

# Update on Grant Funded Programs in the City of Billings

## March 2024

### Community Development Division



The Billings Planning & Community Services Department, Community Development Division, manages several federal grant programs, including the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America program (VISTA). City Council approved the Community Development Division to submit its annual application to the Corporation for National and Community Service (AmeriCorps) at its March 11 meeting.

The City of Billings Community Development Division manages an AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) program called the Billings Metro VISTA Project (B-MVP). In FY23-24, the program received \$332,500 in grant funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to carry out the program.

#### More About This Project

The work:

- The Billings Metro VISTA Project has been managed by the Community Development Division since 2009.
- A total of 59 organizations have hosted AmeriCorps VISTA members, including HomeFront, Wise Wonders Children's Museum, Dog Tag Buddies, and the Alzheimer's Association.
- VISTA focus areas include education, housing, employment, food security, access to healthcare, and services benefiting veterans and military families.

Resources:

- The support grant from CNCS was \$332,500 in FY23-24.
- The Community Development Board recommended, and the City Council approved, \$65,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to support VISTA members in FY23-24.
- VISTA host site organizations also contribute a total of approximately \$10,000 per year to support the program.

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