



AmeriCorps

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Title	AmeriCorps VISTA	AmeriCorps State & National	Public Health AmeriCorps
Program Focus	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>In partnership with the CDC, Public Health AmeriCorps has two main goals:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Eligible Applicants	<p>The following entities are eligible to be an AmeriCorps VISTA sponsor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonprofit organizations • Native Nations and Native- led organizations • public and/or nonprofit schools • state and local government agencies <p>Organizations that focus solely on advocacy or lobbying are not eligible.</p>	<p>The following non-Federal entities (all of which are defined in 2 CFR 200.1) are eligible to apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Tribes • institutions of higher education • local governments • nonprofit organizations • state service commissions • states and US Territories 	<p>The following non-Federal entities (all of which are defined in 2 CFR 200.1) are eligible to apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Tribes • institutions of higher education • local governments • nonprofit organizations • state service commissions • states and US Territories
How Members are Engaged	<p>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specific anti-poverty initiative and building local capacity to ensure sustainability once VISTA resources are withdrawn.</p>	<p>AmeriCorps programs are designed for member to deliver direct and/or capacity building service.</p>	<p>AmeriCorps members will serve primarily in state, local, Tribal, and territorial public health departments or in service to public health departments.</p>
Funding Available	<p>Discretionary grant dollars for staffing the project.</p>	<p>The actual level of funding is subject to the availability of annual appropriations.</p>	<p>TBD</p>

Match requirements	No Match requirements	Various from 24% to 50% depending on the length of time the program has operated.	No Match requirement
Application Process	<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: AmeriCorps VISTA Project Application</p> <p>If the concept paper is accepted, the organization is invited to submit a full AmeriCorps VISTA Project Application</p>	<p>Annual Competition</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>	<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>
Reporting Requirements	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.
Types of Member Positions Available	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
Duration of Member Term of Service	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.
Member Stipend & Benefits	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.