

Sierra Nevada Alliance

Sustainable Sierra Communities Program Assistant [AmeriCorps VISTA]

Help fight climate change and poverty through a new pilot residential energy efficiency and water conservation program for low income residents in South Lake Tahoe.



SIERRA NEVADA ALLIANCE

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Location: South Lake Tahoe, CA

Start date: November 1, 2010

Sustainable Sierra Communities Program: The Sierra Nevada Alliance is a non-profit organization and a network of over 100 conservation groups in the Sierra Nevada working to protect and restore Sierra land, water, wildlife and communities. The Sustainable Sierra Communities Program works to foster and support local actions and planning that establish building blocks for more resilient, thriving Sierra communities. Through on-the-ground projects, innovative programs, publications, workshops, and trainings, we empower local action for a sustainable future.

Job Description: This is a one-year AmeriCorps VISTA position (11/2010 thru 11/2011) that will work with the Sustainable Sierra Communities Program at the Sierra Nevada Alliance to develop a pilot outreach and education program that focuses on energy efficiency and water conservation for low income residents in El Dorado County. The goal of this program is to help residents save money, while saving energy, reducing green house gas emissions and living more sustainably. In addition to this local program, the member will also help create a regional program that encourages sustainable homes & gardens in the Sierra through on-the-ground projects and outreach efforts in Sierra communities. The new "Sierra Home & Garden Program" expands upon the Alliance's successful conservation landscaping program. This position is managed by the Sustainable Sierra Communities Program Associate and Program Director. The Sierra Nevada Alliance is a fun work environment that offers excellent networking and learning opportunities with other non-profit conservation groups and agencies in the Sierra Nevada region, a 400-mile long mountain range in Central and Northern California. This position is based at the Alliance headquarters in South Lake Tahoe, California.

AmeriCorps VISTA members build capacity in nonprofit organizations and communities to help bring individuals and communities out of poverty.

Desired Qualifications:

- B.S./B.A. in environmental sciences/studies, communications or a related field
- Knowledge, training and/or a good understanding of residential energy efficiency, renewable energy, urban water conservation, building performance and sustainable building practices
- Good written and verbal communication skills
- Experience creating outreach materials, planning events and coordinating volunteers
- Strong interest or experience working with diverse groups, particularly low income populations
- Ability to manage multiple tasks and work independently
- Familiarity with personal computer applications including Microsoft Office
- Spanish language speaking and writing skills are preferred, but not required
- Valid driver's license, ability to lift 25 pounds and work at a computer up to 6 hours a day

- A passion for the Sierra, it's environmental issues and the grassroots movements working to protect and restore the "Range of Light"

Salary and benefits:

Salary and benefits are according to AmeriCorps VISTA compensation rates

- \$932/month stipend
- Health care benefits
- \$5,350 education award with completion of service
- Reimbursement available for relocation to South Lake Tahoe, California
- Support from Alliance staff during the transition and/or move

Perks of Serving as an AmeriCorps Member at the Sierra Nevada Alliance

- Live right on the shores of beautiful Lake Tahoe, a mecca for outdoor recreation activities including skiing, mountain biking, rock climbing, sailing and hiking.
- Work in a fun, friendly office that is a great place to develop professional skills and learn from others
- Gain valuable knowledge, experience and networking opportunities by working with the Sierra Nevada Alliance, an organization that is a network of over 100 conservation groups in the Sierra Nevada
- Have the opportunity to lead projects and manage volunteer interns
- Get assistance from our welcoming staff with relocation and settling in as needed

Application Instructions:

Application end date: August 31, 2010

To apply, go to www.americorps.gov . Direct link:
<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=37487>

APPLICANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SEND A 1 PAGE LETTER TO
MEGAN@SIERRANEVADAALLIANCE.ORG DETAILING YOUR INTEREST IN THIS POSITION
AND RELATED EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS.

First round interviews will be scheduled in early September and conducted September 26th through October 8th. Position starts at the Alliance November 1 with an offsite AmeriCorps Pre-Service Orientation in mid-November (all expenses paid).

For more information on this position, please contact Megan Suarez-Brand at the Sierra Nevada Alliance at (530) 542-4546 or megan@sierranevadaalliance.org . For more information on the Sustainable Sierra Communities Program, visit <http://www.sierranevadaalliance.org/programs/program.shtml?type=pgm02>