

## MSWCD Hiring Full-Time AmeriCorps VISTA Member

The Muskingum Soil and Water Conservation District is addressing food insecurity by teaching people how to grow food, while at the same time supplying fresh, locally grown produce to our county's food banks/pantries and to those who participate at our community gardens. The theme of Urban Greens is "Growing with Purpose", and we believe that providing ways to grow healthy food is part of our purpose.

Our urban agriculture program, Urban Greens, currently manages several community gardens, each with a slightly different focus and purpose. In 2024, those sites produced over 13,000 pounds of produce that went to local food pantries, veterans, seniors, and a summer lunch program. To assist with the Urban Greens program, we are fortunate to be able to offer one AmeriCorps VISTA Member position through ShareCorps.

The AmeriCorps VISTA Member will develop or enhance and expand current activities, services, and approaches to improve food insecurity through our Urban Greens program. The VISTA will work full-time (35-40 hours per week) for one year, beginning in mid to late 2025. Minimum qualifications for AmeriCorps: 18 years or older within two weeks of the service start date, high school diploma or GED, US citizen or lawful permanent resident. The AmeriCorps VISTA Member works through the federal government program and will receive a biweekly living allowance of \$957.46, a \$200 monthly housing stipend if applicable, health coverage, professional development and training opportunities, and an End of Service Award of either a cash stipend of \$1800 or an Education Award of \$7,395. Paid holidays, 10 paid sick days, and 10 paid personal days are included.

**Interested applicants must use this link to apply by July 18, 2025**

<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=116863>

The VISTA Member will support the Urban Greens program by searching and applying for grants, seeking sponsorships, recruiting volunteers, working on the establishment of a non-profit organization to support the program, and continuing several systems and items established in 2024/25. The VISTA employee's work will fully support the Urban Greens program and the Urban Ag/Education Specialist.



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