



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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BILLINGS METRO VISTA PROJECT

CUMULATIVE OUTCOMES - JANUARY 2012

The City of Billings - Community Development Division began working with the AmeriCorps*VISTA program in 2007 specifically to assist with the development and implementation of *Welcome Home Billings*, the City's ten-year plan to impact homelessness. The City's efforts generated AmeriCorps*VISTA project designation, thus the Billings Metro VISTA Project (MVP) officially began in July 2009.

Since 2007, **31 VISTA members** have served on the MVP specifically for the homeless initiatives! These members have generated the following outcomes:

- **\$921,002 in financial resources** were generated (cash and in-kind) to combat poverty and homelessness, in addition to **\$462,964 in resources** specific to Project Homeless Connect, **totaling \$1,383,966!**
- Cash grants to the City of Billings for administrative costs total **\$73,226!**
- Value of member services (approximately \$30,000 / full time member) total **\$610,385!**
- Total project impact to Billings is **\$2,067,577!**
- **98 capacity-building efforts** were implemented within non-profit organizations and / or the City of Billings to support efforts to impact homelessness.
- **4,603 new clients** were provided with services designed to impact poverty and eliminate homelessness.
- **38 new services** for the homeless were developed or improved.
- A total of **1,495 new community volunteers** were recruited and trained in homeless impact initiatives.
- **31 community assessments** were completed to better identify issues impacting homelessness.
- A total of **99 community groups and / or boards** were developed and / or supported during these initiatives!
- **58 strategic plans** impacting homelessness / poverty were implemented!
- **36 homeless families** were housed during FY2010-2011.
- **Host Sites have included:**
 - Downtown Billings Association
 - Family Support Network
 - The Salvation Army
 - United Way
 - Second Chance Homes
 - Mental Health Center - The HUB
 - Montana Rescue Mission
 - Billings School Advisory Council
 - Tumbleweed Runaway Program, Inc.
 - HRDC District 7
 - Housing Authority of Billings

Should you have questions regarding this information, homeless initiatives or the Billings Metro VISTA Project, please contact Brenda Beckett at 406.657.8286 or via email at beckettb@ci.billings.mt.us, or visit our websites:

- www.ci.billings.mt.us/homeless
- www.ci.billings.mt.us/vista