

**2021 SRI VISTA Service Description**  
for eGrants submission

<b>VISTA Title:</b>	<b>Groundwork RI Community Engagement VISTA</b>
<i>VISTA Title should include your organization's name first, then the title for the VISTA. For example: Serve Rhode Island Marketing &amp; Communications Specialist or ISPN Data &amp; Evaluations Coordinator</i>	

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<b>Two-line Description:</b>	Groundwork RI seeks a VISTA to help build the capacity of Harvest Cycle composting social venture through external communications, volunteer management, and community engagement.
<i>This is what will appear on the myAmeriCorps search page, so it should be the "blurb" that catches a candidate's attention. It has a strict 200 character limit, including spaces.</i>	

<b>Program Description:</b>	Groundwork Rhode Island is a non-profit, community-based environmental organization dedicated to making physical improvements in the urban environment that also create economic resources for lower-income people. We achieve this through our many urban stewardship programs, which provide jobs and job training for residents and physically improve our shared urban environment. One of our core programs is Harvest Cycle, a subscriber-based food scrap collection service for homes and small businesses that employs graduates of our adult job training and Green Team high school youth programs. GWRI is also building a community compost hub that will serve as a resident drop-off site, compost processing site, and community education center. The VISTA position will support growth of Harvest Cycle, ensure that participation in the program and finished compost product is accessible to low-income residents, strengthen our capacity to provide employment to local residents, and build community engagement and support for the composting program.
<i>This should describe your organization and the specific program that the VISTA will be working in. It has a strict 2000 character limit, including spaces.</i>	

<p><b>What activities will the VISTA be doing?</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Develop strategies to build community support for urban composting</li> <li>2) Develop systems and opportunities for volunteer engagement with our current and new processing, drop-off, and other food scrap aggregation sites</li> <li>3) Help organize media event for grand opening of the new West End Compost Hub</li> <li>4) Develop programs to engage the public at the Hub, such as school field trips, schedule seasonal workshops, and volunteer workdays, with emphasis on serving low/moderate-income schoolchildren and others</li> <li>5) Conduct market research on potential buyers of finished compost and create relationships with buyers</li> <li>6) Increase Harvest Cycle's customer base through marketing and outreach</li> <li>7) Continue to strengthen the employment and training pipeline from Groundwork RI's Adult Job Training and high school Green Team programs into jobs with Harvest Cycle</li> </ol>
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*Please use this section to describe the VISTA's activities and what tasks they will be completing. It has a strict 1000 character limit, including spaces.*

**Will you be offering any other benefits beyond the standard VISTA benefits? If so, please describe below:**

Groundwork RI will pay a housing stipend for the VISTA.

**Is a car recommended for this position?**

Yes, but not required.

**Do you have a language requirement?**

Must speak, read, and write in English, but no additional language requirement. Speakers of other languages, especially Spanish, are encouraged to apply.

**Are any special skills needed for this project?**

Good communication skills, interest in working with diverse populations including individuals with past conviction records, business/marketing experience, education and community outreach experience, flexible and adaptable.