



Job Title: AmeriCorps VISTA SSI Outreach Specialist
Reports to: Senior Director of Programs

About the Anti-Hunger Corps:

The Anti-Hunger Corps VISTA program aims to reduce hunger and poverty and build the capacity of the agencies that address these issues. Members will build the capacity of the organization to assist unemployed and under-employed people obtain job training, job placement, and financial literacy services; improve access to food from government and nonprofit sources for targeted populations in particular and food insecure people in general; enable residents of food deserts to access healthier foods through farmers markets and community gardens; help more low-income children to obtain free school breakfasts and summer meals; enable nonprofit groups fighting hunger and poverty to raise more money and recruit and manage more volunteers, particularly high-impact and skilled volunteers.

Position Description:

The San Diego Hunger Coalition in partnership with Hunger Free America is seeking a full-time VISTA member to build the capacity of SSI serving organizations to connect SSI recipients to SNAP (known as CalFresh in California). They will do this by increasing organizations' understanding of new California state-level SNAP eligibility rules and best practices for connecting this newly eligible population to SNAP benefits. This work will result in the development of content for training modules and an online resource guide for SSI serving social service agencies and SNAP application assistance organizations.

Responsibilities may include:

- Attend organization lead trainings and participate in self-guided online learning.
- Conduct research to identify national best practices for engaging SSI recipients in applying for and accessing SNAP.
- Develop and provide presentations on new SNAP eligibility rules affecting individuals receiving SSI and how to best engage recipients.
- Train nonprofit partners who engage and work closely with SSI populations on best practices for engaging SSI recipients.
- Identify and outline barriers, opportunities and emerging best practices.
- Work with SDHC team to develop an information sharing template.

- Work with clients, application assistance partners, and enrollment organizations to identify and address barriers that prevent otherwise eligible SSI recipients from successfully navigating the process.
- Help develop and implement evaluation systems to measure progress of SSI SNAP outreach and assistance efforts, including but not limited to conducting in-depth interviews and focus groups with SSI recipients at new partner organizations.

Time Commitment:

This is a one-year, full-time position beginning September 3, 2019. You are expected to be available for the needs of your community and project at all times, including days, nights and weekends. Because AmeriCorps VISTA service requires a full immersion in the project and community, there are restrictions on outside full-time employment, along with some restrictions on political and religious activities. For more information, please review the AmeriCorps VISTA Terms, Conditions and Benefits information available here - <http://bit.ly/1dAs2FM>.

Housing & Transportation:

You are responsible for finding your own housing and must have access to a vehicle.

Program Benefits:

- \$790.70 bi-weekly Living Allowance
- Segal Education Award (\$6,095) or End-of-Service stipend (\$1,800)
- Health benefits*
- Potential to forbear or defer student loans while in service
- Relocation assistance (if applicable)
- Childcare assistance (if applicable)
- One-year non-competitive status for federal government positions
- A network of over 180,000 AmeriCorps VISTA members and alums

How to Apply:

Please apply via the AmeriCorps website job posting:

<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=88914&fromSearch=true>

*For more information on health coverage provided through CNCS, visit:

http://www.vistacampus.gov/in-service/benefits-service#health_coverage