

## MS Poverty Reduction Through Needs Assessment/Asset Mapping

Do you want to have a positive impact on the people in Mississippi? An Alliance **Community Outreach Specialist** will help MS nonprofits enhance and increase their capacity to serve their communities.

**Program Description:** The Mississippi Alliance of Nonprofits and Philanthropy's mission is to serve, build capacity, and foster collaboration in Mississippi's nonprofit and philanthropic communities. The MS Poverty Reduction Through Needs Assessment/Asset Mapping VISTA project seeks to identify, assess, and build the capacity of nonprofit organizations serving the needs of communities throughout the 82 counties in Mississippi, helping the nonprofit and philanthropic sector benefit un-served and under-served individuals, families, and children to bring them out of poverty, increase their education levels, enhance their economic well-being and stability, and ultimately strengthen the communities in which they live. Four (4) VISTA members contribute to the goals of the project over the course of one to three years by conducting surveys, telephone interviews, and site visits with nonprofit and community organizations to gather data about needs, identify gaps and challenges, and document resources and available (assets); researching best practices to eliminate and/or alleviate poverty; and conducting community conversations related to best practices.

**Member Duties:** You will help Mississippi nonprofits and philanthropies to enhance their collective impact on the quality of life of MS residents. You will collaborate closely with regional Volunteer & Nonprofit Hubs of the MS Commission for Volunteer Service. You must be committed, compassionate, and excited about the nonprofit sector and work diligently to offer quality, focused, and integrated support and services that enhance nonprofit and philanthropic organizations serving local communities. Aspects of the work will include: (1) Conduct Needs Assessments and Asset Mapping to determine community and nonprofit organization needs across Mississippi; (2) Verify and update an on-line database of nonprofits and funders working to strengthen and improve outcomes in communities across the state; (3) Convene community conversations related to best-practices research; and (4) Attend professional developments courses offered by The Alliance to increase your knowledge/understanding of the nonprofit sector.

**Education level:** Minimum High School Diploma/GED, preferably a college degree

**Age:** Minimum: Preferred age is out of college, with a degree/experience Maximum: None

**Language:** English

**Program Benefits:** Training , Living Allowance of ~\$515 biweekly, Travel Expenses, Choice of Education Award or End of Service Stipend, Health Coverage\* .

**Terms :**

Permits working at another job during off hours

Permits attendance at school during off hours

Car necessary

Successfully complete a criminal background check

VISTA is a full-time volunteer commitment

Political advocacy, organizing or demonstrating while on VISTA duty, or while perceived to be on duty, is prohibited

**Service Areas:**

Community and Economic Development

Poverty

Community Outreach

Children/Youth

Disaster Relief

Education

Entrepreneur/Business

Elder Care

Ex-Offender Reentry

Environment

Health

Hunger

Homelessness

Housing

Neighborhood Revitalization

Technology

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### **Skills:**

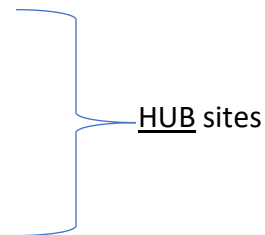
- Computer skills including Microsoft Office Applications, the internet, and social media
- Communications, including writing, editing, and public speaking
- Identification of Social Service needs
- Non-profit experience
- Effective time management
- Organized and detail-oriented

### **Characteristics:**

- Works well with people from a variety of backgrounds
- Takes initiative
- Motivated
- Flexible
- Enthusiastic
- Self-confident

### **Sites:** at Volunteer MS Nonprofit HUBs

- Tupelo (1) covering Northeast and Golden Triangle
- Gulfport (1) covering Gulf Coast and Pinebelt SE
- Jackson (1) covering Central MS & East
- Clarksdale (1) covering Delta, Northwest, and Southwest



**Work Schedule:** Full Time

**Program Start and End Date:** 04/12/2021 to 04/11/2022

**Accepting Applications:** From 02/19/2021 To 03/19/2021