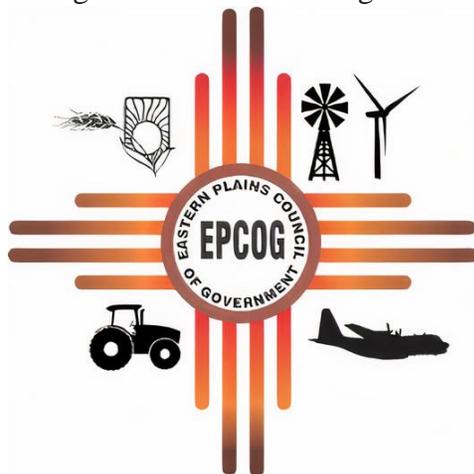




# VISTA

## Become an AmeriCorps VISTA for Community & Economic Development

Take advantage of an opportunity to serve your community and country while gaining valuable skills and connections as a VISTA (Volunteer In Service To America). The U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) has a partnership with the Corporation for National Community Service (CNCS) and *Eastern Plains Council of Governments to assist with capacity building and increase economic opportunities*. The position will provide an opportunity to work closely with local communities, regional organizations, and Federal agencies while receiving hands-on training in economic development.



The VISTA Volunteer will build capacity in the economically distressed and rural area of the Eastern Plains Council of Governments (EPCOG). Over the course of service, the VISTA will gather data, resources, analyze, and problem-solve within the region. Through this, the VISTA will assist with recommendations to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) and outline steps and procedures for implementation of the CEDS.

Throughout the VISTA's tenure, they will collaborate with staff, consultants, the public, and various leaders and community partners to help build the CEDS and make more informed recommendations specific to the region.

To learn more about the EPCOG region, please visit [www.epcog.org](http://www.epcog.org).

Once outlines are made for the implementation of the CEDS, the VISTA will also assist with tying the CEDS into the EPCOG regional disaster recovery plan that is currently in development.

The US Economic Development Administration is the VISTA sponsor and will work at the Eastern Plains Council of Governments. Assignment timelines may overlap.

# BENEFITS

Serve your country and improve the quality of life for economically distressed communities.

Gain Invaluable hands-on economic development experience.

## During Service

- The position provides a \$1,150/month stipend. (may vary by county)
- The volunteer position includes health care, childcare, training, relocation expenses, and liability insurance.
- Student loan deferment & interest forbearance
- Personal, medical, and other leave (paid time off)
- Professional development

## After Service

- **Education Stipend** - After a successful year of service, VISTAs can choose to receive either a \$1,800 stipend (approximate) or a \$6,345 Segal AmeriCorps Education Award to apply towards loans or future education costs.
- **Non-Competitive Eligibility (NCE) Status** - Once a VISTA successfully completes service, that VISTA will receive one year of non-competitive eligibility for employment in the federal government. This special hiring status enables the former VISTA to apply for federal jobs with the advantage of not having to go through the standard public competitive selection process. That means that you can be appointed to federal positions that may or may not be available to the general public. NCE does not guarantee a federal job, but it does provide a valuable opportunity!

For a full listing of benefits visit: <https://americorps.gov/members-volunteers/vista/benefits>

**Start Date:** June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Term:** Full-Time, One Year

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# VISTA & CNCS

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), a federal agency helps more than 5 million Americans improve the lives of their fellow citizens through service. Working hand in hand with local partners, CNCS tap the ingenuity and can-do spirit of the American people to tackle some of the most pressing challenges facing our nation. CNCS invests in thousands of nonprofit and faith-based groups that are making a difference across the country. CNCS includes AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, the Social Innovation Fund, the Volunteer Generation Fund, and more. They serve, we build, and we make an impact that changes lives and communities.

AmeriCorps VISTA members are passionate and committed to their mission to bring individuals and communities out of poverty. Members make a year-long, full-time commitment to serve on a specific project at a nonprofit organization or public agency. They 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.