



VIRGINIA HOUSING ALLIANCE

VISTA Impact Report

2022/2023



VISTA PROGRAM



Over the course of one year, 13 AmeriCorps VISTA members 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.

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.



2,853 hours

of professional development



43 courses completed

with the National Grant Foundation on specialized topics



6 VISTAs hired

by their Host Site/housing focused org



3 VISTAs returned

for a second year with the program

VISTA IMPACT BY NUMBERS



1.9M

Total cash resources leveraged

100

Staff and volunteers trained

50

Grants or funding proposals submitted

76

Resources, curricula, or programs developed and deployed

410

Potential homebuyers educated or counseled

125

Outreach campaigns implemented that increased program/issue awareness

VISTA ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Conducted 37 surveys with residents in Richmond to identify service gaps and identify solutions to address health and food security issues



Implemented the first Advocacy Program, which connects AHC, Inc. to local and state reps in order to share and educate officials on the housing landscape



Established a community advisory board made up of folks with lived experience to inform on organizational decisions



Cultivated a partnership with the WMATA to provide Housing Alexandria residents with a new income-qualified fare program, which allows anyone who receives SNAP benefits to automatically receive a 50% discount on all public transportation



Designed a manufactured home resident oral history project to uplift the perspectives of marginalized groups and increase public awareness