



Akron VISTA Job Description

Better Block Foundation is a nonprofit organization that empowers communities and their leaders to reshape their built environments to promote the growth of healthy and vibrant neighborhoods. The Akron VISTA should understand and embrace this mission, and have a genuine passion for urban innovation and bettering cities according to their unique identities.

Position

Reporting to the Exchange House Director, the Akron VISTA needs strong management skills to continue implementing programs in the house. Based in Akron, Ohio, the Exchange House is a shared space and cultural hub in Akron's international North Hill district. With the project, we are proving that the city can take one of the houses, renovate it, and provide a place for someone to live, a revenue stream with an Airbnb concept, and provide education with a cultural exchange on the bottom floor. The VISTA will continue the plan for this programming and figure out how to hand it back over to the community. And will also be focused on phase 2 of the project, which includes a marketplace.

Part of the position will be ongoing management of the project and its programming, and the other portion will be researching the project's impact.

This is a one-year AmeriCorps position that lasts from January 29, 2017–January 29, 2018, and is based in Akron, Ohio.

Requirements

- Provide technical assistance and support to see tactical urbanism projects to fruition
- Strong creative, problem-solving skills with an enthusiasm for experimenting with new materials and reuse
- Working knowledge of developing programming for a cultural exchange experience
- Strong understanding of Airbnb process and how to develop management
- Ability to lead various team members to deliver and complete projects within a given time, budget, and resource constraints
- Ability to define deliverables for various elements of the project

Qualifications

- Experience in relevant roles/fields (such as Hospitality, Urban Design, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Urban Planning, Public Health, Community Development, Project Management, or related fields)
- Excellent English communication skills
- Project management experience
- Budget management experience
- Experience engaging with communities
- Detail oriented and extremely organized
- Creative and collaborative
- Ability to multi-task and capable of adapting to evolving situations

Send your résumé and cover letter to Krista@betterblock.org. No phone calls please.