

# VISTA Assignment Description (VAD) Template

**Title:** Tribal Health Management and Community Emergency Preparedness

**Sponsoring Organization:** University of Alaska Anchorage Center for Economic Development

**Project Name:**

**Project Number:**

**Project Period:** 11/14/2016 – 11/15/2017

**Site Name (if applicable):** Native Village of Port Heiden

**Focus Area(s)**

**Primary:** Economic Opportunity

**Secondary:** Disaster services

**Note:**

## VISTA Assignment Objectives and Member Activities

### **Goal of the Project: Objective of the Assignment (04/15/2017– 07/15/2017)**

The Native Village of Port Heiden has designed a project with the overall measurable outcome of making the village safe through a disaster-preparation project focusing on the health and safety of the approximate year-round population of 102 residents. Port Heiden is on an earthquake fault line and there is a need to have an established community emergency preparedness plan. The goal of the project is an initiative to reduce poverty by increasing the capacity of the local community to respond and recover effectively when affected by emergency natural disasters by focusing on preparedness activities. The AmeriCorps member will serve as a liaison with local emergency management and collaborate with the local civic leaders. Additionally, in order to alleviate poverty and build the capacity of the Native Village of Port Heiden the VISTA will successfully utilize IT equipment to apply for grants to fund a grant information tank needed to collaborate with the community members.

### **Objective: (11/14/16-02/15/16)**

#### **1. Implement a Community Emergency Preparedness Plan**

- a. Identify and collaborate with local leaders in the village who could support preparedness work in the community with an eye to build an ongoing, sustainable program for the community
- b. Work with local leaders who could support preparedness work to build partnerships and develop an advisory committee who will actively be engaged in the program development and outreach
- c. Gather resources to assess community understanding of natural hazard risk

### **Objective of the Assignment (02/15/2017 – 04/15/2017)**

#### **2. Train local volunteers to deliver information on personal, household, youth, and business preparedness.**

- a. Work closely with site supervisor to develop training and programs for use at the local level
- b. Engage the whole community in preparedness activities and projects

including education, disaster service initiatives, and healthy and sustainable pathways to disaster readiness.

- c. Identify effective communication modes to overcome barriers to disaster preparedness education due to seasonal employment

**3. Identify a physical place to store emergency supplies**

- a. Conduct a survey to develop a strategy to conduct a community asset
- b. Engage the community to gather resources for a storage unit

**Objective of the Assignment (04/15/2017– 07/15/2017)**

**4. *Develop an effective information technology strategy***

- a. Assess and measure current server equipment
- b. Identify organizational needs to find an appropriate use of technology

**Objective of the Assignment (07/15/2017– 011/15/2017)**

**1. Build the organizational capacity by applying for grants and successfully implementing IT to develop effective strategy**

- a. Create a database for all grant information i.e population, geographic locations narrative, budgets, resumes, letters of support, etc.
- b. Create various narratives based on general grants requirements for funding (rfp)
- c. Create online library of information