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## GRADD Selected as Host Site for AmeriCorps VISTA Program Supporting Economic Revitalization in Webster County

**Owensboro, KY** — The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) is proud to announce its selection as a host site for the **Stewards VISTA: Coal Communities Transition** program. This opportunity, funded by **AmeriCorps**, brings a full-time VISTA member to serve from **June 2, 2025, through June 1, 2026**, focusing on strengthening Webster County's economic future.

"Building on the strong relationships we've established with our federal partners, we're now turning the strategies and concepts identified during our October EPA Workshop into action by taking meaningful steps to move Webster County forward," says Webster County Judge Executive Steve Henry.

The VISTA member will play a key role in identifying and securing funding for local projects that align with GRADD's mission to advance **community, economic, and workforce development**. Through efforts like grant writing, research, and partnership development, the VISTA will help lay the groundwork for long-term job creation and poverty reduction—supporting the region's transition to new, high-paying industries.

"This partnership with AmeriCorps is a significant step forward in our work to create lasting, meaningful opportunities for Webster County," said GRADD DRA Program Advisor Hunter Phillips. "We are excited to find a dedicated individual to help drive progress in this important work."

### Program Highlights:

- **Position Title:** Coal Communities Transition VISTA
- **Location:** Webster County, KY (based out of GRADD in Owensboro)
- **Dates of Service:** June 2, 2025 – June 1, 2026
- **Benefits:** Full-time service position with **FREE housing provided**
- **Focus Areas:** Economic revitalization, workforce readiness, community development

## Now Hiring!

Interested applicants can learn more and apply by visiting [www.americorps.gov](http://www.americorps.gov).

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*The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) is a regional planning agency and council of governments serving the communities of Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union, and Webster counties. GRADD offers assistance in the fields of aging, health, and social services; community and economic development; transportation planning; and workforce development. Our mission is to afford local governments and citizens a regional forum to identify issues and opportunities, and to provide leadership in planning and implementing programs to improve the quality of life in our district.*

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