

# AmeriCorps – a resource to increase your capacity

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# Agenda



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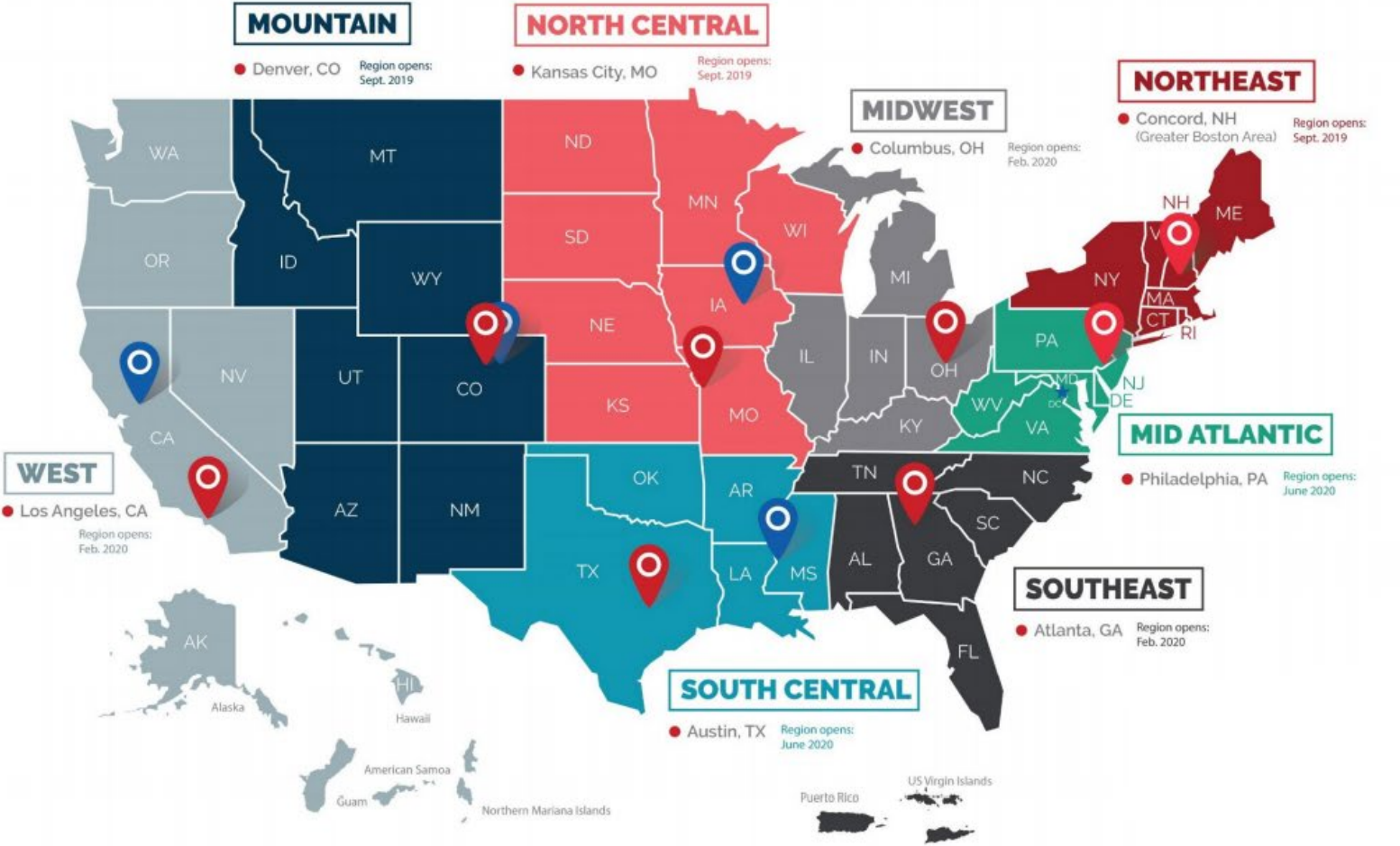




