The mission of AmeriCorps VISTA is to strengthen organizations that alleviate poverty through volunteerism and the mobilization of resources.

AmeriCorps VISTA is a national service program that has been working to alleviate poverty in America since 1965. The program’s nationwide corps of VISTA members serve full-time for a year at nonprofit organizations or local government agencies to build the capacity of these organizations to carry out programs that fight poverty. AmeriCorps VISTA members recruit and manage community volunteers, raise funds, and help manage projects. VISTA members support programs that improve academic performance, expand job opportunities, develop financial assets, reduce homelessness, and improve health services. They also support programs that increase housing opportunities, increase economic opportunities for low-income veterans and military families, and expand access to technology for those living in rural and urban areas of poverty across America.
As a new foundation formed in 2013, our AmeriCorps VISTA members have been instrumental in building capacity of our internal operations, raising awareness about our cause, supporting a growing coalition of literacy providers across our city, and mobilizing thousands of volunteers to serve those in need.”

– JULIE FINCK, President of the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation, TX

“$178 MILLION

Cash and in-kind resources generated by AmeriCorps VISTA members, nearly doubling every federal dollar invested.

VISTA Members and Projects...

Mobilized 900,000+ community volunteers who served over 11 million hours.*

Served nearly 3 million disadvantaged youth.

Served 188,000+ veterans, active duty military, and their families.

*Data self-reported from AmeriCorps VISTA partners in FY16