



COMMUNITY
PARTNERS for
**AFFORDABLE
HOUSING**

2026 CPAH | Housing Action Corps | AI Capacity Builder

Position Overview

The Artificial Intelligence (AI) Capacity Builder will serve with Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) in Libertyville, IL from September 2026-2027. CPAH is part of Housing Action Corps, an AmeriCorps VISTA program managed by Housing Action Illinois since 2010. Housing Action Corps members receive custom training, support, and networking opportunities in housing and community development, in addition to the traditional benefits of AmeriCorps VISTA. Learn more: housingactionil.org/ameriCorps. CPAH develops affordable housing and provides services that empower individuals and families to secure and retain quality housing in northern Cook County and Lake County, IL. We work across low-income communities and high-opportunity areas to improve the existing housing stock; bring safe, affordable housing opportunities to all municipalities; and create better access to education, employment, and services. The AI Capacity Builder will evaluate and implement responsible, practical uses of AI tools and strategies to increase operational efficiency, reduce staff burden, and better serve our clients. The VISTA will also advise CPAH leadership on AI strategy, governance, and ethics. Our ideal candidate is motivated by social impact and genuinely cares about housing stability, equity, and serving vulnerable populations. They understand that AI is a means, not the mission—and that ethics, transparency, and trust matter deeply in nonprofit work. They would be familiar with widely accessible AI tools such as Copilot, Google Workspace AI, ChatGPT, Gemini, and others and have the ability to identify inefficiencies in workflows and map AI solutions to them.

Member Duties

CPAH's primary service area, northern Cook County and Lake County, IL, has some of the wealthiest communities in our state, as well as some of the poorest; 34% of the communities in Illinois which have less than 10% of their housing stock as affordable are within our service area. The AI Capacity Builder will help CPAH become more efficient in order to develop and preserve more affordable housing units, as well as provide more services, to help meet this critical need. The VISTA will collaborate with staff in multiple areas (intake, case management, fundraising, reporting, etc.) to produce an AI Opportunity Assessment that identifies potential use cases for AI tools, ranked by impact, feasibility, and risk. They will pilot and monitor strategies that use AI to reduce staff time, improve turnaround, and increase accuracy. By the end of service, they will produce a final AI Impact report that summarizes outcomes and opportunities while advising leadership on AI policies and guardrails.

Program Benefits

10 personal days and 10 medical leave days, \$957 Bi-weekly Living Allowance, \$500 Monthly Housing Stipend, Health Coverage*, Relocation Allowance (if relocating more than 50 miles), Choice of \$7,395 Education Award or \$1,803 End of Service Stipend.

*For details about AmeriCorps VISTA healthcare benefits, please visit <https://americorpsvista.imglobal.com/>.

Terms

Permits attendance at school during off hours, Car recommended, Permits working at another job during off hours.

Service Areas

Homelessness, Community and Economic Development, Housing, Ex-Offender Reentry.

Skills

Computers/Technology

To Apply

Send resume and cover letter to twhitaker@cpahousing.org.

CPAH is committed to the principle of equal employment opportunity. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

