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Do You Need Help Working to End Poverty due to Racial Disparity? Become an AmeriCorps VISTA Host Site

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Serve Wisconsin is seeking to place 20 AmeriCorps VISTA members in nonprofits, schools, and government agencies working to end poverty due to racial disparities. VISTA members will help Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) led organizations increase their capacity to provide the services that will end racial disparity and create a just Wisconsin.

VISTA Members can help organizations with resource development, design or improve an organization's programming, conduct a community asset and needs assessment, develop the support systems to recruit and manage volunteers, and more.

"According to the [2019 Race in the Heartland](#) report, Wisconsin is ranked among the nation's worst states for racial inequality. AmeriCorps VISTA members can provide crucial support to nonprofits and government agencies working to address systemic inequality. Specifically, we are targeting historically underfunded BIPOC lead organizations for this initiative," said Jeanne Duffy, Executive Director of Serve Wisconsin.

If you are interested in learning more, please go to <https://www.servewisconsin.wi.gov/vista> and contact Jeanne Duffy at jeanne.duffy@wisconsin.gov or 608- 692-4121

To apply to be a host site, complete an [application](#) now!

What is VISTA

AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) is a national service program designed to alleviate poverty. President John F. Kennedy created VISTA in 1965. In 1993, VISTA was incorporated into the AmeriCorps network of programs and is funded and managed by the federal agency, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). AmeriCorps VISTA members bring passion and perseverance where the need is greatest: to organizations that help eradicate poverty.

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Serve Wisconsin is the state commission for national and community service. Our mission is to promote service, provide training, and allocate resources to programs that enrich lives and communities through service and volunteerism. We are currently administering funds to 26 AmeriCorps programs throughout the state and work collaboratively with Senior Corps and other national service programs. We are governed by a 21-member citizen board appointed by the Governor. For more information about Serve Wisconsin or funded AmeriCorps programs, visit www.servewisconsin.wi.gov.

