

Montana Campus Compact VISTA Assignment Description (VAD)

Title: Fort Peck Tribes Climate Adaptation VISTA
Sponsoring Organization: University of Montana – Montana Campus Compact Project Name: MTCC VISTA Project Number: Project Period: November 7, 2022 – November 6, 2023
Site Name: Fort Peck Tribes Office of Environmental Protection
Focus Area(s) Primary: Environmental Stewardship Secondary: Capacity Building

VISTA Assignment Objectives and Member Activities	
<p>Goal of the Overall VISTA Project: The goal of this project is to provide the Fort Peck Tribes and regional communities with a climate resilience plan that is responsive to community needs and provides strategies to limit the impacts of climate change, environmental disasters, and other system shocks on communities, with a focus on vulnerable, low-income populations. This will be accomplished by performing community assessments, researching promising strategies that can be implemented, and assembling an advisory group to develop the resilience plan.</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 the VISTA project.</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>Objective: Engage key stakeholders, potential partners, and other affected constituents in the resilience planning process.</p>	<p>Member Activity: Develop relationships with project partners, colleges and universities, and other key stakeholders identified by the VISTA member.</p> <p>Member Activity: Recruit participants for a resilience planning advisory committee.</p>

	<p>Member Activity: Conduct learning sessions, focus groups, stakeholder interviews, and/or surveys to elicit input from the community.</p> <p>Member Activity: Maintain regular communications with stakeholders and provide general support to the resilience planning initiative.</p>
<p>Objective: Compile information on related initiatives and develop a resource library.</p>	<p>Member Activity: Research past regional climate initiatives that have been carried out by local & state agencies or other organizations, and meet with leaders in Tribal government and across the Reservation.</p> <p>Member Activity: Develop and keep up-to-date a resource guide for regional community resilience and climate action plans in coordination with Climate Smart Montana</p> <p>Member Activity: Compile the resources and records that are identified during research, and use them to establish a Resilience Resource Library, to be a repository of resilience plans and climate adaptation and mitigation initiatives and strategies for the Inter-Mountain West, focusing on Montana.</p>
<p>Objective: Field test and evaluate resilience planning protocols.</p>	<p>Member Activity: Coordinate stakeholder-driven climate adaptation workshops and planning in Tribal communities, in partnership with other Tribal departments and partners.</p> <p>Member Activity: Evaluate the impact and implementation of resilience and climate action plans previously deployed in neighboring communities.</p>
<p>Objective: Develop a climate resilience plan for the Fort Peck Tribes, in collaboration with partner organizations.</p>	<p>Member Activity: In collaboration with partners and advisory committee, identify high-risk climate scenarios and associated system shocks, with a focus on associated risks for low-income populations.</p> <p>Member Activity: Assemble assessment and recommendations into a unified plan providing guidance for departments of the Fort Peck Tribes and members of the community.</p> <p>Member Activity: Incorporate feedback from community assessment, workshops, listening sessions, etc. to make the plan responsive to community needs.</p>