Our Organization:
San Diego Hunger Coalition (SDHC or Hunger Coalition) leads coordinated action to end hunger in San Diego County, supported by research, education, and advocacy. SDHC is committed to ensuring that every human being facing hunger has immediate and equitable access to food assistance sufficient to see them safely through their time of need. Before COVID-19, 1 in 7 San Diego County residents experienced or were at risk of food insecurity, meaning they did not have enough to eat to lead an active, healthy life. Due to the pandemic, that number has increased to 1 in 3.

AmeriCorps Anti-Hunger Corps VISTA Program:
The Anti-Hunger Corps VISTA program aims to reduce hunger and poverty and build the capacity of the agencies that address these issues. Hunger Free America (HFA), in conjunction with some of the nation’s most effective anti-hunger and poverty organizations, engages VISTA members and partnering organizations in moving families beyond the soup kitchen by breaking down barriers and providing improved access to healthful, nutritious foods.

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Project Description:
The San Diego Hunger Coalition in partnership with Hunger Free America is seeking a full-time VISTA member to support the organization in strengthening SNAP/CalFresh outreach and application assistance in partnership with its network of community-based SNAP/CalFresh application assistance partners.

Responsibilities may include:

- Attend organization lead trainings and participate in self-guided online learning.
- Conduct research to identify national best practices for engaging community members in applying for and accessing SNAP, including home bound seniors, people with disabilities, and families with children.
- Develop and provide presentations on new SNAP eligibility rules and program changes and how to best engage recipients.
- Train nonprofit partners who engage and work closely with special populations on best practices for engaging recipients.
- Identify and outline barriers, opportunities and emerging best practices.
- Work with SDHC team to develop an information sharing template.
- Work with clients, application assistance partners, and enrollment organizations to identify and address barriers that prevent otherwise eligible individuals and families from successfully navigating the process.
- Help develop and implement evaluation systems to measure progress of SNAP outreach and assistance efforts, including but not limited to conducting in-depth interviews and focus groups with recipients at partner organizations.
Required Qualifications:
- Strong interpersonal and active listening skills, with articulated experience working with diverse communities.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships across cultural differences.
- Ability to work independently and take projects from concept to completion.

Preferred Skills:
- Bilingual, English & one of the additional languages listed below.
  - Arabic, Burmese, Khmer, Chinese, Creole, Farsi, French, Hmong, Karen, Korean, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Filipino, Tigrinya or Vietnamese.

Time Commitment:
This is a one-year, full-time position beginning January 17th, 2022. You are expected to be available for the needs of your community and project with a minimum of 35 hours a week, during the typical workday Monday-Friday. Because AmeriCorps VISTA service requires a full immersion in the project and community, there are restrictions on outside full-time employment, along with some restrictions on political and religious activities.

Housing & Transportation:
You are responsible for finding your own housing and must have access to a vehicle. PLEASE NOTE: SDHC Staff are working remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic and will determine as a team when it is appropriate to return to in-person meetings and involvement within the community.

AmeriCorps VISTA Program Benefits:
- $1,027.88 Bi-Weekly Living Allowance
- Segal Education Award or End-of-Service stipend
- Health benefits*
- Potential to forbear or defer student loans while in service
- Relocation & Childcare assistance (if applicable)
- One-year non-competitive status for federal government positions
- A network of over 180,000 AmeriCorps VISTA members and alums

**NOTE: SDHC cannot provide any compensation in addition to the AmeriCorps VISTA Program Benefits

For More Information or To Apply:
Please submit your resume and cover letter to info@sdhunger.org. Applications without a cover letter will not be accepted. No calls, please.