



FY 2023 AmeriCorps VISTA Awards: Michigan

AmeriCorps, the federal agency for service and volunteering, has made 9 AmeriCorps VISTA awards to organizations in Michigan during the past quarter with an approximate value of up to **\$2,269,997**. AmeriCorps VISTA awards depend on both current year and future year funding of the AmeriCorps VISTA program in order to execute the awards. The execution of these agreements are pending FY24 appropriations. As a result of their service, the AmeriCorps members supported by these awards are eligible for up to **\$692,855** in Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards.

AmeriCorps VISTA members serve full-time for 1 full year at a community organization, such as a nonprofit, faith-based organization, college or university, local government agency, and more, on anti-poverty projects across the country. AmeriCorps VISTA members work on projects that build the capacity of their organization. The AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associate program offers individuals the opportunity to become engaged in a community through an existing AmeriCorps VISTA project for 8, 9, or 10 weeks during the summer. Visit [our site](#) to learn more.

Below is the complete list of awards for Michigan. An executive summary is provided for new projects funded this quarter. *If you would like to make an announcement or would like more information, reach out to GovernmentRelations@cns.gov.*

FY23 AmeriCorps VISTA Cycle 3 Awardees

Organization	Project	Congressional District	City	Award Type*	AmeriCorps VISTA Investment	Maximum Education Award Value	# AmeriCorps Members (FULL-YEAR)	# AmeriCorps Members (SUMMER)
Alma College	Alma College	02	Alma	Continuation	\$117,731	\$35,934	5	1
Bethany Christian Services	Strengthening Americas Children and Families	03	Grand Rapids	Continuation	\$451,800	\$137,900	20	0
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Flint	Great Futures Start Here	08	Flint	Continuation	\$209,884	\$64,061	4	25



Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan	Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan V	12	Southfield	New	\$361,440	\$110,320	16	0
Community Action Network	Full STEAM Ahead for Under-Resourced Washtenaw County Youth	06	Ann Arbor	Continuation	\$435,784	\$133,011	14	25
FOCUS HOPE	Focus: HOPE Education and Empowerment Program	13	Detroit	Continuation	\$241,558	\$73,729	9	8
Hospitality House	Hospitality House Food Pantry	11	Walled Lake	Continuation	\$45,180	\$13,790	2	0
Michigan State University	MSU VISTA State Opioid Project	07	East Lansing	Continuation	\$384,030	\$117,215	17	0
Northern Michigan University	Development of U.P. Resource Locator	01	Marquette	New	\$22,590	\$6,895	1	0
				TOTALS:	\$2,269,997	\$692,855	88	51

*Award Type: New = New project sponsor or new project with an existing sponsor; Continuation = Project renewal with an existing project sponsor

Alma College

Alma College's mission is to prepare graduates who think critically, serve generously, lead purposefully and live responsibly as stewards of the world they bequeath to future generations. The VISTA project will seek to build capacity in programs dealing with postsecondary education access, food insecurity, homelessness, disabilities, the BIPOC (black, indigenous, people of color) community, the arts and environment issues in Gratiot County, and expects to benefit 120 high school students, 500 individuals dealing with food insecurity, 120 residents who are homeless, 30 adults and youth who are disabled, 6,200 members of the art community, and 6,000 youth and adults concerning environmental issues. Five VISTA members will contribute to the goals of the project by performing activities such as recruiting Alma College students to serve in the various community organizations dealing with education, food insecurity, homelessness, disability, BIPOC, the arts and environmental issues over the course of four years.

Bethany Christian Services

Bethany Christian Services mission is to demonstrate the love and compassion of humanity by protecting and enhancing the lives of children and families through quality social services. The VISTA project will seek to elevate community outreach & economic opportunities, and expects to benefit approximately 500 refugee clients/beneficiaries. 18 VISTA members and 2 Leaders will contribute to the goals of the project by performing activities such as: volunteer recruitment, training and education development; tutor support; housing and event planning; ESL/ESOL curriculum and Joint Cultural Orientation expansion over the course of 10 years.

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Flint

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Flint's mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. The VISTA project will seek to engage members in meaningful capacity building efforts through grant writing, special events support, donor relations, training development, and volunteer recruitment and support, and expects to benefit 1,000 individuals. Four VISTA members will contribute to the goals of the project by performing activities such as researching and prospecting new grant funders, preparing materials for donors, soliciting support for special events, and meeting with community partners to strengthen the overall program over the course of 6 years.

