

2021/2022 VISTA Impact Report



VIRGINIA HOUSING
ALLIANCE

AT A GLANCE



For the 2021/2022 year, the VHA VISTA program had 9 VISTA members whose projects focused on expanding affordable housing and ending homelessness at organizations across Virginia. This report highlights the VISTA work from August 2021-August 2022.

Professional Development

The VHA VISTA program prides itself on providing our VISTA members with professional development opportunities, building upon the program's legacy of developing a pipeline of individuals (VISTAs) who will continue to work in affordable housing/homeless services post-service term.



3,266 hours

of professional development training completed by the VISTA cohort in 21/22



6 VISTAs hired

by their Host Site organization post-service term

VISTA IMPACT BY NUMBERS



Over the course of a year, the 21/22 VISTA cohort improved the effectiveness and efficiency of their Host Site organizations by implementing assessments, improving systems, working to secure new funding, and building the overall capacity.

3.4 M Total cash resources leveraged

194 Staff and Volunteers that received training

59 Grants or funding proposals submitted

929 Renters stabilized due to VISTA efforts

255 Number of potential homebuyers educated or counseled

28 Systems, procedures, and policies enhanced, created, or updated

VISTA ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Ensured data quality as RRP transitioned from a two-door system (Deval and Virginia Housing) to a one-door system (Gov2Go)



Developed a system to coordinate the distribution of surplus donations for a homeless shelter



Developed a client survey that revealed a need for LGBTQ+ training, trauma informed care, and a housing first training



Compiled a report of findings from the 2021 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count including five year trends, developed a training module for CoC project staff on the Fair Housing Act and Equal Housing Opportunities, and provided the CoC with tools and processes to help with HUD reporting and data



Tracked programs run by volunteers to gauge both participation and impact for grant qualification purposes