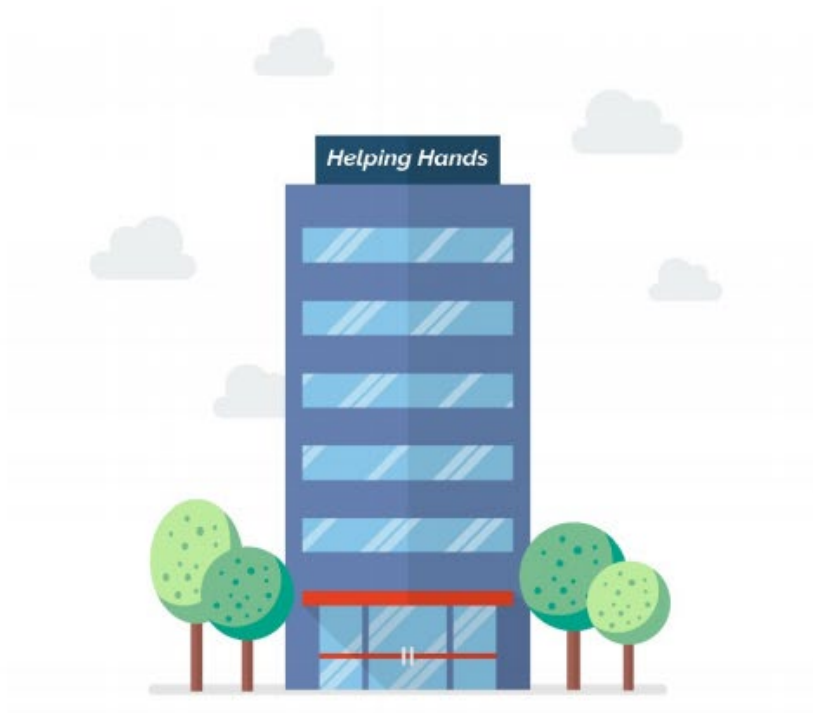
The mission of AmeriCorps is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering.



# AmeriCorps Offices



# Our Model



**Community Serving Organizations**  
(Grantees and Sponsors)



**Members & Volunteers**

# Our Impact Areas



Education



Disaster Services



Economic Opportunity



Healthy Futures



Veterans & Military Families



Environmental Stewardship

# Regional Investments



## Grant totals by Region:

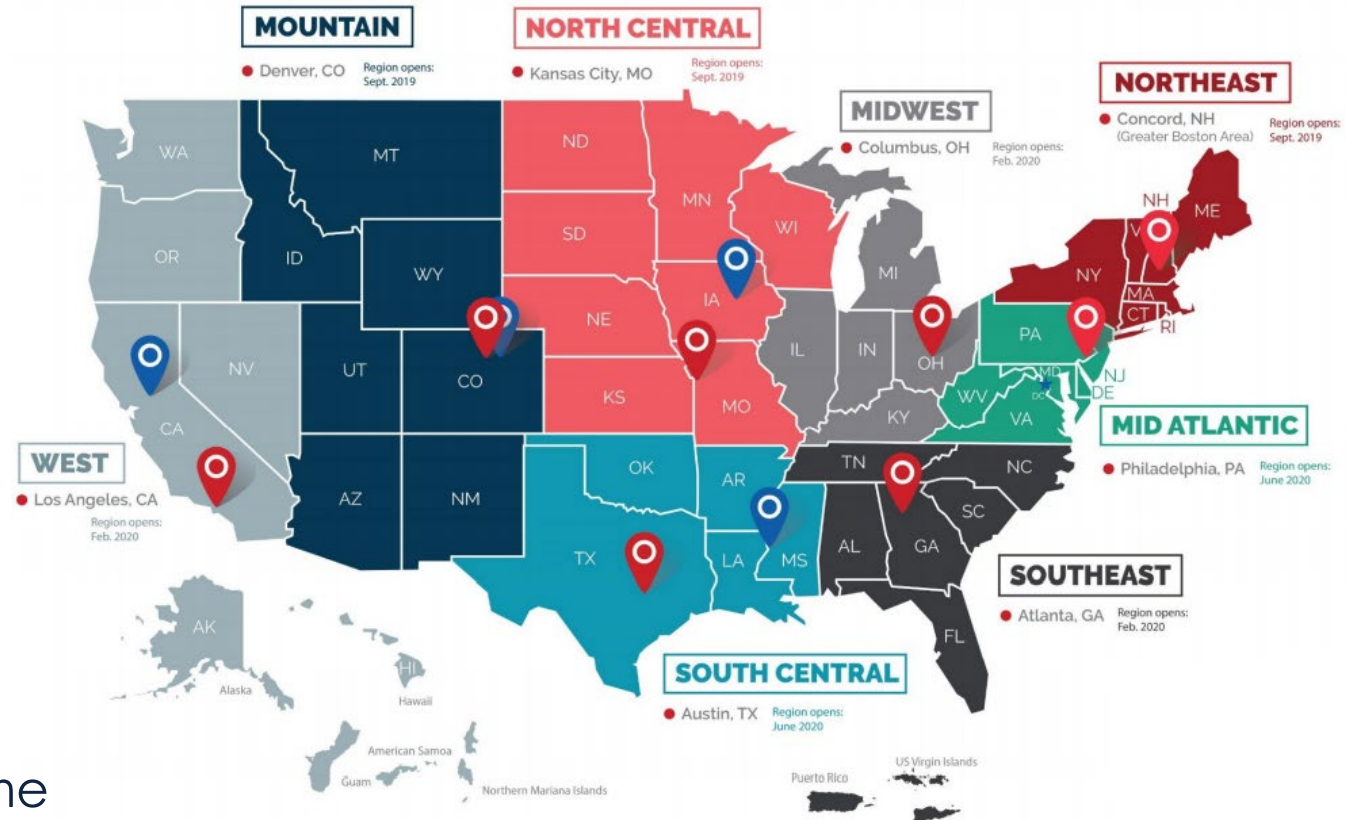
- Mid-Atlantic - 312
- Midwest - 308
- Mountain - 248
- North Central - 317
- Northeast - 291
- South Central - 243
- Southeast - 355
- West - 281

