AMERICORPS VISTA ANNUAL PROGRAM GUIDANCE FOR CURRENT AND POTENTIAL SPONSORS

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I. INTRODUCTION

This AmeriCorps VISTA program guidance for current and potential sponsors directs the development of new projects and outlines national programming priorities for fiscal year (FY) 2025. We anticipate awarding approximately 100 new and 500 continuation applications to support placement of an estimated 3,100 full-time members, leaders, and Summer Associates.

Prospective sponsors should read the guidance in its entirety. Current sponsors should review this guidance to stay informed of VISTA's programming priorities. Existing projects are not expected to shift priorities to address changes in this guidance.

Current and potential sponsors should review the AmeriCorps VISTA Concept Paper Instructions and the AmeriCorps VISTA Project Application Instructions for additional details.

Disclosure: Publication of this document does not obligate AmeriCorps to award any specific number of resources or to commit any specific amount of funding. The actual level, timing, and process of awarding resources will be subject to the availability of appropriations.

II. IMPORTANT DATES

To apply for AmeriCorps VISTA resources, prospective sponsors complete a two-step application process:

> **Step 1:** Submission of a concept paper.

> **Step 2:** If your concept paper is approved, you will be invited to submit a project application.

AmeriCorps VISTA will accept concept papers formally two times for FY 2025. Below are the cycle due dates for concept papers:

Task	Cycle 1	Cycle 2
Concept Papers Due Date	December 6, 2024	March 27, 2025
Concept Paper Decisions Target Date	January 2025	April 2025
Application Award Target Date	April 2025	August 2025

For current sponsors, continuation applications are due prior to the expiration of the current Memorandum of Agreement between your organization and AmeriCorps. The Region Office staff assigned to your project will send continuation notices approximately 120 days prior to the end date of the current Memorandum of Agreement.

III. OVERVIEW OF AMERICORPS VISTA

AmeriCorps is the federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. AmeriCorps brings people together to tackle the country's most pressing challenges through national service and volunteerism. AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serve with organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities and those serving. AmeriCorps helps make service a cornerstone of our national culture.

Founded in 1965, AmeriCorps 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. In 1993, VISTA was incorporated into the AmeriCorps network of national service programs administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, now known as AmeriCorps.

AmeriCorps VISTA supports efforts to address poverty by providing opportunities for Americans,

18 years of age and older, from a diverse range of backgrounds, to dedicate a year of full-time service with an organization ("sponsor") on a project that will create, strengthen, or expand initiatives designed to empower individuals and communities in addressing poverty.

AmeriCorps VISTA Projects

An AmeriCorps VISTA project refers to a set of activities, as set forth in a project application, for which a federal award of AmeriCorps VISTA program resources is made. The project is operated and overseen by the sponsor. The duration of a project varies, but typically lasts for three to five years. Project activities are carried out by members placed at project sites.

AmeriCorps VISTA Sponsors

An AmeriCorps VISTA sponsor is a nonprofit organization or public agency that applies for and receives an award to place members, and in some cases, receives AmeriCorps VISTA grant funds. Sponsors design, operate, and direct the project, recruit, and supervise members, and provide the necessary administrative support to achieve the goals of the project. Sponsors develop and implement projects with meaningful involvement of project beneficiaries.

The following types of entities are eligible to apply to be an AmeriCorps VISTA sponsor and thereby undertake projects in the U.S. and certain U.S. territories: (per 45 CFR § 2556.100):

- Public or private nonprofit organizations
- Tribal government or tribal government agencies
- State and local government or agencies

Eligible sponsors are not limited to nonprofit organizations designated by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) specifically as 501(c)(3). Nonprofit organizations with other IRS-designated 501(c) statuses that focus on anti-poverty outcomes are also eligible. Sponsors may include public and/or nonprofit schools as well as native-led organizations.

An entity is prohibited from being an AmeriCorps VISTA sponsor or from otherwise receiving AmeriCorps VISTA assistance if a principal purpose or activity of the entity includes lobbying, electoral activities, voter registration, or transportation to polls.

Organizations interested in becoming a sponsor should begin by visiting AmeriCorps.gov for additional information. Interested organizations can also learn more by participating in a scheduled webinar or listening to a recorded webinar. AmeriCorps Region Office staff are available to answer questions, discuss project proposals, and to provide technical assistance throughout the application process.

Prospective sponsors apply by submitting a concept paper and a project application through the AmeriCorps web-based grants management system under the **FY 2025 AmeriCorps VISTA**

New Projects Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Additional details are available on the [AmeriCorps Funding Opportunities webpage.](#)

Current sponsors submit continuation applications through the AmeriCorps web-based grants management system under the FY **2025 AmeriCorps VISTA Continuations** Notice of Funding Opportunity.

AmeriCorps VISTA Members

[AmeriCorps members](#), including leaders, in the AmeriCorps VISTA program vary in age and hail from a range of diverse backgrounds and experiences. Sponsors are responsible for recruiting and selecting candidates to serve as members with their project. AmeriCorps staff maintain final approval for all sponsor selected candidates.

