

# **Town of Blacksburg**

## Shelter Needs & Landlord Engagement VISTA (In-Person)

**Location:** Blacksburg, VA

**Target Start Date:** October 27, 2025

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Serve your community and develop your professional skills through a year of service with AmeriCorps VISTA! In this in-person position, the Town of Blacksburg Shelter Needs & Landlord Engagement VISTA will build capacity by expanding the availability of both emergency and long-term housing options. The Member will do so by modernizing regional housing databases and search engines, coordinating outreach with potential local partners, educating key stakeholders on local needs and opportunities for engagement, and conducting an assessment of shelter needs. The right fit for this position will hold a Bachelor's degree, possess writing, communication and basic research skills, enjoy engaging with the community and public service. Applicants should be self driven and organized with an interest in affordable housing and/or homelessness. Applicants should be able to travel to downtown Blacksburg daily for in-person work hours.

The Town of Blacksburg is working to address homelessness and struggles to locate affordable housing in the New River Valley. Through landlord engagement and improved homeless shelter operations, the Town of Blacksburg's Office of Housing and Community Connections plans to meet these challenges. As the Shelter Needs & Landlord Engagement VISTA, you will address poverty by increasing the availability of affordable housing and homeless shelter programming for those in need in the New River Valley.