

Montana Campus Compact VISTA Assignment Description (VAD)

Title: City of Red Lodge Community Resilience VISTA
Sponsoring Organization: University of Montana – Montana Campus Compact Project Name: MTCC VISTA Project Number: Project Period: August 15, 2022 – August 14, 2023
Site Name: City of Red Lodge
Focus Area(s) Primary: Capacity Building Secondary: Environmental Stewardship

VISTA Assignment Objectives and Member Activities	
<p>Goal of the Overall VISTA Project: The goal of this project is to increase the green infrastructure and climate resilience of Red Lodge by collaborating with Red Lodge Area Community Foundation (RLACF) on their Habitat for Humanity Solar Project to design educational curriculum that will expose students to green career opportunities, and by performing an assessment for the installation of a community garden in different areas of Red Lodge, with a focus on the low-income housing area of Mountain Springs Villa, as well as to provide substantive strategic updates to the City’s Urban Forest Management and Energy Conservation plans. The outcomes of the project will provide resources for the City and Community Foundation to perform similar projects in the future that address green infrastructure, solar energy for low-income housing, and community food sources. Some of the resources, such as a guide for solar on Habitat for Humanity homes, will be developed in a way that can be replicated for other communities, ensuring continuing regional impacts.</p>	
<p>Objective: The VISTA member will orient themselves to project performance measurement requirements in order to successfully implement each component and accurately report on progress.</p>	<p>Member Activity: The member will ensure they receive and participate in an On-Site Orientation Training (OSOT) upon arrival at the host site and communicate any project questions to the host site supervisor and/or the Montana Campus Compact VISTA Manager.</p> <p>Member Activity: The member must review applicable performance measurements and anticipate outcomes for each activity included in this VAD.</p> <p>Member Activity: Upon understanding the performance measurement reporting requirements, the member will determine and put into place reporting tools necessary to supply performance measurement data to the Montana Campus Compact VISTA Project on a monthly basis.</p>
<p>Objective: Determine the role of the campus/community partner in</p>	<p>Member Activity: Meet with the campus/community partner, discuss collaborative opportunities and potential.</p> <p>Member Activity: Maintain regular communication with campus partner.</p>

<p>the VISTA project.</p>	
<p>Objective: Raise community awareness of RLACF solar projects, including through the development of K-12 curriculum.</p>	<p>Member Activity: Meet regularly with RLACF leaders, and maintain communications with other partners, including affordable housing committees.</p> <p>Member Activity: Identify and pursue opportunities for fundraising to support the solar project, and search for other opportunities for collaboration with community groups.</p> <p>Member Activity: In consultation with Red Lodge High School, prepare educational materials and curriculum that can be used to educate students of various age groups on renewable energy and green career opportunities.</p>
<p>Objective: Perform a community assessment to identify locations for community gardens.</p>	<p>Member Activity: Perform outreach activities to community members to gather their input, with a special focus on community members in low-income areas.</p> <p>Member Activity: Based on community input, identify the appropriate structure for community gardens and any associated programs; identify and pursue appropriate fundraising opportunities.</p> <p>Member Activity: Select location(s) for community gardens and design a plan for the next steps of implementation.</p>
<p>Objective: Upgrade the 2015 Urban Forest Management Plan for the City of Red Lodge.</p>	<p>Member Activity: Meet regularly and collaborate with City staff and Parks Board members to assess green infrastructure planning, resources, and programs.</p> <p>Member Activity: In collaboration with these partners, identify priority locations for green infrastructure improvements, especially with reference to boulevard tree planting.</p> <p>Member Activity: Design a plan to implement these green infrastructure improvements.</p>
<p>Objective: Upgrade the 2018 Energy Conservation Plan for the City of Red Lodge.</p>	<p>Member Activity: Meet regularly with City staff and Sustainability Board members to assess past and future recommended programs for the City with a priority focus on renewable energy, waste reduction, and recycling.</p> <p>Member Activity: Collaborate with these partners to create a strategic plan for the future management of the Recycling Center.</p>