Each member commits to one year of full-time service on a specific project operated by a sponsor. 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 AmeriCorps VISTA resources are withdrawn.

Sponsors may be eligible to apply for Summer Associate resources to complement their year-round programming. The AmeriCorps VISTA [Summer Associate Program](#) allows individuals to serve with an existing AmeriCorps VISTA project for 8, 9, or 10 weeks during the summer months. Summer Associates may perform both direct service and capacity building activities. The FY 2025 Summer Associate program is subject to resource availability. Only current sponsors are eligible to participate in the Summer Associate program. Sponsors are encouraged to reach out to their local AmeriCorps Region Office to inquire whether resources are available at the time of your application submission.

All members receive a modest living allowance and other benefits during their service. After successfully completing a term of service, members, leaders, and summer associates may receive either a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award, which can be used to pay for college or student loans, or an end-of- service cash stipend. Individuals interested in serving with AmeriCorps VISTA should visit our [website for more information](#).

In FY 2025, AmeriCorps VISTA plans to support approximately 3,100 full-time members who will serve with approximately 600 sponsors. They will leverage people, financial, and material resources to develop sustainable solutions to challenges in low-income communities across the country.

IV. FRAMEWORK FOR VISTA PROGRAMMING

Core Principles

Projects must be developed in accordance with AmeriCorps VISTA's core principles:
- anti-poverty focus
- community empowerment
- sustainable solutions
- capacity building

Anti-Poverty Focus

The founding purpose of AmeriCorps VISTA is to strengthen and support efforts to alleviate poverty and poverty-related problems in the United States. Member activities are shaped by multiple factors, including the actual conditions of poverty, the expressed needs of the local community, and the sponsor and members' perspective on what is necessary and feasible.

Sponsors supported with AmeriCorps VISTA resources may address poverty by:
- Focusing on social determinants of health and well-being (e.g., improving education, neighborhood resilience, access to health care, and healthy food).
- Developing approaches that increase a household's income and assets (housing, connection to benefits like cash and in-kind transfers, financial savings, and asset development).
- Addressing larger regional systemic barriers to community development.

All member service activities must be designed to support one or more specific anti-poverty projects at a service location. Applications must clearly define the anti-poverty initiative being created or enhanced, and not focus solely on capacity building for the organization.

Community Empowerment

Community empowerment aims to increase the influence and control that communities have over the lives of residents as well as programs and structures in communities that impact residents' lives. Sponsors must engage people of the communities they plan to support through the planning, development, implementation, and evaluation of the project. The project design must be responsive and relevant to the lives of community residents and must tap into inherent community assets, strengths, and resources. To foster community empowerment, projects may choose to:
- Form an advisory council that engages community members while strengthening relationships.
- Use systems to solicit regular feedback and conduct regular reviews to address feedback.
- Invite local leaders and community members to join in initial needs assessments.
- Involve leaders in decision-making.
- Recognize community customs, norms, and values; involve community members in identifying these contextual factors.

Sustainable Solutions

Members serve as a short-term resource to help build the long-term sustainability of antipoverty efforts. Sponsors must design their project with a plan to phase out the need for members as resources. The goal is for the work of the project to continue without VISTA resources.
Projects make a lasting difference through:

- o The commitment, energy, and initiative that **members** bring to the community;
- o Involvement of the **sponsor** in supervising and supporting the members, and assessing the progress of the project toward meeting its established goals;
- o Participation of the **project beneficiaries** in all phases of project development and implementation; and
- o The continued involvement of **community members** by providing needed resources such as volunteers, material and financial resources, and expertise.

Capacity Building

Members create systems that remain long after their term of service ends. VISTA projects expand the scale, impact, and resource-leveraging ability of specific anti-poverty initiatives. Members strengthen sponsors' efforts by expanding community partnerships, securing cash and in-kind resources, recruiting and managing volunteers, and addressing specific local needs, with all activities focused on creating pathways out of poverty for individuals and communities. The primary goals of capacity building include:

- o **Increased effectiveness**: Sponsors have improved their abilities to achieve better success rates or better quality of outcomes.
- o **Increased efficiency**: Sponsors have improved outcomes with the same level of resources or with fewer resources.
- o **Increased scale/reach**: Sponsors have increased the scope of a program's or expanded services by serving to new people, new populations.
- o **Increased resources**: Sponsors have leveraged resources such as funding, volunteers, in-kind support, and partnerships.

Key Legislation and Regulations

The AmeriCorps VISTA program's governing [legislation](#) and applicable regulations are as follows:
- [Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (as amended)](#)
- [National and Community Service Act of 1990 (as amended)](#)
- Code of Federal Regulations, [Title 45, Chapter 25 Part 2556.](#)

V. PROGRAMMING PRIORITIES FOR FY 2025

The AmeriCorps [2022-2026 Strategic Plan](#) defines the agency's goals, objectives, and strategies, to both meet and exceed the agency's mission to improve lives and strengthen communities. AmeriCorps supports the following goals to better position the agency to respond to national and local needs and help the communities it serves prosper: partner with communities to alleviate poverty and advance racial equity; enhance the experience for AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers; unite Americans by bringing them together in service; effectively steward federal resources; and make AmeriCorps one of the best and most equitable places to work in the federal government.

