

# AMERICORPS VISTA

## 30 YEARS OF RESEARCH

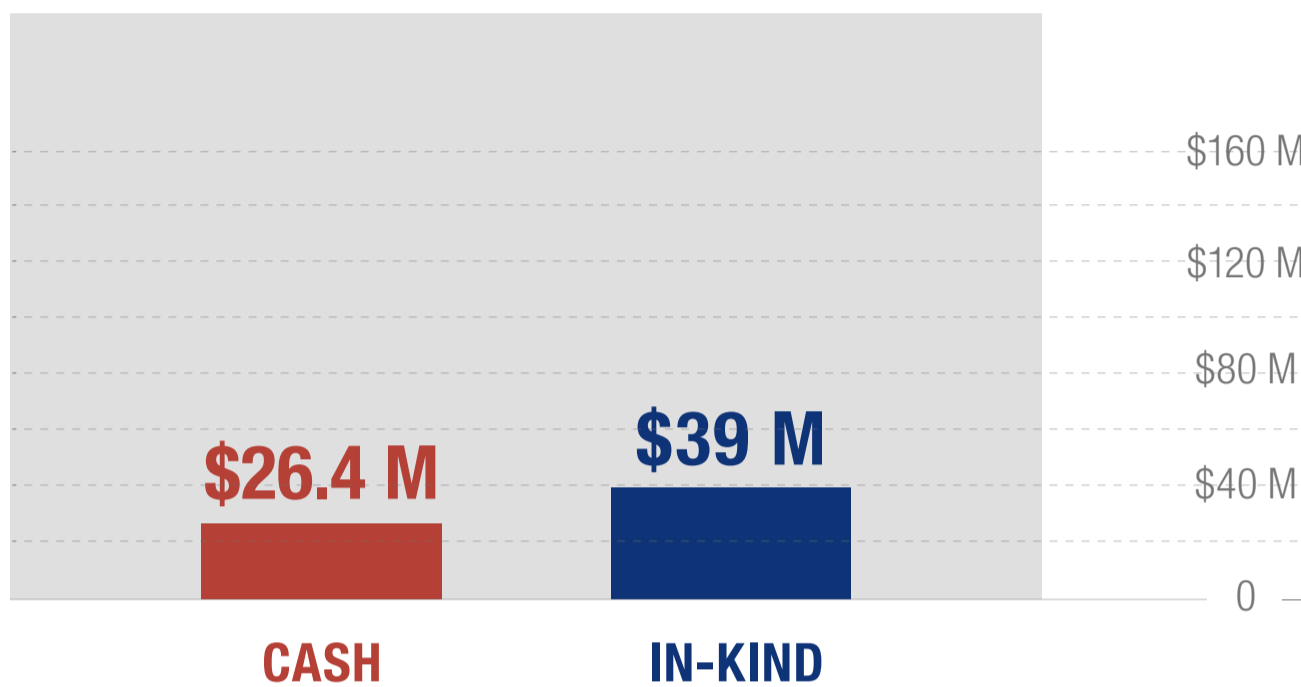
show that AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) members are talented, dedicated individuals whose service builds the capacity of community nonprofit organizations to improve economic outcomes. Each year, VISTA puts 8,500 members in communities that have a lasting impact.



