

**Climate Resilience Coordinator  
AmeriCorps VISTA Position Description  
Environmentally Threatened Communities Program  
Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium**

**Objective**

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium in Anchorage, Alaska is seeking an AmeriCorps VISTA to serve as the Climate Resilience Coordinator in the Environmentally Threatened Communities Program. The objective of this position is to increase Alaska Native communities' resilience to climate change. The majority of Alaskan Native Villages are experiencing substantial damage caused by persistent and increasing storms, floods, erosion, and melting permafrost. Homes, livelihoods, and cultures are at risk. The largest barrier to Alaska Native communities' climate adaptation efforts is lack of funding. This position is an opportunity to join a small team that assists communities on the front lines of climate change to locate funding for their adaptation efforts.

**Duration**

June 11, 2018 – May 17, 2019, with possible extension up to three years.

**Responsibilities**

**RESEARCH:**

- Collaborate directly with community leaders (e.g. tribe, city, village corporation) to understand their vulnerability, sensitivity, and adaptive capacity;
- Research funding opportunities, including federal programs and private foundations;

**WRITE**

- Develop communication and educational resources;
- Write recommendations for communities, monthly newsletters, funding proposals;

**COORDINATE**

- Organize grant writing training for communities, meetings with stakeholders and partner organizations;
- Assist communities to navigate adaptation planning processes and resources.

**Benefits**

Flexible schedule, \$1,333 monthly stipend, \$150 monthly housing assistance, healthcare, childcare, \$5,920 Education Award or cash stipends, and preferential hiring for federal employment for one year upon completion of the VISTA term. Relocating AmeriCorps members are eligible to receive up to \$1000 for relocation assistance and a \$500 settling-in allowance.

**Requirements**

1. Skills in establishing and maintaining cooperative working relationships with individuals from a wide array of cultural, political, educational, socio-economic, geographic and linguistic backgrounds;
2. Experience with and/or passion for climate change adaptation;
3. Ability to work independently with minimal supervision;
4. Superb written and oral communication skills;
5. Exceptional organizational skills;
6. Track record at striving for excellence.

## **Desired Qualifications**

1. Experience living and/or working in rural Alaska Native communities;
2. Desire to travel to rural Alaska by small aircraft for one or more overnight community engagement activity;
3. Experience with grant writing, fundraising, digital communications, and federal assistance programs.

## **About Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium**

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) is a statewide 501(C)3 non-profit owned and operated by Alaska Native people that provides health services to the 140,000 Alaska Native people residing in Alaska. Services include specialty medical care, community health services, construction and maintenance of water and sanitation facilities, training and educational support, and a host of other services including environmental health and engineering.

This VISTA position is part of the Environmentally Threatened Communities Program, funded by the Denali Commission. To learn more, read [GAO-09-551](#) "Limited Progress Has Been Made on Relocating Villages Threatened by Flooding and Erosion."

ANTHC will have eight other VISTA positions in various roles across the organization.

## **How to Apply**

Apply via the AmeriCorps website: <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=79476>

## **Hiring Timeline**

Applications are due April 30 at 11:59 PM Alaska time. A candidate will be selected by May 14. The position start date is June 11.

## **Contact Information**

Contact Max Neale ([mdneale@anthc.org](mailto:mdneale@anthc.org)) with questions.