

## **We need you! Be an AmeriCorps VISTA and help Utah Be Ready!**

Utah Commission on Volunteers (COV), and  
The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

Ogden City is sponsoring a tremendous opportunity through The Utah Citizen Corps \*VISTA Project to enhance the efforts of community preparedness. This project will place 20 VISTA members around the state which can assist with community preparedness in each County/City/Area. VISTA members can help build local *Citizen Corps Councils*, work with *Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC)* and establish *Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)*. The VISTA member can help with crime prevention programs, such as *Neighborhood Watch* and *Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)*, disaster preparedness, planning, training and exercises in local schools and communities; build resources of trained volunteers to conduct disaster preparedness presentations; participate with and in Volunteer Centers to increase preparedness volunteerism efforts, and distribute printed information. They can assist the local emergency management community to develop plans and procedures for *resource, donations* and *volunteer management*. VISTA members can work with Regional Public Health Departments supporting mass vaccination capability and the establishment of the Medical Reserve Corps, as well as the National Weather Service in implementing the NWS “*Storm Ready*” program in their towns, cities and counties.

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### **WHAT IS “VISTA”? VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE TO AMERICA!**

*A forty-year old program of national volunteer service, created at the same time as the Peace Corps.*

- *VISTA* is not a “job”, it is not “employment” ..... it is a Presidential call to National Service !
- *VISTA* is like being in the Peace Corps, but right here in Utah instead of a foreign country.
- *VISTA* volunteers cannot have outside employment or enroll in educational programs.
- *VISTA* volunteers receive a bi-weekly living allowance (about \$800 per month, basic health insurance and an educational award or stipend at end-of-service in the amount of \$4700 pd by the CNCS.)
- *VISTA* volunteers receive the reward of serving and making a difference in the community they live in.
- *Employers and graduate schools highly value VISTA experience!*

**Sponsor: Ogden City Community Development**

**Assignment Site: Ogden City**

**To apply: call to have an application mailed: 629-8940**

**Email for an electronic copy: [theresamathis@ci.ogden.ut.us](mailto:theresamathis@ci.ogden.ut.us)**

**Or pick up an application: Ogden City Municipal Building**

**2549 Washington Blvd., Suite 120**

**CLOSING DATE:**

**OCTOBER 16, 2006**