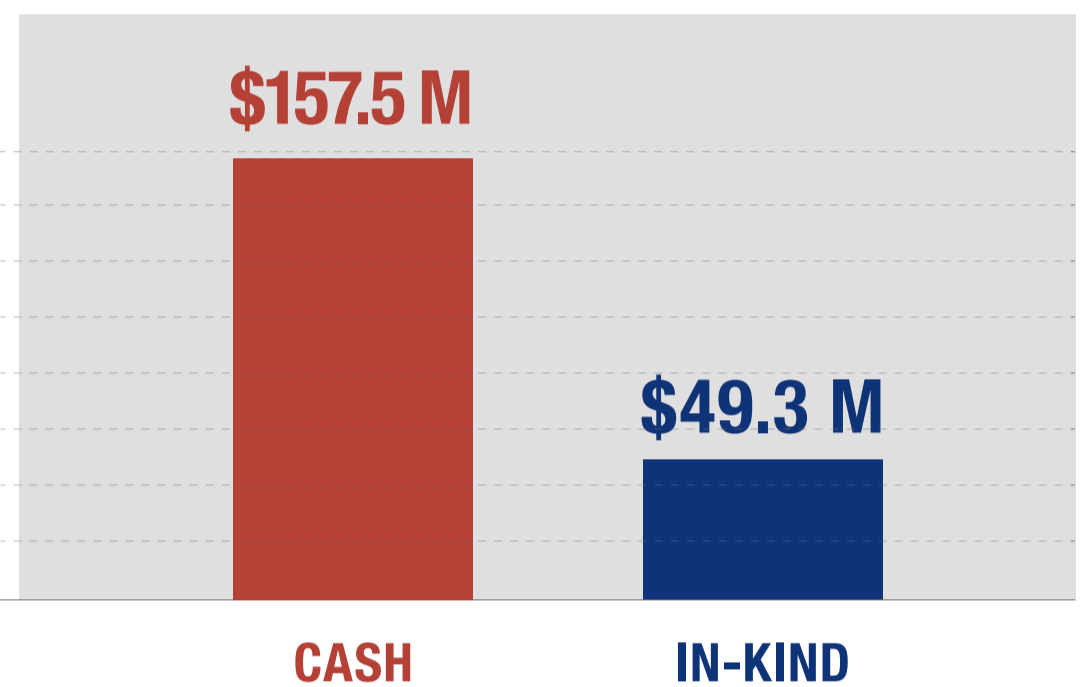
## BUILDING COMMUNITIES

VISTA members generate monetary and in-kind services for sponsor organizations.<sup>1</sup>

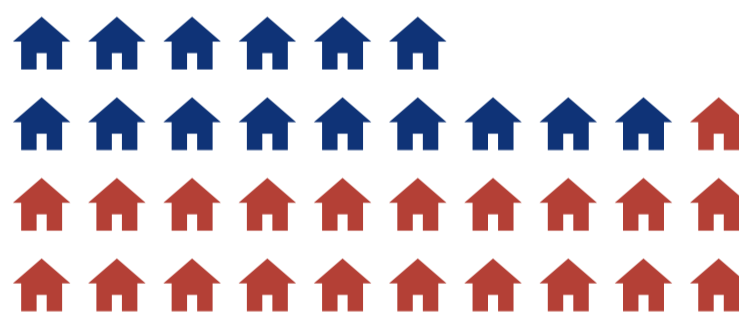
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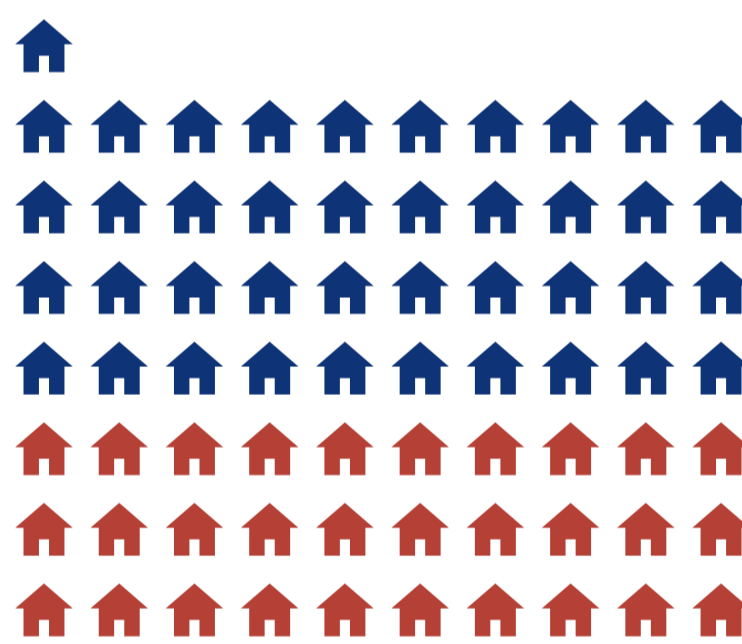
IN **2017**, VISTA GENERATED:



## BOOSTING CAPACITY



36 HOUSES **WITHOUT A VISTA**  
21 BUILT HOMES | 15 REHABBED HOMES



71 HOUSES **WITH A VISTA**  
30 BUILT HOMES | 41 REHABBED HOMES

VISTA members help organizations do significantly more for more people.

Two quasi-experimental design studies conducted in 2002 and 2016 found that **Habitat for Humanity sites with VISTA members were more productive and generated more actual output**—houses built and rehabbed—compared to sites without VISTAs.<sup>2</sup>

## LASTING IMPACT

Evidence shows that VISTA projects build sustainable organizations that help communities for the long term.<sup>3</sup>

**84%** OF VISTA PROJECTS CONTINUED IN SOME FORM UP TO TWO YEARS AFTER THE LAST VISTA MEMBER FINISHED WORKING ON THE PROJECT

**MORE THAN 60%** OF ACTIVITIES ARE SUSTAINED AT THE FIVE-YEAR MARK<sup>4</sup>

VISTA's innovative practices make it a leader in the charge to alleviate poverty. Studying VISTA sites and projects can provide insights that help shape successful community-based programs across the nation.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW VISTA IMPROVES COMMUNITIES IN THE VISTA 50-YEAR REVIEW.**

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