

The Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota Employment Opportunity

Austin Outreach VISTA to Empower Immigrant Entrepreneurs

The Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota (ILCM) is a participant in the AmeriCorps VISTA program at the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation. As a placement site, ILCM is seeking to host an Austin Outreach VISTA to Empower Immigrant Entrepreneurs as an integral part of the Austin Area Minority Business Project.

Organization Summary: The mission of the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota is to enhance opportunities for immigrants and refugees through legal representation for low-income individuals, and through education and advocacy with diverse communities. The Austin Area Minority Business Project's (AAMBP) goal is to promote entrepreneurship and economic vitality in Austin by reducing barriers created by immigration status and unfamiliarity with the business process. Through a holistic approach that includes both legal and technical business support, we help minority business owners and aspiring immigrant entrepreneurs. Our partner organizations work with clients in two main areas: legal services and business technical support. Our legal team addresses any immigration-related questions that may affect the aspiring immigrant business owners, and our economic development partners provide technical support businesses in all stages of their formation. For more information, visit www.ilcm.org.

Position Summary: The VISTA will coordinate the business trainings and workshops, create and execute marketing materials and strategies, and work towards project sustainability by expanding the model and working on grants for future funding.

To apply: <https://smifoundation.org/about-us/careers/>.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities:

AmeriCorps VISTA members build capacity in nonprofit organizations and public agencies to help them more effectively generate the commitment of private sector resources, encourage volunteer service at the local level, and empower individuals and communities. AmeriCorps VISTA members serve full time for one-year terms.

The VISTA member will:

- Market the project to the community, potential entrepreneurs and funders.
 - Coordinate workshops and trainings to build capacity for aspiring business owners.
 - Compile resources to leverage opportunities for entrepreneurs.
 - Ensure project sustainability to replicate in other parts of the state and ensure continued funding.
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Experience and Qualification Requirements:

AmeriCorps VISTA requirements:

Applicants need to be over 18 years old when they start their AmeriCorps VISTA service and must have one of the following citizenship statuses: U.S. Citizens, U.S. Nationals, Lawful Permanent Resident Aliens, or persons legally residing in a state that have the following legal residency classifications: refugee, asylum or asylee, temporary protected status or deferred action for childhood arrivals (DACA) status. By law, only VISTA members who are either U.S. Citizens, U.S. Nationals, or Lawful Permanent Resident Aliens—sometimes referred to as “Lawful Permanent Residents”—are eligible to receive an AmeriCorps Segal Education Award. All other members will receive an end of service cash stipend. There is no upper age limit to apply to AmeriCorps VISTA.

Specific position eligibility requirements:

- Bilingual candidate with Spanish proficiency preferred.
- Comfortable with technology for creating workshops and delivering marketing materials.
- Teleservice while COVID-19 restrictions are in place, ability to travel independently throughout the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) region preferred (mileage will be reimbursed).
- Please visit the application page for more details at: <https://smifoundation.org/about-us/careers/>.

Developing your skills is important to us, we are a diverse team with many fellows, volunteers, work-study students, and interns that will be form a cohort at Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota.

Additional Information: For further information:

Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota - <https://www.ilcm.org/>.

Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation - <https://smifoundation.org/>.

AmeriCorps VISTA - <https://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ameri-corps/ameri-corps-programs/ameri-corps-vista>.

How to Apply: Visit the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation at <https://smifoundation.org/about-us/careers/>.