## Totals:

**2355 Grants** with more to come

**\$1.33B+** grant dollars awarded

Approximately **283,000+** members and **volunteers** supported



# Role of the Regional Office



- Serve as a primary point of contact for grantees
- Answer questions and provide technical assistance
- Conduct site visits to learn about our programs, see their impact, and provide technical assistance as needed
- Amplify the good work by sharing stories with AmeriCorps program departments and external affairs
- Process grant awards, amendments, extensions, and related actions
- Review reports submitted by your program
- Swear in members and participate in special events
- Approve AmeriCorps VISTA member applications, placements, and exits
- Conduct outreach to new communities and partners about AmeriCorps resources





# Priorities for Investment

## Administration Priorities

- COVID-19 Response (Learning Loss, Food Insecurity, Vaccination Education/Assistance)
- Racial Equity
- Economic Recovery
- Climate Change

## Diversify the Grant Portfolio

- Prioritize investment in the most underserved populations and communities
- Reach Rural Communities

## Advance the [AmeriCorps Strategic Plan](#)

- Partner with communities to alleviate poverty and advance racial equity
  - Mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and other public health crises
    - Prioritize health care, social support, and food security interventions
    - Establish a Public Health AmeriCorps (PHA) initiative in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to support needed capacity in public health departments and related settings and grow a diverse pipeline of talent for the public health workforce

# How the Local Programs are Developed



- Organizations decide which AmeriCorps program(s) will best meet their needs based on:
  - The organization's mission,
  - Capacity, and
  - Short- and long-term outcomes
- Organizations may apply for and utilize multiple types of AmeriCorps resources to meet local needs (each has its own process)
- Programs are designed at the local level, must demonstrate how volunteers/members will be used to address unmet needs and be supported during their service experience.
- All grant programs have performance measures that are selected from a set of national measures or are determined by the applicant.



# AmeriCorps Program Comparison



Title	AmeriCorps VISTA	AmeriCorps State & National	Public Health AmeriCorps
<b>Program Focus</b>	Founded in 1965, Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) is a federal anti-poverty national service program designed to provide resources to nonprofit organizations and public agencies to strengthen efforts to address poverty and poverty-related problems in the United States.	Organizations identify their community need in the areas of education, disaster services, health, environmental stewardship, economic opportunity, and veterans and military families, then design and implement an AmeriCorps program that will leverage people power as a solution. They recruit, train and manage individuals, called AmeriCorps members, to deliver those services.	In partnership with the CDC, Public Health AmeriCorps has two main goals: Address public health needs of local communities by providing support in state and local public health settings and advancing more equitable health outcomes for underserved communities.  Create pathways to good quality public health-related careers through onsite experience and training, with a focus on recruiting AmeriCorps members who reflect the communities in which they will serve.
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	The following entities are eligible to be an AmeriCorps VISTA sponsor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nonprofit organizations</li> <li>• Native Nations and Native- led organizations</li> <li>• public and/or nonprofit schools</li> <li>• state and local government agencies</li> </ul> <p>Organizations that focus solely on advocacy or lobbying are not eligible.</p>	The following non-Federal entities (all of which are defined in 2 CFR 200.1) are eligible to apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indian Tribes</li> <li>• institutions of higher education</li> <li>• local governments</li> <li>• nonprofit organizations</li> <li>• state service commissions</li> <li>• states and US Territories</li> </ul>	The following non-Federal entities (all of which are defined in 2 CFR 200.1) are eligible to apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indian Tribes</li> <li>• institutions of higher education</li> <li>• local governments</li> <li>• nonprofit organizations</li> <li>• state service commissions</li> <li>• states and US Territories</li> </ul>
<b>How Members are Engaged</b>	A member's service should focus on creating, strengthening, or expanding an organization's specific anti-poverty initiative and building local capacity to ensure sustainability once VISTA resources are withdrawn.	AmeriCorps programs are designed for member to deliver direct and/or capacity building service.	AmeriCorps members will serve primarily in state, local, Tribal, and territorial public health departments or in service to public health departments.
<b>Funding Available</b>	Discretionary grant dollars for staffing the project.	The actual level of funding is subject to the availability of annual appropriations.	TBD



