CSAs. In addition, they will perform other tasks related to the VISTA project areas, such as data collection/management and volunteer engagement. Experience in communications, volunteer engagement, education or grant writing is a plus.

#### About the Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC)

The NRPC is one of eleven commissions serving Vermont municipalities. The mission of the NRPC is to conduct regional planning programs; to assist & aid local municipalities in their planning efforts as authorized by Vermont planning laws and to serve as a center of information, resource and forum for addressing regional issues and needs. Northwest Region is made up of 23 municipalities located in Franklin and Grand Isle Counties in northwestern Vermont. The Healthy Roots Collaborative is a regional food systems program, housed under the Northwest Regional Planning Commission, supporting growers, makers and eaters.

## About AmeriCorps VISTA

Being an AmeriCorps VISTA member is about making a tangible difference for communities and individuals dealing with some of our Nation's biggest challenges: poverty, inequity, homelessness, and hunger. VISTA members help to build the capacity of organizations that are working to alleviate poverty across the country.

In return for a year of service, each VISTA member receives a modest living allowance that reflects the income level of the community where you're serving, health benefits, training opportunities, student loan forbearance or deferment, and on-going professional development. After a successful year of service, each VISTA receives a Segal Education Award or a stipend.

## To Apply

Send your resume, cover letter, and 3 references (name and phone number) to Catherine Dimitruk at [cdimitruk@nrpcvt.com](mailto:cdimitruk@nrpcvt.com).

## For Additional Information

**Housing & Communications Specialist:** <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=111396>

**Local Food Access and Education Specialist:** <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=111394>