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Hudson River Housing AmeriCorps VISTA Positions Available

Hudson River Housing, a community development and affordable housing agency located in New York State's Hudson Valley region, is seeking two candidates for full-time NeighborWorks AmeriCorps VISTA positions for the 2013-2014 program year.

Position One: AmeriCorps VISTA – Resident Engagement

Our Resident Engagement VISTA Volunteer will be a key member of our community development team, working on innovative urban planning and development projects in the Middle Main neighborhood of Poughkeepsie, NY (middlemain.com). Our VISTA volunteer will play an active role in community outreach, neighborhood improvement activities and community events. The VISTA will strengthen resident engagement with neighborhood projects, identify leadership training needs of residents, and work with staff to craft training modules. The VISTA will assist in development of our neighborhood networking website, social media, and neighborhood newsletter. The VISTA will also assist with volunteer recruitment; collection and presentation of neighborhood data; and partnership-building with our resident, food-system, arts, faith-based, and business communities.

Position Two: AmeriCorps VISTA – Green Initiatives

Our Green Initiatives VISTA Volunteer will work with a diverse team of staff engaged in leading green initiatives at the agency. The VISTA will help develop and strengthen green systems, policies and activities; assist in implementation throughout the agency; and assist in evaluating their effectiveness and consistency. The VISTA will play an active role in developing external outreach mechanisms, including developing new marketing materials and providing a presence at community events. The VISTA will also work with community development and resident services staff to formulate and facilitate resident education meetings on green topics, and produce education materials, such as signage and informational handouts.

Ideal candidates for both positions will:

- take initiative and be dedicated, flexible and creative
- have some college experience
- be comfortable working in diverse, underserved communities
- be interested in gaining experience in the community development field
- have strong verbal and written skills
- have strong computer skills
- be comfortable with public speaking
- bilingual English/Spanish strongly preferred for resident engagement position



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Candidates must live in or close to Poughkeepsie, NY. AmeriCorps VISTA service requires a full year commitment to your position. Hudson River Housing will locate housing for VISTA volunteers.

AmeriCorps VISTAs will receive a \$426 bi-weekly stipend, housing location services, a \$5,550 education award, and professional development and training opportunities. Benefits include health coverage, child care assistance, relocation allowance, and personal, sick and emergency leave.

VISTAs must attend a Pre-Service Orientation August 5-8th or 27th-30th and begin service immediately following. There are no costs to participate in the Pre-Service Orientation.

To apply, send resume and references to ecelaya@hudsonriverhousing.org by **4:00 pm May 10, 2013.**

Additional questions and information about the positions are welcome by email or phone (845) 454-5176. To learn more about the AmeriCorps VISTA program, visit <http://www.americorps.gov/about/programs/vista.asp>.