



Memphis City Council Summary Sheet Instructions

**Resolution for Fletcher Creek Drainage, Shelby Oaks Drive at Fletcher Creek
ST03148:**

- 1. Project is to enhance the channel capacity and protect the Shelby Oaks bridge at Fletcher Creek.**
- 2. This project is initiated by the Public Works Division in response to the recommendation of the City Engineer.**
- 3. This project is currently in the CIP budget taken from the storm water fund ST03148, and has been approved by the City Council.**
- 4. This project requires a construction contract with Chris-Hill Construction to perform the required work.**
- 5. This project requires an expenditure of storm water funds as shown in the current CIP 2014 fiscal year budget.**

This is a resolution appropriating Construction Funds for ST03148 Fletcher District-Shelby Oaks Bridge

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Memphis approved Drainage-ST, project number ST03006, as part of the Public Works Fiscal Year 2014 Capital Improvement Budget; and

WHEREAS, bids were taken on February 14, 2014 for Drainage Repairs at Fletcher District-Shelby Oaks Bridge with the lowest complying bid of two bid being \$1,114,740.00 submitted by Chris Hill Construction; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to transfer a construction allocation of \$1,203,919.00 funded by G O Bonds – General (Storm Water) from Drainage-ST, project number ST03006, to Fletcher District-Shelby Oaks Bridge, project number ST03148, for Fletcher Creek Drainage District; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appropriate \$1,203,919.00 funded by G O Bonds – General (Storm Water) in Fletcher District-Shelby Oaks Bridge, project number ST03148 as follows:

Contract Amount	\$1,114,740.00
Project Contingencies	<u>89,179.00</u>
Total Amount	\$1,203,919.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Memphis that the Fiscal Year 2014 Capital Improvement Budget be and is hereby amended by transferring an allocation of \$1,203,919.00 funded by G O Bonds – General (Storm Water) from Drainage-ST, project number ST03006, to Fletcher District-Shelby Oaks Bridge, project number ST03148, for Fletcher Creek Drainage District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there be and is hereby appropriated the sum of \$1,203,919.00 funded by G O Bonds – General (Storm Water) chargeable to the FY 2014 Capital Improvement Budget and credited as follows:

Project Title	Fletcher District-Shelby Oaks Bridge
Project Number	ST03148
Total Amount	\$1,203,919.00



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1. Description of the Item (Resolution, Ordinance, etc.)

Resolution to accept grant funds

2. Initiating Party (e.g. Public Works, at request of City Council, etc.)

Executive Division

3. State whether this is a change to an existing ordinance or resolution, if applicable.

N/A

4. State whether this requires a new contract, or amends an existing contract, if applicable.

Acceptance of this grant will lead to hiring a contract employee for one year to help ramp up the City of Memphis' AmeriCorps VISTA program

5. State whether this requires an expenditure of funds/requires a budget amendment.

We will amend the budget to accept the \$40K grant and appropriate the funds to hire a contract employee titled VISTA Coordinator

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Memphis has recently formed a partnership with the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to become a sponsoring organization for AmeriCorps VISTA members; VISTA was founded as Volunteers in Service to America in 1965 as a national service program designed specifically to fight poverty in America; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps VISTA members volunteer to spend one year in full-time service to address the needs of low-income communities; VISTA projects focus on building permanent infrastructure in organizations to help them more effectively bring individuals and communities out of poverty; during their year of service AmeriCorps provides a living allowance equivalent to the poverty rate of the community in which the VISTA member is serving; and

WHEREAS, with the assistance of our state CNCS office in Nashville we are implementing an aggressive program to get VISTAs on the ground in Memphis to add capacity to local initiatives that are directed at addressing poverty; the national CNCS office in Washington, DC has taken notice of the program we are building; the City of Memphis has been allocated up to 20 VISTAs this year to serve in City government divisions and with area non-profit partners, and all at a very small cost to us; the City share is \$55,000 (which will be split with our partner agencies) which leverages \$326,528 from CNCS; the cost to hire 20 City of Memphis full time employees would be nearly \$1million; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the allocation of 20 VISTAs, CNCS is providing the City a one year \$40,000 support grant to hire a VISTA Coordinator to help recruit members, build and manage the program, develop and guide member project plans, and do the necessary reporting and paperwork required by CNCS.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Memphis City Council that the FY2014 Operating Budget is amended to accept \$40,000 from CNCS and allocate these funds to hire a VISTA Coordinator for one (1) year.



City of Memphis VISTA Project

Memphis is ripe with opportunity and is blessed with an abundance of talented people working to move our citizens – particularly our youngest – out of poverty. The City of Memphis has several projects to address poverty. Our VISTA projects support a strong anti-poverty agenda with two broad categories: supporting education to enhance life opportunities for our youth, as well as anti-poverty work in other areas; creating a prosperity strategy and funding mechanism to help support this work.

Our approach is shaped by Memphis Mayor A C Wharton's four strategic priorities:

- Create safe and vibrant neighborhoods
- Invest in our young people
- Grow prosperity and opportunity for all
- Advance a culture of excellence in government

AmeriCorps VISTA

This information will answer key questions about serving in VISTA, in order to:

- Comply with VISTA dos and don'ts (terms and conditions)
- Identify the benefits of VISTA service
- Confirm that VISTA service is the right choice

What is AmeriCorps VISTA?

AmeriCorps VISTA is the national service program designed specifically to fight poverty in U.S. communities. Founded as Volunteers in Service to America in 1965 and incorporated into the AmeriCorps network of programs in 1993, VISTA has been on the front lines in the fight against poverty in America for nearly 50 years.

What VISTA Members Do

VISTA members serve American communities in order to eliminate poverty in those communities. They commit to serve full-time for a year and are placed at nonprofit organizations, government agencies, educational institutions, or faith-based organizations.

VISTA members generally do not provide direct services, such as tutoring children or building homes. Instead, they focus their efforts on building the organizational, administrative, and financial capacity of organizations that fight illiteracy, improve health services, foster economic development, and otherwise assist low-income communities. VISTAs develop programs to meet a need, write grants, and recruit and train volunteers.

Benefits

During Service:

- Health coverage
- Child care assistance if eligible
- Ten paid personal days as well as 10 paid sick days.
- Monthly living allowance (\$928 a month, before taxes) - **No other paid work is allowed.**

After Service:

- Choice of Education Award or End of Service Stipend (For national service positions approved in the 2014 fiscal year, the dollar amount of a full-time education award is \$5,645).
- Non-compete Eligibility for government positions.

The Terms of the VISTA Service Commitment

I. VISTA is a 12-month, full-time commitment

- a) VISTA is not a 9-to-5 job
- b) Members will most likely serve within the work hours of the sponsoring organization.
- c) However, members must be available for their project beyond regular work hours as needed.

II. Outside Employment

- a) **VISTAs are not allowed to work in any paid capacity during their service year.**
 - Having a job distracts from the VISTA assignment.
 - Immersion in the community includes living near the poverty level.
- b) While serving as a VISTA, you cannot work to supplement your living allowance.
 - **Earning outside income while serving as a VISTA is cause for termination.**

III. Educational Enrollment

- a) VISTA members and Leaders may participate in classes, online or in-person, regardless of subject matter, during their service year, as long the course does not interfere with the VISTA project.
- b) However, it is important to discuss this choice with the host site supervisor before enrolling.
 - No formal written approval is necessary
 - Before enrolling in any class, VISTAs and VISTA Leaders must discuss with their supervisors specific plans for enrollment

If you enrolled in a class(es) before you became a VISTA, discuss your study plan right away with your supervisor and make sure that the class(es) will not interfere with your project.