



Strategies for Sustaining Your VISTA Project

Additional Resources for VISTA Members

VISTA Assignment Description Sustainability Assessment

Will I (the VISTA member) have to do this again? Chances are, there will be some aspects of your service that are cyclical, or that you may need to do again. How can you make what you're doing now adaptable for use again in the future?

What circumstances could change? As we all know, circumstances can change – in your organization, or in the community. If they do, are there elements of your plan that can be adjusted easily? Can you anticipate possible changes and plan how you could adapt what you've done so far?

Could others get involved? Is your work organized in a way that you could pass along some responsibilities to someone else? Many of you are recruiting and engaging volunteers in your project. How easy would it be for you to delegate parts of what you're doing to a volunteer or a team of them?

What happens when I'm not here anymore? Much as you might love what you're doing, you know your service year will end on a particular date. After that, it will be up to someone else to keep your project moving forward. Could someone else pick-up where you left off or replicate what you created?

Activity:		
What if I have to do this again?		Action:
What if circumstances change?		Action:
What if others get involved?		Action:
What happens when I'm not here anymore?		Action:



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VISTA Resources

Creating A Binder for the Next VISTA	https://www.vistacampus.gov/resources/creating-binder-next-vista-powerpoint
Project Sustainability Assessment Checklist to Promote Sustainable VISTA Projects	https://www.vistacampus.gov/sites/vistacampus/files/project_sustainability_assessment_guide.pdf
Webinar: Building Sustainability Into A Volunteer Program	https://www.vistacampus.gov/resources/building-sustainability-volunteer-program

External Resources

Center for Public Health Systems Science	Program Sustainability Assessment Tool: https://sustaintool.org/
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