



Friends & Supporters,

Organize! Ohio is looking for a motivated individual to participate in a year of service as an AmeriCorps VISTA. The VISTA will help implement Community Benefits Agreements with Key Bank, Huntington Bank & Fifth Third Bank to address unfair lending practices in Northeast Ohio.

The **application deadline is October 17th, 2018.**

The start date for this listing would be November 13th, 2018.

Background

Community Benefits Agreements stem from the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977. This federal statute requires commercial banks to make loans in communities where they take deposits. The CRA was passed to counteract "red-lining," a practice used by banks to deny mortgages & home repair loans to entire low- and moderate-income communities, particularly those of color.

Specific responsibilities include

Assist community groups and grassroots organizations to coalesce around the critical issues they are facing.

Assist with the planning and implementation of the annual fair lending conference.

Work with the Ohio Fair Lending Coalition for increased and equitable housing and fair lending in Cleveland and Ohio.

Work with the Shaker Square Alliance around housing and lending issues in the Larchmere area of Cleveland

Work with Ohio CDCs, nonprofits, and fair lending groups on the implementation of Community Benefits Plans resulting from agreements to provide new credit resources to low-income communities. Estimated value \$3 billion.

Interested applicants should contact Charles Bromley, bromleycharles@yahoo.com

Please share with those who may be interested!

Best,

Charles Bromley
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