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### **Gain Real World Experience and Build Your Résumé While Serving as an Americorps VISTA with Frontier Housing**

**Morehead, Kentucky** - Frontier Housing announced today that they have been approved for three Americorps VISTA members. These volunteers will work very closely over the next year in support of Frontier's neighborhood stabilization efforts.

Frontier's proposed project will involve three different components. One VISTA volunteer will be utilized to assist with a Neighborhood Stabilization Project in Ashland, Kentucky. In Ashland, Frontier will rehabilitate and resale or demolish and rebuild vacant properties that have been abandoned to foreclosure. A second VISTA will assist in developing and launching an energy-efficiency home rehabilitation program throughout Frontier Housing's 9-county service area. A third VISTA will assist in organizing a Repair Affair to provide minor home repair for low-income homeowners in Rowan County and the City of Morehead.

These programs will help to stabilize communities by restoring property values, reducing housing costs, and keeping families in their homes. VISTAs assigned to these project areas will help develop and conduct neighborhood condition surveys, vacant property identification, courthouse research; develop protocols and administer the neighborhood stabilization program; help develop partnerships and collaborations (e.g., with churches, cities, counties, community banks, businesses, etc.); recruit volunteers to assist with services; and raise financial resources to support the programs. VISTAs efforts in this project will result in greater community engagement in managing the impacts of vacant properties. What's more, the VISTAs will increase Frontier's ability to serve more efficiently and with greater impact on an ongoing basis.

VISTA members receive a modest living allowance during their year of service. Upon completion of service, members have a choice of a \$4,725 education award or a \$1,200 cash stipend. For more information on how you can be involved, please visit <https://my.americorps.gov>. For more information about Frontier, please visit [www.frontierhousing.org](http://www.frontierhousing.org).

#### ***About Americorps VISTA***

AmeriCorps VISTA is the national service program designed specifically to fight poverty. Founded as Volunteers in Service to America in 1965 and incorporated into the AmeriCorps network of programs in 1993, VISTA has been on the front lines in the fight against poverty in America for more than 40 years.

VISTA members commit to serve full-time for a year at a nonprofit organization or local government agency, working to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses, strengthen community groups, and much more. With passion, commitment,

and hard work, they create or expand programs designed to bring individuals and communities out of poverty.

***About Frontier Housing***

Frontier Housing, a non-profit corporation with a 35 year track record in affordable housing production, builds and develops single and multi-family housing in the City of Ashland, and the following counties: Carter, Elliott, Morgan, Magoffin, Wolfe, Menifee, Bath, Fleming, and Rowan.

