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Dubuque to host Americorps VISTA position through Iowa Civil Rights Commission

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque Human Rights Department plans to augment its efforts by hosting an Americorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) member from July 2008 through July 2009. The VISTA program is a capacity-building anti-poverty program. The Iowa Civil Rights Commission has been participating in the VISTA program for more than a year and has offered the Dubuque Human Rights Department the opportunity to host such a position.

The VISTA member will work on grass-roots organizing, assisting with outreach, grant writing, implementing initiatives that bridge gaps between people on the margins and existing employment and education services in the community, and other capacity-building projects. The position is also expected to assist with Project HOPE (Helping Our People Excel), Every Child/Every Promise, and the Multicultural Family Center.

The Human Rights Department seeks candidates with a bachelor's degree, excellent writing and interpersonal skills, experience coordinating a project with little day-to-day guidance, and sensitivity to and knowledge of stakeholder groups' cultures.

Compensation includes an annual living allowance of \$9,996, a cost-free health care plan, a childcare subsidy, an education award of \$4,725 OR a cash stipend of \$1,200 earned at the end of their term of service, and a number of other benefits.

The position will be filled as soon as possible and no later than June 1, 2008. Apply on-line at www.cns.gov/for_individuals/overview/index.asp for the Iowa Human and Civil Rights VISTA Project - Dubuque, Iowa. For more information call the Dubuque Human Rights Office, 589-4190.

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