Vehicle Resident Outreach VISTA Member

University Heights Center (UHeights) is seeking an AmeriCorps VISTA Member to support our Vehicle Resident Outreach program in a hands-on environment, helping keep people safe and legal as they navigate life in their vehicle.

Located in Seattle's urban University District, University Heights Center (UHeights) is a vibrant nonprofit community center that promotes lifelong learning, culture, community activism, and the preservation of our 1902 historic building. Founded in 1990 by a group of local activists, UHeights has served as a community-focused hub of activity providing affordable space for local nonprofits and groups focused on education, arts and culture, and human services.

We are recruiting an AmeriCorps member to serve for our 2023-2024 program who is an outgoing and collaborative team player and will enjoy the variety of working for a growing grassroots nonprofit organization. For more information about serving with AmeriCorps VISTA visit: https://americorps.gov/serve/americorps/americorps-vista.

Job Summary:

We seek a passionate, detail oriented, and organized team member with strong writing and research skills to support the expansion of our direct services to our community's unhoused population including: mobile showers, hygiene services, a Safe Lot for people living in their vehicles, meal programs, and a Vehicle Resident Outreach program. The VISTA member will work with current outreach teams to help develop systems and practices to best support unhoused community members with stability and a pathway to housing.

Reports to: Vehicle Resident Programs Manager

General areas of responsibility:

- Gaining understanding of the work and the systems in place to facilitate it.
- Helping develop and test ways to make the work more efficient and effective in connecting people to resources, and participating in meetings and groups around this work.
- This role will involve a mix of hands-on outreach:
  - Collaboration meetings with other providers
  - Office work to create and maintain accurate data around the work, in order to be able to effectively tell the story of what is happening with Vehicle Residents in Seattle.
COMPENSATION [PROVIDED BY AMERICORPS]:

- Living Allowance: You receive a modest bi-weekly living allowance to cover basic expenses.
- Professional Development Training: You have the opportunity to attend in-person and virtual training to learn how to be a community development change agent.
- Non-Competitive Eligibility: Once you've successfully completed service in AmeriCorps VISTA, you will receive one year of non-competitive eligibility for employment in the federal government.
- End of Service Award: Members can choose between a Segal Education Award (valued at approximately $6,495) to pay for a range of education expenses or a $1,800 cash stipend.

TO APPLY: Sign in or “apply to serve” to complete the AmeriCorps application in the “My AmeriCorps” portal: https://my.americorps.gov/mp/recruit/proWizardOnePrev.do

UHeights is an equal opportunity employer. We are dedicated to the goal of building a diverse staff committed to working in a multicultural environment. We strongly encourage applications from women, minorities, individuals with disabilities, and veterans.

Ideal Start Date: July 2023  Job open until filled