



Service Announcement: Real Estate Development Project Assistant LISC AmeriCorps Member: Urban Homeworks

The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) is dedicated to helping community residents transform neighborhoods into healthy and sustainable communities of choice and opportunity — good places to work, do business and raise children. LISC combines corporate, government and philanthropic resources to help community-based organizations revitalize neighborhoods. Since 1980, LISC has invested more than \$9.7 billion that has leveraged an additional \$31.3 billion to build or rehabilitate 271,000 affordable homes and develop 40 million square feet of retail, community and educational space nationwide in efforts to Build Sustainable Communities. This strategy extends to the LISC AmeriCorps program where we support placing AmeriCorps Members with local non-profit partners to assist in local efforts to revitalize neighborhoods across the country, creating vibrant places for people to live, work, and play. LISC's AmeriCorps program seeks to attract talented individuals to serve for one year to help build organizational capacity. This is an excellent opportunity to gain experience and begin a career in the Community Development field.

Founded in 1995, **Urban Homeworks (UHW)** is a nonprofit agency working with lower-income individuals and families throughout the Twin Cities metro area to provide dignified rental housing, affordable home-ownership opportunities, a strategic network of 'good neighbors,' and the redemptive development of real estate.

AmeriCorps Member Activities

The member at **Urban Homeworks** will serve as a **Real Estate Development Project Assistant**. In this capacity, the AmeriCorps member will: 1) Provide support to UHW construction manager--support will include coordinating project supplies, coordinating project tools, and performing a variety of construction tasks; 2) Provide supervision for UHW volunteer crews—Annually, UHW has 3,500 people that volunteer on our construction projects. The AmeriCorps Member will assist UHW Site Supervisors in leading volunteer construction projects.

Minimum Qualifications

- ◆ High school degree, GED certificate or agree to achieve GED within the year
- ◆ Minimum of 17 years of age, US citizen or permanent resident status
- ◆ Desire and ability to work with a diverse group of people
- ◆ Ability to work independently and in a team environment
- ◆ Computer skills
- ◆ Good written and oral communication skills
- ◆ Ability to work a flexible schedule (some night and weekends may be required)

Preferred Qualifications

- ◆ A positive, creative and engaging work style
- ◆ Construction experience
- ◆ Volunteer Management experience

Member Benefits

Full time members are required to serve for a minimum of 1,700 hours and a full year at Urban Homeworks. Members will attend a national orientation the week of October 23-27 and monthly meetings and trainings hosted by the Twin Cities LISC office. Urban Homeworks will also make additional training opportunities available. Members will earn a stipend of \$18,000 and are eligible to participate in the AmeriCorps health insurance program and may apply for childcare benefits. Upon successful completion of the service year, members will be eligible for a \$5,350 education award to pay off existing student loans or return to school.

Deadline to apply: August 8, 2010

For more information on Twin Cities LISC, visit www.tclisc.org

For more information on Urban Homeworks, visit www.urbanhomeworks.org

To apply, please email a cover letter and resume to Chris Wiger at cwiger@lisc.org or mail to:

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LISC & Urban Homeworks promote equal opportunity in selecting AmeriCorps members. We are committed to diversity and inclusion in the selection process.