

Opening for an AmeriCorps VISTA: Deaf Conservation Corps Coordinator

Full Time Year of Service with Stipend at a Baltimore Nonprofit

The following position is a one year (March 2019 – March 2020) AmeriCorps VISTA position at CorpsTHAT in Baltimore, MD and sponsored by Strong City Baltimore. CorpsTHAT is a non-profit organization, with a mission to bridge the Deaf and outdoor communities. CorpsTHAT will strengthen outdoor programs and Deaf community members by improving the educational, economic, and recreational opportunities in Maryland. Working with CorpsTHAT, a VISTA volunteer will create support services, develop tools and resources that expand the infrastructure of conservation corps programs, establish programs in Maryland and instill sustainability to ensure success the following year.

Develop a conservation corps program that focuses on environmental education and job training for Maryland Deaf and Hard of Hearing youth!

The goal of this project is to develop a successful conservation corps program that focuses on environmental education and job training for Maryland Deaf and Hard of Hearing youth. Through this program, youth will build hands-on learning experiences, job skills and leadership development that will lead them to conservation-related careers upon program completion.

The VISTA Member will:

- 1. Collect resources on program development.
- 2. Set up outreach systems and build partnerships with community organizations in order to spread the word about the conservation corps program Develop targeted marketing and hiring materials.
- 3. Compile and create an accessible outdoor environmental educational curriculum.
- 4. Develop program evaluation metrics and complete a final report on the program's success and areas of potential improvement.

AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) is not a job per se, but a full time national service opportunity. Benefits include: living allowance, relocation and child care assistance if eligible, health allowance, monthly travel reimbursement, choice of an education award or cash stipend, and non-competitive eligibility for federal employment upon completion. Preferred candidates will be at least 18 years of age, demonstrate relevant experience for the position, and exhibit professionalism, commitment to service, and leadership potential.

Strong City's mission is to build and strengthen neighborhoods and people. For more than four decades, Strong City has secured the resources of VISTA members to build sustainable change and fight poverty in our neighborhoods. Strong City-sponsored AmeriCorps VISTA members receive a solid foundation of skills they can use as a springboard for careers in government, nonprofits, education, and much more.

For more information, please contact **Lily Ross, Director of VISTA Programming, at <u>Iross@strongcitybaltimore.org</u> or (410) 261-3618.**

To apply, visit: Strong City Baltimore's Website Becoming a VISTA and click on my.americorps.gov

Application Deadline: February 7, 2019

Start Date: March 18, 2019