



COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER  
SUCCESS STRATEGIES FOR COLORADO NONPROFITS

**AmeriCorps VISTA - Rural Capacity Building Project**

Community Resource Center (CRC) believes in the power of the nonprofit sector to affect change and support thriving communities. We envision a strong and sustainable nonprofit sector leading our state towards a more just future. To accomplish this, CRC catalysis a diverse network of leaders across the nonprofit sector to include social change and build the capacity of organizations to advance and achieve their missions.

Many of our programs provide access to resources for nonprofit leaders in rural Colorado. More than 5,000 nonprofits operate within the eight regions and 52-counties considered rural in our state. They play an important role in improving the quality of life in Colorado's communities and provide services to address human needs, such as food for the hungry, transitional housing and poverty alleviation.

To build the capacity of rural nonprofits to better address the key factors that influence poverty in our communities, we are providing up to 18 AmeriCorps VISTA members to our nonprofit partners working in rural communities.

***The objectives of the Rural Capacity Building Project include:***

- Nonprofits and community groups in rural Colorado grow in organizational capacity and gain additional resources to accomplish their missions.
- VISTA members have a positive experience during which they increase in ability and gain valuable insight for future studies and employment.
- Persistent poverty in rural Colorado is reduced.

**AmeriCorps VISTA Rural Host Site Application**

***Please note that all VISTA host site applications must be completed through the online form on CRC's website. This document simply provides guidance before completing the application.***

***\* Indicates a Required Field***

- 1) Have you attended an information session, webinar, or spoken with CRC staff about hosting a VISTA? **Y/N \***
  
- 2) What region are you located in? Please note that only organizations located outside of the Front Range (Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Elbert, El Paso, Jefferson, Larimer, Pueblo, & Weld counties) are eligible for a VISTA through our program. \*
  - Heart of Colorado (Chafee, Clear Creek, Custer, Fremont, Gilpin, Lake, Park, Summit, & Teller counties)
  - Northeast (Cheyenne, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, & Yuma counties)
  - Northwest (Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco, & Routt counties)
  - San Juan (Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray, & San Miguel counties)
  - San Luis Valley (Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Saguache, & Rio Grande counties)
  - Southeast (Baca, Bent, Crowley, Huerfano, Kiowa, Las Animas, Otero, & Prowers counties)
  - Southwest (Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, & San Juan counties)
  - Western Slope (Delta, Eagle, Garfield, Mesa, & Pitkin counties)



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- 3) Contact Information
  - a. Organization \*
  - b. Supervisor Name \*
  - c. Supervisor Job Title \*
  - d. Supervisor Email \*
  - e. Supervisor Phone Number \*
  - f. Executive Director (if different then supervisor)
  - g. Executive Director Email
  - h. Executive Director Phone Number
  - i. Work Address \*
  
- 4) Organization Information
  - a. Website \*
  - b. Please describe what your organization does to serve your community \*
  - c. Staff Size – FTE \*
  - d. Organizational Budget Size \*
    - o Under \$100,000
    - o \$100,000-\$499,999
    - o \$500,000-\$749,000
    - o \$750,000-\$999,999
    - o \$1,000,000-\$5,000,000
    - o Over \$5,000,000
  - e. In which countries does your organization serve?\*
  - f. Please describe how you would provide a meaningful experience for your VISTA as well as your organization's work environment. \*
  - g. Please describe how your organization works to alleviate poverty in rural Colorado and how you propose the VISTA member will play a role in this. \*
  - h. How did you hear about the CRC Rural Capacity Building VISTA Project?
  
- 5) AmeriCorps VISTA Position Information
  - a. VISTA Job Title \*
  - b. Choose the "Field of Service" which most relates to the VISTA position (select one) \*
    - o Community and Economic Development, Community Outreach, Children/Youth, Disaster Relief, Education, Entrepreneur/Business, Elder Care, Ex-Offender Registry, Environment, Health, Hunger, Homelessness, Housing, Homeland Security, Neighborhood Revitalization, Public Safety, Technology, Veterans
  - c. VISTA Job Description \*
  - d. Have you or your organization hosted an AmeriCorps member (VISTA or other) in the past? **Y/N**\*
    - o If you answered yes, please describe your past AmeriCorps experience.
  - e. Do you plan to provide housing or an additional housing stipend for your VISTA member? **Y/N** \*
    - o If you answered yes, please describe your anticipated additional housing support.
  - f. CRC supports VISTA recruitment, however; we expect host sites to make efforts to recruit locally. Describe your local recruitment plan.