Environmental sustainability and housing affordability are two of South Florida’s most pressing challenges, and tackling them together is imperative in order to promote urban resilience. The Miami metro area has the highest percentage of renter households spending over half of their income on housing costs in the U.S. At the same time, Miami’s location in a dynamic coastal area brings increasing risks associated with climate change and sea level rise. CCE, its partners and the VISTA member will collaborate with local stakeholders to study solutions to develop comprehensive and expert-guided resilience strategies for retrofitting existing housing in low-income areas, and taking into account their relative costs for implementation.

The AmeriCorps VISTA – Resilience Coordinator will help collect data to identify affordable housing developments by their environmental and social vulnerability. The VISTA will research national best practices in creating policy solutions to address urban housing and resiliency at the local level. Help coordinate meetings with university and community partners to present data on potential creative and innovative solutions for adaptation, mitigation and resilience of the affordable housing stock in Miami.

Education Requirements: Bachelor’s Degree. May 2019 graduates are eligible to apply.

Desired Skills: Research and data analysis, urban planning, environmental resilience, communication, and written/oral communication skills.

Time Commitment: One Year. 40 hours/week. Monday through Friday.

Benefits: Mileage Reimbursement, $1,178 monthly stipend, Education Award $6,095, Educational resources for professional development, Non-Competitive Federal Hiring Status.

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