



## Now Hiring for the Fall (August 16<sup>th</sup>) The Northwest Regional Planning Commission



### **Community Development and Communications Specialist AmeriCorps VISTA**

#### **About the Position**

The candidate will address poverty through a diversity of projects including: developing local partnerships between community organizations working on fighting the opioid epidemic in the region, collecting data on regional substance misuse, assisting in the development of programs and trainings related to substance misuse, and exploring sustainable grant opportunities related to substance misuse and public health; implementing the Northwest Regional Plan by managing a data software that assesses the impact of the plan on poverty alleviation and related issues; supporting staff to write municipal plans with a focus on economic, housing, health, and hunger issues; providing outreach and assistance in communications for NRPC projects; and participating in the regional Hunger Council meetings and events. Experience in communications, research, public health, planning or grant writing is a plus.

#### **About the Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC)**

The NRPC is one of eleven commissions serving Vermont municipalities and operating under the Vermont Municipal and Regional Planning and Development Act and its adopted bylaws. The mission of the NRPC is: to conduct regional planning programs including land use, transportation, emergency management, brownfields, housing and economic development programs; to assist local municipalities through education, technical assistance, grants and funding; and to aid municipalities in their planning efforts as authorized by Vermont planning laws; to serve as a center of information and as a resource to support the region and its municipalities' interests, growth patterns and common goals; to provide a forum for the discussion of issues which are regional in nature and/or unique to our area of the state, and to serve as a mediator to resolve conflicts as appropriate. The Northwest Region is made up of 23 municipalities (19 towns, 3 incorporated villages, and 1 city) located in Franklin and Grand Isle Counties in northwestern Vermont.

#### **About AmeriCorps VISTA**

Being an AmeriCorps VISTA member is about making a tangible difference for communities and individuals dealing with some of our Nation's biggest challenges: poverty, inequity, homelessness, and hunger. VISTA members help to build the capacity of organizations that are working to alleviate poverty all across the country. As a VISTA member, you will serve in a project identified and managed by the community.

In return for a year of service, each VISTA member receives a modest living allowance that reflects the income level of the community where you're serving, health benefits, training opportunities, student loan forbearance or deferment, and on-going professional development. After a successful year of service, each VISTA receives a Segal Education Award or a stipend.

## **To Apply**

Send your resume, cover letter, and 3 references (name and phone number) to Catherine Dimitruk at [cdimitruk@nrpcvt.com](mailto:cdimitruk@nrpcvt.com).

## **For Additional Information**

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