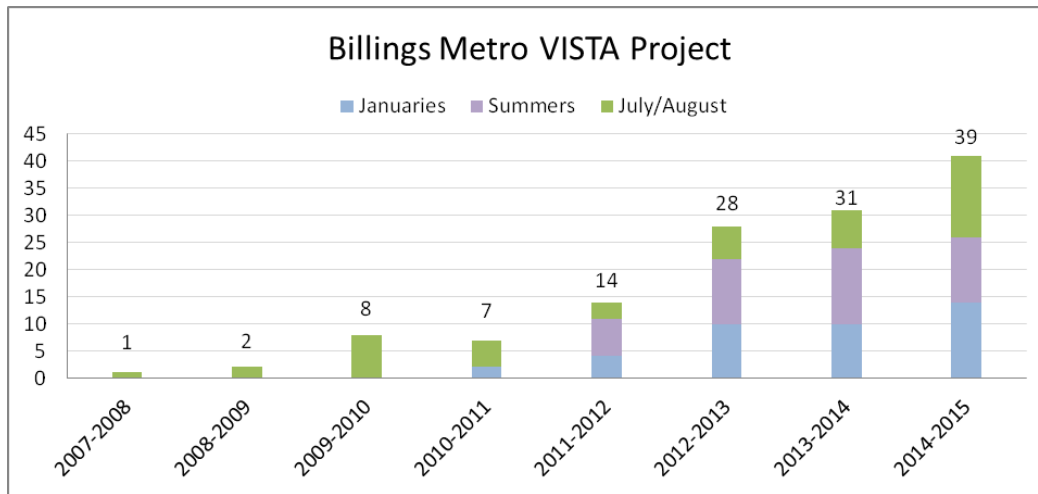




BILLINGS METRO VISTA PROJECT

CUMULATIVE OUTCOMES AS OF FEBRUARY 2015

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 (B-MVP) officially began in July 2009.



Since 2007, **136 VISTA members** have served on the B-MVP specifically for poverty impact and homeless initiatives. Members have generated the following outcomes:

- **\$2,180,418 in financial resources** were generated (cash and in-kind) to combat poverty and homelessness, in addition to **\$469,629 in resources** specific to Billings Community Connect, **totaling \$2,650,047!**
- **306 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.
- **Over 18,290 new clients** were provided with **284 new or enhanced services** designed to impact poverty and eliminate homelessness.
- A total of **5,633 new community volunteers** were recruited and trained in homeless impact initiatives.
- **139 strategic plans** impacting homelessness / poverty were implemented!
- **394 homeless families** were housed during the course of service!
- **37 organizations** have participated as Host Sites for the Billings Metro VISTA Project:

- Family Support Network
- United Way Yellowstone County
- Center for Children & Families
- Mental Health Center - The HUB
- Community Housing Resource Board
- Billings Area Resource Network
- MRM - Women & Family Shelter
- Billings Public Schools - Summer Lunch
- HRDC District 7
- Billings Public Schools - Backpack Meals
- Self Help Law Center
- Billings Public Library
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Billings

- Tumbleweed Program, Inc.
- Housing Authority of Billings
- Nova Center for Performing Arts
- Boys & Girls Club
- The Salvation Army
- VOA - Independence Hall
- Family Service, Inc.
- Billings Head Start
- Friendship House
- Rebuilding Together Yellowstone County
- Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley
- Billings Police Department

- Girl Scouts of Montana & Wyoming
- Billings Parks & Recreation
- Pompeys Pillar
- Downtown Billings Association
- Billings Planning Division
- Billings Community Development Division
- Montana Wilderness Association
- NeighborWorks Montana
- Crow Veterans Administration
- Red Lodge Community Foundation
- YWCA Billings
- HAVEN