



## Love Your Block AmeriCorps VISTA Member

### About Cities of Service

Cities of Service is a nonprofit organization that helps mayors build stronger cities by changing the way local government and citizens work together. We help coalition cities tap into the knowledge, creativity, and service of their citizens to help identify and solve critical public problems. Cities of Service supports a coalition of more than 260 cities, representing over 73 million people across the Americas and Europe.

With a data-driven focus on creating measurable results, Cities of Service provides counsel, expert technical assistance, and proven resources to city leaders and their staff. We bring coalition members together to share best practices, expand networks, and deepen relationships. We also design and manage competitive grant programs for cities that leverage our expertise in advising and connecting cities.

### About Love Your Block

Love Your Block brings mayors together with citizens to revitalize their neighborhoods, one block at a time. From painting over graffiti with colorful murals to banishing trash from playgrounds, citizen volunteers are combating urban blight and making their blocks better places to live.

For its 2018 City Hall AmeriCorps VISTA Love Your Block program, Cities of Service awarded each winning city \$25,000 to be used for mini-grants and resources to support the efforts of citizen groups and local nonprofits to fight property blight through home repairs, lot transformations, and community cleanups. In addition, two AmeriCorps VISTA members serve in each winning city's city hall to build capacity and raise awareness. The program is made possible with support from Bloomberg Philanthropies and the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS).

### Position Overview

Cities of Service is seeking [AmeriCorps VISTA members](#) to support the second year of Love Your Block. Responsibilities include:

- Revise and manage existing mini-grant process and outreach materials
- Conduct grant application information sessions and other outreach in target neighborhoods
- Assist Love Your Block neighborhood project leaders in the recruitment and management of community volunteers
- Cultivate and maintain partnerships among stakeholders such as community organizations, city agencies, nonprofit organizations, neighborhoods associations, and block groups
- Maintain a database of Love Your Block projects and partners
- Manage mini-grant recipient and partner relationships



- Interview community members affected by Love Your Block projects
- Write stories about the impact of the Love Your Block projects
- Help secure funding to sustain and expand Love Your Block
- Other duties as assigned

Cities of Service Love Your Block AmeriCorps VISTA members' term of service begins on **September 3, 2019**. Two AmeriCorps VISTA positions are available in each of the following cities:

- Buffalo, NY
- Gary, IN
- Hamilton, OH
- Hartford, CT
- Huntington, WV
- Lancaster, PA
- Milwaukee, WI
- Newark, NJ
- Richmond, VA
- South Bend, IN

To learn about what some of our previous AmeriCorps VISTA members have learned during their year of service and what they are doing now, check out some of our [AmeriCorps VISTA member profiles](#) on the Cities of Service website.

### **Duration and Compensation**

This is a one-year, full-time AmeriCorps VISTA commitment commencing on September 3, 2019. A living stipend is provided and an additional end-of-service award is provided contingent on successful completion of the service year. Relocation assistance is provided if needed.

### **Qualifications**

- Some college preferred
- Experience working in community engagement preferred

### **To Apply**

To apply for this position, please visit <https://my.americorps.gov/> and search for "Love Your Block".