



JustServe AmeriCorps, MLK VISTA & Washington Reading Corps of King County

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# Make a difference.

## AmeriCorps & VISTA at Solid Ground



### We believe...

- Our community has the resources, will and ability to end poverty.
- All people have the right to food, shelter, social justice and opportunities.
- Racism perpetuates poverty.
- To end poverty, we must undo racism.

We believe that together, we can build a community free from poverty, prejudice and neglect in which all members stand on Solid Ground with the skills and confidence needed to achieve their dreams.

## National Service Opportunities

- JustServe AmeriCorps
- Martin Luther King VISTA
- Washington Reading Corps of King County

Solid Ground coordinates three National Service programs serving low-income communities in Seattle/King County through 130+ AmeriCorps and VISTA positions with the following programs:

- [JustServe AmeriCorps](#)
- [Martin Luther King VISTA](#)
- [Washington Reading Corps](#) (both VISTA & AmeriCorps)

choose between the educational award or a \$1,200 cash award.) Applicants come from many different backgrounds. Some common qualities we seek are a demonstrated commitment to serving local communities, a willingness to view the world through the eyes of people with experiences different from your own, and a belief in working together toward a just and caring community free from poverty, prejudice and neglect.

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AmeriCorps and VISTA are yearlong, stipended volunteer programs that offer individuals of all ages and backgrounds the opportunity to address some of our communities' most pressing social problems. In return for their year of service, AmeriCorps and VISTA Members receive a modest monthly living allowance, training opportunities, and a \$4,725 educational award to help finance their post-high school education or pay back student loans. (VISTAs only may



# Getting things done.

You can make a difference!



With 130+ full-time, yearlong positions throughout Seattle and King County, Solid Ground coordinates more AmeriCorps and VISTA opportunities than any other organization in our community. Each year, Solid Ground's National Service Members provide more than 250,000 hours of service. They develop leadership skills, gain valuable hands-on experience, forge lifelong friendships, and make a real difference in the lives of thousands of community members.

### JustServe AmeriCorps

JustServe AmeriCorps works for a just and safe community by engaging AmeriCorps Members in violence prevention efforts throughout Seattle/King County. Member projects focus on the violence that perpetuates poverty in our community. JustServe partners with community- and faith-based organizations, middle and high schools, the Seattle Police Department and other criminal justice agencies to provide:

- Positive, skill-building activities for youth at risk of becoming or already involved in the Criminal Justice System.

- Alternatives to incarceration.
- Advocacy for domestic violence victims/survivors.
- Support for people returning to the community after incarceration.

Also, JustServe helps youth and adults of all ages get involved in community-driven violence prevention efforts throughout Seattle/King County.

*Program starts in September.*

### Martin Luther King VISTA Corps

MLK VISTA partners with local organizations to cultivate leadership and resources addressing poverty-related challenges in their communities. We address and dismantle barriers that uphold and enforce the cycles of poverty that hurt low-income communities, support community leadership and involvement, and keep cultural competency at the forefront of our decision making. Projects include:

- Provide resources and outreach to people who are homeless.
- Support young people in leadership development.
- Build equitable food security programs.
- Establish afterschool educational programs.
- Provide seniors with sound health and independent living skills.
- Engage in anti-racist community organizing.

*Program starts in August. VISTAs must be 18 years of age or older.*

### Washington Reading Corps of King County

Solid Ground's Washington Reading Corps sees access to education and closing the achievement gap as key social justice issues with far-ranging consequences directly related to our mission to end poverty. We work to ensure that all students can read by the end of 3rd grade.

Research shows that literacy is one of the most important factors in school success. Strong reading skills help students achieve more in all academic areas — yet many children in our community struggle to master this most basic skill.

Each year, WRC Members tutor and mentor kids and recruit hundreds of volunteers, coordinating one-to-one reading assistance for thousands of students. WRC Members dramatically impact the lives and futures of schoolchildren in our community:

- To date, WRC has boosted the literacy skills of close to 100,000 students statewide.
- Teachers report that tutors positively affect children's attitudes toward reading.
- Curriculum-based tests show that WRC activities lead to measurable student gains.

*VISTAs start in August; AmeriCorps Members start in September. Positions are available in Seattle, and North and South King County.*

## Join our teams!

Positions are open to U.S. citizens or permanent residents who are 17 or older (18 for VISTAs). A high school diploma or GED is required for VISTAs, but AmeriCorps Members may complete a GED during their service year. People from all educational and skills backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Application process:

- 1) Fill out an AmeriCorps application form.
- 2) Provide two work or academic references.
- 3) Complete a standard interview.

Applicants may apply to one or all of Solid Ground's National Service programs. Keep in mind that the entire hiring process takes some time, so it may be a few months before you are placed at a site.

For information on our next recruitment events, please call Solid Ground's National Service Recruitment Hotline: 206.926.9000 or visit us online:

[www.solid-ground.org/AmeriCorps](http://www.solid-ground.org/AmeriCorps)

*Solid Ground is an affirmative action/ equal opportunity employer. People of color, women and people with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.*