

# US GOVERNMENT VOLUNTEERING PROJECT—STRAHN



**“Everybody can be great, because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve . . . You don’t have to know the second theory of thermodynamics . . . to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”**

**~Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” — Mahatma Gandhi**

## **Purpose and Assignment:**

In a democratic society, civic-mindedness—the state or quality of being informed about public issues, actively engaged in community affairs, and concerned for the public good—is key. The purpose of this assignment is to encourage students to move outside their comfort zones, learn about an issue of local, state, national, or global importance, and embrace civic-mindedness by volunteering at a local charity, government agency, or non-profit organization. It is hoped that through this experience, students will become better-informed and more civically-minded citizens. For this **largely self-directed** assignment students will be required to accomplish the following:

- 1.) identify and research an issue of local, state, national and/or international importance that is of personal concern to you;
- 2.) locate a pre-approved, not-for-profit charity, organization, or agency that focuses on a public concern of personal interest, which you would like to volunteer **during this semester**;
- 3.) make **verifiable contact** with said charity, non-profit, or government agency and establish a schedule with said organization to volunteer **a minimum of 10 hours** prior to **Friday, November 22nd, 2019 (30 points)**;
- 4.) volunteer with said charity, non-profit, or government agency;
- 5.) gather clear evidence of accomplishment (e-mail threads, photographs **of you** volunteering, personal diary, work logs, letters of recommendation, thank yous etc.) over the course of the volunteering experience;
- 6.) complete a typed, two-page reflection (see rubric on Moodle) of your volunteering experience in which you 1.) discuss your chosen issue and why it is of concern to you; 2.) discuss the positive and negative aspects of your volunteering; and 3.) honestly assess the effectiveness of your experience;
- 7.) submit evidence of accomplishment and your typed personal reflection to Mr. Strahn **no later than Friday, January 10th, 2020.**

**Some Possible Non-Profits, Organizations, and Government Agencies (Updated February 2018):**  
**NOTE: These local non-profits have been pre-approved by Mr. Strahn. Please check with him before contacting other possible agencies, organizations, and non-profits.**

American Red Cross  
233 Edelweiss Dry # 9  
(406) 587-2790

<http://www.redcross.org/local/montana>

American Red Cross Blood Donation Center  
300 N Willson Ave #103a  
(800) 733-2767

<http://www.redcrossblood.org/locations/bozeman-donor-center>

Befrienders  
807 N Tracy Ave  
(406) 522-8169

<http://www.befriendersbozeman.org/volunteers/>

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Gallatin County  
Address: 15 S 8th Ave, Bozeman, MT 59715  
Phone: (406) 587-1216  
<https://www.bbbs-gc.org/volunteer>

Bozeman Health Volunteer Services  
915 Highland Blvd  
(406) 414-1693

<http://www.bozemanhealth.org/For-Community/Volunteer.aspx>

Bridger Care  
300 North Willson Avenue, Suite 2001  
Contact: Stephanie McDowell (587-0681 ex. 31)  
[smcdowell@bridgercare.org](mailto:smcdowell@bridgercare.org)

Community Cafe  
302 N 7th Ave  
(406) 587-4225  
<https://www.cafebozeman.org/contribute/volunteer/>

Eagle Mount  
6901 Goldenstein Lane, Bozeman, MT  
<http://eaglemount.org/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities/skiing-snowboarding-snowshoeing/>

Family Promise of Gallatin Valley  
429 E Story St  
(406) 582-7388  
<http://www.familypromisegv.org/>

Gallatin Valley Food Bank  
586.7600 and ask to speak to Bethel, our Volunteer Coordinator

<https://www.gallatinvalleyfoodbank.org/give-help/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities/>

Gallatin Valley Land Trust  
Lucas, Program Specialist  
[lucas@gvlt.org](mailto:lucas@gvlt.org)

Greater Gallatin United Way  
945 Technology Blvd Suite 101F  
(406) 587-2194  
<http://www.greatergallatinunitedway.org/>

Habitat for Humanity  
<http://habitatbozeman.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

Haven  
P.O. Box 752  
Bozeman, MT 59771  
406-586-7689  
<http://havenmt.org/how-you-can-help/volunteering/>

Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter  
1549 E. Cameron Bridge Rd, Bozeman MT  
406.388.9399  
<http://www.heartofthevalleyshelter.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

Help Center  
421 East Peach Street  
[gallatinces@gmail.com](mailto:gallatinces@gmail.com)

Human Resources Development Council  
32 S Tracy Ave  
(406) 585-4840  
contact Kristin at [hello@thehrdc.org](mailto:hello@thehrdc.org) or by calling 587-4486,  
<https://www.thehrdc.org/about-us/volunteer/>

Salvation Army  
<http://bozeman.salvationarmy.org/>