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan's mission is to provide compassionate, quality, professional services and support to people in need. The VISTA project will seek to improve nutrition and health care access and expects to benefit 4,000 beneficiaries. 16 VISTA members will contribute to the goals of the project by performing activities such as recruit volunteers, coordinate volunteer activities in food pantry, soup kitchen, health care access including transportation and medication acquisition over the course of five years.



Community Action Network

Community Action Network's mission is to partner with children, youth, and families from under-resourced Washtenaw County neighborhoods to create better futures for themselves and improve the communities in which they live. The VISTA project will seek to increase the scale, reach and leveraging of new resources to expand CAN's impact in the community. CAN estimates it will be able to reach over 3,200 community beneficiaries. Fourteen VISTA members will contribute to the Healthy Futures and Education goals of the project by engaging in activities including, but not limited to, increasing financial resource and material development over the course of 3-5 years. More specifically, CAN's VISTA members will develop new STEAM-infused educational curricula, reformat educational materials for collaborator usage, and develop a robust online resource interface to address youth experiencing poverty on a larger scale. Furthermore, CAN VISTAs will expand CAN's imprint on addressing food insecurity and obesity/nutritional.

FOCUS HOPE

HOPE's mission is "recognizing the dignity and beauty of every person, we pledge intelligent and practical action to overcome racism, poverty, and injustice. And to build a metropolitan community where all people may live in freedom, harmony, trust, and affection. Black and white, yellow, brown, and red from Detroit and its suburbs of every economic status, national origin, and religious persuasion we join in this covenant". This VISTA project will seek to build systems for improved internal organization, engage additional community partners to expand the impact of events and services, and strengthen curriculum and reach for youth development programs and expects to benefit approximately 2,000 community members that participate in our workforce development programs learning job skills, utilizing job placement opportunities and taking advantage of the counseling provided as a part of our organization's holistic approach. Approximately 180 K-12 students in both our Early Learning Programs and Generation of Promise Program will benefit greatly as well with improved literacy, health, wellness and learning new and innovative things and our food program serves over 42,000 senior citizens each month. 9 full-time VISTA members (including one Leader) and 8 Summer Associates will contribute to the goals of the project by performing activities such as creating systems for improved internal organization including data and metrics collection and storage, developing connections with new community partners to expand the reach and increase impact of events and services, strengthening curriculum for youth development programs, creating additional educational opportunities related to racial equity, diversity, systemic and structural inequalities, and leveraging untapped resources to build the voice of our organization and community members over the course of 7 years.

Hospitality House

Hospitality House's mission is to minimize deprivation in our community by providing food and assistance to those in need, while maintaining the utmost respect for the dignity of the individual. The VISTA project will seek to expand food access to those who need it by partnering with school districts to distribute food and expects to benefit 300 families in Oakland and Wayne Counties. We are requesting 2 VISTA members who will contribute to the goals of the project by performing activities such as building relationship with school districts, working with school employees to determine families in need, and distribution of food over the course of 3 years.



Michigan State University

Michigan State University's mission is advancing outreach, engagement, and economic development activities that are innovative, research-driven, and lead to a better quality of life for individuals and communities, at home and around the world. The VISTA project will seek to create or expand opioid prevention, intervention, and treatment opportunities for low-income communities and expects to benefit up to 15 health organizations and coalitions serving residents from across Michigan. Seventeen VISTA members will contribute to the goals of the project by performing activities such as coordinating local efforts to address service gaps, improving communication within local collaboratives and organizations, and building the capacity of these entities to address the opioid abuse crisis over the course of 3 to 5 years.

Northern Michigan University

The Northern Michigan University Center for Rural Health's mission seeks to improve the health and well-being of Upper Peninsula residents and communities by developing collaborative partnerships that improve the access and availability of affordable, quality healthcare services. The VISTA project will seek to create a digital resource hub that provides lists of programs, organizations and services of agencies that address social determinant of health needs to allow individuals and referring providers and agencies to connect people with needed resources and expects to benefit residents of all counties within the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, a population of 300,000 people. One VISTA member will contribute to the goals of the project by performing activities such as investigating what communities are currently utilizing and identify the needs of the end users (individuals, referring providers/agencies, etc). They will work to establish collaborative partnerships across the UP to develop a sustainability plan for the future ownership, management and technology platform needs for this project to have long term success, then over the course of 3 years.