



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

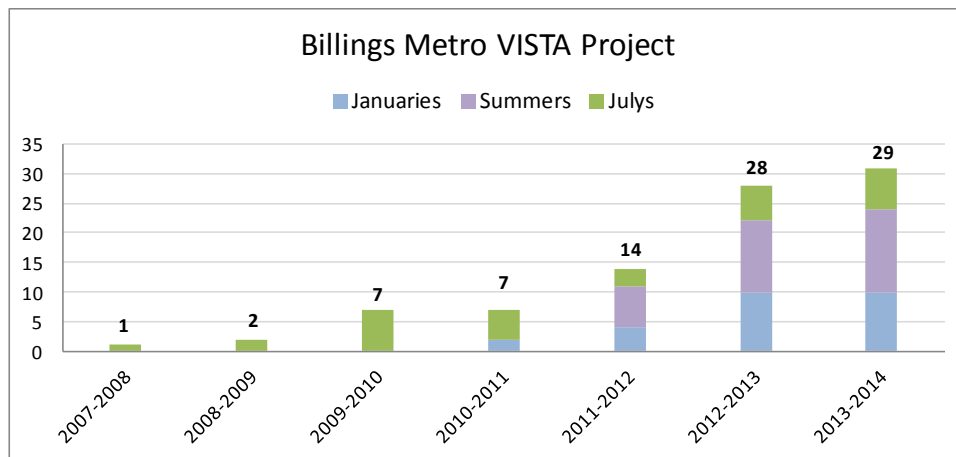
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BILLINGS METRO VISTA PROJECT

CUMULATIVE OUTCOMES AS OF DECEMBER 2013

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 project also meets the City's obligation to spearhead an anti-poverty strategy in order to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funding from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. The City's efforts generated AmeriCorps VISTA project designation, thus the Billings Metro VISTA Project (MVP) officially began in July 2009.



Since 2007, **80 VISTA members** have served on the MVP specifically for poverty impact and homeless initiatives, and ten more VISTA members will be joining in January 2014! Members have generated the following outcomes:

- **\$1,344,667 in financial resources** were generated (cash and in-kind) to combat poverty and homelessness, in addition to **\$462,964 in resources** specific to Billings Community Connect, **totaling \$1,807,631!**
- **171 capacity-building efforts** were implemented within non-profit organizations and / or the City of Billings to support efforts to impact homelessness and poverty, including community gardens, Spare Change for Real Change, the Purple 5k, Homeless Play Project, Youth Count!, etc.
- **Nearly 12,000 new clients** were provided with **182 new or enhanced services** designed to impact poverty and eliminate homelessness.
- A total of **4,340 new community volunteers** were recruited and trained in homeless impact initiatives.
- **92 strategic plans** impacting homelessness / poverty were implemented!
- **201 homeless families** were housed during the course of service!
- **24 organizations** have participated as Host Sites for the City's VISTA members as of January 2014:

Family Support Network
United Way Yellowstone County
Second Chance Homes
Mental Health Center - The HUB
Community Housing Resource Board
Billings Area Resource Network
MRM - Women & Family Shelter
Billings Public Schools - Summer Lunch Program
HRDC District 7
Billings Public Schools - Backpack Meals Program
Tumbleweed Runaway Program, Inc.
Self Help Law Center

Billings Public Library
Housing Authority of Billings
Venture Theatre - Youth Conservatory
Boys & Girls Club
The Salvation Army
VOA - Independence Hall
Family Service, Inc.
Head Start
Friendship House
Downtown Billings Association
Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming
Billings Parks & Recreation