

Free Online Learning Resources

The following are examples of online sources of free or low-cost courses, guides, workbooks, and other learning resources. These examples are offered as illustrations of the sort of resources that can support professional development for AmeriCorps members. Inclusion here does not imply endorsement by AmeriCorps or the VISTA program.

Free Online Learning Sites

[NonprofitReady](#) - Free online courses ranging from fundraising to volunteer engagement to nonprofit management. Examples:

- [Grant writing courses](#)
- [Volunteer management courses](#)

[Alison](#) - Free online courses in a wide range of categories from IT to management to community engagement.

- [Community development courses](#)
- [Fundraising courses](#)

[Coursera](#) - Wide range of free and paid courses on topics ranging from social science to marketing to data analysis. Examples include:

- [Leading Sustainable Community Transformation](#)
- [Use Canva to Create Social Media Visuals](#)

Volunteer Mobilization

[Association of Leaders in Volunteer Engagement](#) - Professional association offering webinars, mentoring, and other learning opportunities for volunteer management professionals.

[Energize, Inc.](#) - Extensive library of articles, bookstore, blogs, and directories relating to volunteer management.

[Volunteer Match](#) - Free volunteer management webinars, books, resources, and a volunteer management blog.

- [The New Volunteer Managers Toolkit](#) - VolunteerMatch

Resource Development

[Candid](#) - Searchable database of funders, webinars, and information on seeking funding.

[Grantsmanship Center](#) - Free articles, blog, podcasts, and resources on finding and obtaining grants.

[Grants.gov](#) - Information on government grants and searchable database of available grants.

- [Grant Writing for Novices](#) - workbook from NonprofitReady

Community Outreach

[University of Kansas Community Tool Box](#) - Use this extensive set of free tools covering community assessment, planning, intervention, evaluation, and other aspects of community practice.

[Nonprofits Integrating Community Engagement \(NICE\) Guide](#) - Information, tools, and case studies on community engagement by the Building Movement Project.

[Encouraging Diverse Community Involvement](#) - Alison

[Integrated Marketing Communications](#) - Coursera

Communications

[The Goodman Center](#) - Free resources on communications, training, and storytelling, and occasional free webinar on effective webinars.

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