

# U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA)

## AmeriCorps VISTA Program



**Become an AmeriCorps VISTA for Community & Economic Development!**

Serve your country and improve the quality of life for economically distressed communities while gaining valuable skills and experiences!

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## Benefits:

### During Service

- \$1,212/month living stipend
  - Some variation by county
- Relocation Assistance
- Health Care Program
- Child Care
- Student Loan Deferment & Interest Forbearance
- Professional Development



### After Service

- End of Service Award - VISTAs can choose to receive either a:
  - \$1,800 cash stipend, or
  - \$6,345 Segal AmeriCorps Education Award
- Non-Competitive Eligibility (NCE) Status
  - Special hiring status for federal jobs
- Access to a large AmeriCorps Alumni network