



## Summer 2021 Opportunities



NHS is a nonprofit neighborhood revitalization organization committed to helping homeowners and strengthening neighborhoods throughout Chicago and South Suburban Cook County. Formed in 1975, NHS advocates for working families and communities through homeownership education and counseling, mortgage lending, community building, real estate development, and housing policy. NHS works to stabilize homeowners and to ensure that residents in communities of color have the opportunity to work towards homeownership and the stability and wealth creation that it historically provides. Our work to promote equity is particularly relevant given the current crises.

NHS of Chicago seeks several outstanding individuals for a summer of service (6/7-8/15/2021) through AmeriCorps VISTA, who will help drive capacity building projects crucial to our mission. All positions provide a stipend, transportation assistance, and the choice of an education award or end of service stipend.

**To express interest, please send an email and a resume to the respective contact below by Monday May 3.** Formal applications can be submitted at <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/publicRequestSearch.do>

**Housing Preservation Analyst** will assist with the roll-out of a new multi-organizational initiative to help preserve Chicago's 2-4 flat properties, which have historically provided opportunities for small landlords to live in a building and invest in the community, while providing a supply of affordable quality rental units. They will keep abreast of national, regional, and local issues affecting small unit landlords and conduct market research to inform the collaborative's work. They will aggregate information for a digital resource center for landlords and tenants and assist in creating and collecting impact metrics. Contact Donna Clarke, [dclarke@nhschicago.org](mailto:dclarke@nhschicago.org)

**Resource Development/Fundraising Associate** will help NHS effectively use Raiser's Edge fundraising software to track and analyze fundraising patterns and relationships with institutional and individual donors. They will partner with the Director of Resource Development and the Data Analyst to improve the quality of information to inform fundraising efforts. They will conduct data quality control, document repeatable processes, and help create systems to ensure the integrity of data. Their work will help build the capacity of our fundraising team to develop resources to support our mission. Contact Ilango Gopalan, [igopalan@nhschicago.org](mailto:igopalan@nhschicago.org)

**Racial Equity Impact Associate** will help evaluate the impact down-payment assistance (DPA) has on low to moderate income homeowners and in the communities of color served by NHS. They will conduct research and follow-up with residents that received DPA to determine if customers are still residing in the home, estimate equity gained since purchase, and seek feedback on how access to DPA impacted the clients' overall situation. Their final report will provide insights on the role of DPA in advancing racial equity in our neighborhoods and will inform future programming. Contact Ouida Jones, [ojones@nhschicago.org](mailto:ojones@nhschicago.org)

**Data Integrity and Training Methods Associate** will help strengthen NHS engagement, follow-up, data quality, and outcome documentation for program participants across homebuyer education, home purchase, and rental assistance grant programs, with a focus on communities of color. They will help with rental assistance outreach and development of a renter's advocacy program. They will also conduct research to inform and strengthen NHS training methods including virtual engagement best-practices and instructional and counseling methodologies to inform culturally sensitive curriculum and trauma informed services. Contact Danielle Matthews, [dmatthews@nhschicago.org](mailto:dmatthews@nhschicago.org)

**COVID Response and Data Integrity Associate** will assist the grants and construction teams in strengthening the administration of grants programs targeted at neighborhoods and clients most impacted by the recent crises. They will help solidify repeatable processes that minimize the use of paper, help capture crucial demographics information, conduct quality control, and leverage the use of technology. They will assist in the launch of grants to stabilize renters and homeowners and create new homeowners on the South and West sides of Chicago. The Summer Associate will also assist NHS to help grow its pool of vendors of color. Contact: Jody Paley, [jpaley@nhschicago.org](mailto:jpaley@nhschicago.org)