



# AmeriCorps VISTAs & Tribal Resilience

## Host a full-time, paid volunteer at your TCU to work on Tribal climate resilience projects



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### Climate Resilience Project Ideas

- **Work** with community stakeholders to identify climate-related risks and vulnerabilities
- **Facilitate** the development of a community resiliency/preparedness plan to mitigate climate-related risks
- **Build** volunteer networks to carry out resilience and community development activities
- **Focus** on expanding food security efforts by promoting local food production that supports healthy futures and economic development outcomes
- **Develop** citizen science activities for K-12 youth around local environmental issues
- **Write** grants and identify additional resources needed to sustain community resilience work

### Host Sites: Eligibility & Requirements

- Host site must be a TCU
- Provide supervision of assigned VISTA
- Identify housing for VISTA, budgeted at \$350/month unless supplemented by the TCU
- Develop a 3 year project plan that your VISTAs will work on



### AMERICAN INDIAN HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM

**AIHEC** is seeking Tribal Colleges & Universities (TCUs) to host full-time, college-educated, Volunteers in Service to America (VISTAs) through the TCU VISTA Program. VISTAs can help provide capacity for community-driven projects that address pressing local climate change concerns.

AIHEC is partnering with BRIDGE Network, a program of Conservation Legacy, and the Tribal Colleges & Universities Land Grant Development Initiative (TCULGDI), which is a collaborative effort involving federal and non-federal partners committed to providing coordinated support to 1994 TCUs.

Together, these partners are working to provide qualifying grant applicants with a full-time volunteer for up to three years to work on approved Tribal Resilience projects. VISTAs:

- Serve full-time for one year
- Are college-educated
- Receive a monthly living stipend
- Receive an education award of \$5,775
- Live in the communities they serve

*VISTAs can write grant proposals, create workforce training strategies, build partnerships, survey communities, develop long-range business strategies, and more.*



VISTA training, project development, and recruitment support for VISTA members will be provided by BRIDGE Network, a national AmeriCorps sponsor headquartered in Beckley, WV.

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