



Service Announcement: Homeownership and Foreclosure Prevention Counselor LISC AmeriCorps Member: Neighborhood Development Alliance (NeDA)

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.

The Neighborhood Development Alliance (NeDA) is a non-profit community development organization whose mission is to strengthen the vitality of lower-income neighborhoods within the City of St. Paul, by creating and preserving housing and business opportunities for residents of all income levels. Over the years, NeDA's goals have expanded to include serving the Latino population in the seven county metro area. NeDA's housing services consist of homeownership counseling, Home Stretch and financial literacy workshops, foreclosure prevention counseling, home improvement loan services, housing development and management.

AmeriCorps Member Activities

The member at **NeDA** will serve as a **Homeownership and Foreclosure Prevention Counselor**. The member serving in this capacity will be responsible for:

- Providing one-to-one pre- home purchase counseling
- Conducting Home Stretch workshops
- Coordinating energy-efficient rehab loan and other home-improvement loan programs
- Conducting intake interviews with families facing foreclosure and referring them to appropriate resources
- Conducting community outreach related to homeownership issues

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

- ◆ Bi-lingual (Spanish-English) applicants preferred.
- ◆ Good people skills
- ◆ Comfortable with speaking before large audiences (40+).

Member Benefits

Full time members are required to serve for a minimum of 1,700 hours and a full year at the Neighborhood Development Alliance (NeDA). Members will attend a national orientation the week of October 23-27 and monthly meetings and trainings hosted by the Twin Cities LISC office. NeDA 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 NeDA, visit www.nedahome.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 & NeDA promote equal opportunity in selecting AmeriCorps members. We are committed to diversity and inclusion in the selection process.