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## FORGING POWERFUL PARTNERSHIPS



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# MRC and VISTA A Creative Solution for Sustainability

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# Welcome!

- ➔ Community Needs and Challenges
- ➔ Dedicated Sponsors
- ➔ Motivated and Qualified Members
- ➔ Sustainability

# Corporation for National & Community Service (CNCS)

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The Corporation for National and Community (CNCS) is the umbrella agency for several national service programs including VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America).

# VISTA History

Volunteers In Service To  
America



# What is VISTA anyway?



# Cost Share Advantages

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## ■ **What you give.....**

- The living allowance (approximately \$10,500) varies depending on cost of living adjustments and state.

**For a very minimal investment, your agency will receive a Full Time VISTA Member to create sustainable programming for your cause!**

## ■ **....What you get**

- \$4725 education award or \$1200 post service stipend.
- Health coverage for all members assigned to your project, \$2700 per member.
- Payroll services: members receive their pay directly from AmeriCorps\*VISTA.
- Training in project management and training.
- Travel costs associated with training.
- Moving allowance for members relocating to serve.
- Liability coverage for all members.
- Child care assistance for income-eligible members.
- FICA
- Assistance with recruiting members.

Estimated total CNCS contribution: \$10,000

# Requirements for Sponsors





# Application Process



# Sustainable Activities

 Databases

 Volunteer Manuals

 Grant Writing and Fundraising

 Policies & Procedures

 Volunteer Recruitment

# Who Ya Gonna Call?



# Thank You!

“Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, working together is success.” *Henry Ford*