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<b>Match requirements</b>	No Match requirements	Various from 24% to 50% depending on the length of time the program has operated.	No Match requirement
<b>Application Process</b>	<p>Various Submission Deadlines throughout the year</p> <p>Two-step process:            Step 1: AmeriCorps VISTA Concept Paper            Organizations submit an AmeriCorps VISTA concept paper via eGrants            Step 2: <a href="#">AmeriCorps VISTA Project Application</a>            If the concept paper is accepted, the organization is invited to submit a full AmeriCorps VISTA Project Application</p>	<p>Annual Competition            State Service Commissions, nonprofit organizations operating in two or more states, federally recognized Indian tribes, and an organization in a state or territory without a State Service Commission (e.g., U.S. Virgin Islands, South Dakota) are eligible to apply directly to AmeriCorps.</p> <p>Public, private, tribal, or faith-based nonprofit organizations as well as local or state agencies apply directly with the state/territory level with a State Service Commission as a subgrantee.</p>	<p>State Service Commissions, nonprofit organizations operating in two or more states, federally recognized Indian tribes, and an organization in a state or territory without a State Service Commission (e.g., U.S. Virgin Islands, South Dakota) are eligible to apply directly to AmeriCorps.</p> <p>Public, private, tribal, or faith-based nonprofit organizations as well as local or state agencies apply directly with the state/territory level with a State Service Commission as a subgrantee.</p>
<b>Reporting Requirements</b>	Annual Program Progress Report & Progress Report Supplement Financial reporting if grant funds are provided for staffing.	Annual Program Progress Reports Some ASN grants also require submission of financial reports twice a year.	Annual Program Progress Reports Some grants also require submission of financial reports twice a year.
<b>Types of Member Positions Available</b>	Members serve full-time. Projects have the option to also request Summer Associate positions.	Members can serve in a variety of positions from abbreviated time to full-time: Full-time = 1700 hours Three-Quarter time = 1200 hours Half-time = 900 hours Reduced Halftime = 675 hours Minimum time = 300 hours Abbreviated time = 100 hours	Members can serve in a variety of positions from abbreviated time to full-time: Full-time = 1700 hours Three-Quarter time = 1200 hours Half-time = 900 hours Reduced Halftime = 675 hours Minimum time = 300 hours Abbreviated time = 100 hours
<b>Duration of Member Term of Service</b>	One year for Full-time members. Summer Associates terms can be 8, 9, or 10 weeks during the summer	Length of terms vary but cannot exceed 12 months.	Length of terms vary but cannot exceed 12 months.
<b>Member Stipend &amp; Benefits</b>	Provided by AmeriCorps directly from the federal agency. Programs may supplement if they have support to do so.	Program provides stipend and benefits and can use grant funds to do so.	Program provides stipend and benefits and can use grant funds to do so. Some training opportunities provided by AmeriCorps.



# Why Partner with Us for AmeriCorps Members?

Benefits & Incentives



# A Word from Your Peers



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Recruitment, Retention,  
and Development Program



# Utah SORH's AmeriCorps VISTA Program



- Launched in 2021
- Two VISTA members
  - Rural Health Access
  - Health Policy and Research
- Selected project examples:
  - Developed new or updated communications materials for various programs
    - Flyers, FAQs, videos
  - Established plan and implemented outreach to loan repayment candidates
  - Developed new format and content for PCRH's Annual Report for stakeholders
  - Supported newly created Health Workforce Advisory Committee (HWAC)
    - Contributed to processes that guide HWAC subcommittees
  - Identified and led MLK Day of Service project

# Utah SORH's AmeriCorps VISTA Program





# WY SORH VISTA

## Host site model



### Process:

- Action Resources International applied to AmeriCorps/VISTA
- We contract with the agency (ARI) that applied
- Wyoming Department of Public Health is a project host site
- Our cost is under \$2,000 and it's a full-time person for a year

### Administration:

- We create a job description – ARI posts it and so do we
- When members who are interested apply
  - We interview them
  - If it's a good fit we offer them the position
  - They have a cubbie and equipment just like any other employee
- Telework under the same rules as the rest of the department
- We sign off on their timesheets and complete any other necessary paperwork



# WY SORH VISTA Member Projects



- Veteran resources for a website
- Quarterly cohorts for the Office of EMS
  - Data on successes and challenges
- Wyoming Telehealth Network (WyTN) on success and challenges
- Provider Recruitment and Retention - Ali



# Application Process



## AmeriCorps VISTA

Priorities set at the National Level

Request for Concept Papers + application process

Reviewed and approved at the regional level

Quarterly deadlines throughout the year – **Next deadline is June 7**

[How it Works](#)

## AmeriCorps State & National

Annual

Competitive

Reviewed nationally & decisions made at HQ

Noncompetitive formula process (Commissions only)

[Funding opportunities | AmeriCorps](#)



# Thank You



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