AmeriCorps is investing in existing and new partnerships with nonprofit, faith-based, and native-led organizations, and state service commissions, to get things done for America. We are prioritizing investment in the most critical issues of our time – public health, climate and the environment, education, and economic opportunity – and we are increasing our efforts to ensure our AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Senior volunteers reflect the communities where they serve. We are targeting our investments toward communities where the need is greatest, particularly those with populations that face racial inequality and poverty. These steps will enable more Americans than ever to strengthen the communities that need it most across the nation through their service.

AmeriCorps VISTA is seeking project applications for programming in any of the following five AmeriCorps focus areas in FY 2025:
- [Economic Opportunity](#)
- [Healthy Futures](#)
- [Education](#)
- [Veterans and Military Families](#)
- [Environmental Stewardship](#)

Priority consideration will be given to project applications that fall under the specific programming areas below. Additionally, AmeriCorps VISTA will focus on awarding projects that advance racial equity and that invest in underserved communities, particularly those impacted by the long-term recovery from the pandemic. These priorities are established annually based on administration guidance, input received from AmeriCorps staff, sector research, and a review of the existing portfolio of AmeriCorps VISTA projects nationwide.

Economic Opportunity

AmeriCorps VISTA's commitment to addressing poverty includes focusing on projects that create or strengthen opportunities for low-income individuals to develop workforce knowledge and skills that will meet the needs of employers. In addition, projects that focus on housing are strongly

encouraged to apply.

Priority areas include:

- **Housing:** Transitioning individuals into or helping them remain in safe, affordable housing, with a special focus on veterans. AmeriCorps VISTA also strongly encourages organizations focused on eviction prevention to apply.
- **Employment/workforce development:** Improving or creating job skills training programs that lead to increased employment.
- **Federal Benefit access:** Increasing awareness of and access to federal benefit programs such as the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit (CTC), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and others.

Healthy Futures

The VISTA program will give priority to projects that meet health needs for low-income individuals.

Priority areas include:

- **Access to health care:** Connecting underserved individuals to preventative education and treatment/recovery services, to include mental health services.
- **Food security:** Alleviating hunger and increasing access to nutritious food. Potential partners may include, but are not limited to, individual food banks and pantries, networks of food banks, K-12 schools, community gardens, and after-school programs.

Education

The AmeriCorps VISTA program will support projects that enhance access to services and resources that contribute to improved educational outcomes for low-income children. AmeriCorps VISTA program will target new project development in communities with large concentrations of low-income students (e.g., Title I schools).

Priority areas include:

- **School readiness** and **learning recovery** for low-income children.
- **K-12 success** in student educational and behavioral outcomes.
- **Post secondary support for career and college:**
  - **Career and Technical Education (CTE)** to help students gain the skills they need to compete for employment.
  - **College access and success** for low-income students.

Veterans and Military Families

AmeriCorps VISTA will support projects that focus on veterans and military families experiencing

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poverty as beneficiaries.

Priority areas include:
- **Economic opportunity:** Employment and homelessness prevention/reduction.
- **Education:** School readiness, success in K-12 education, and post-secondary career and college success.
- **Healthy futures:** Access to health services, including substance abuse prevention and recovery and mental health services.

Environmental Stewardship

The AmeriCorps VISTA program will support anti-poverty initiatives that focus on environmental stewardship and climate change in low-income communities. This is in connection with environmental justice, building resilient communities, and supporting individuals and communities experiencing poverty who are affected by climate change or environmental challenges resulting in unsafe or unhealthy environments.

Priority areas include:
- **Energy Efficiency:** Connecting underserved populations to renewable energy and energy efficient practices.
- **Awareness & Stewardship:** Building community resilience.

FY 2025 Summer Associate Programming

The FY 2025 Summer Associate program is subject to resource availability. Only current sponsors are eligible to participate in the Summer Associate program, pending the availability of resources. To be considered a current sponsor and eligible to host a Summer Associate project in the summer of 2025 (May – August), organizations must have a Memorandum of Agreement in place by March 31, 2025.

The Summer Associate program is an opportunity to enhance an existing sponsor's approved project and should advance the sponsor's overall project. The Summer Associate project design may incorporate both direct service and capacity building activities for 8, 9, or 10 weeks of service during the summer months.

AmeriCorps VISTA encourages current sponsors that are interested in Summer Associate programming to plan for and include such requests in their continuation applications or through an application amendment.

VI. PRIORITY POPULATIONS FOR FY 2025

Within the focus areas described in Section V, AmeriCorps VISTA encourages new project

development in the following specific populations and geographic areas. Projects focused on serving these populations and communities will be given the highest consideration for investments of AmeriCorps VISTA resources.

Areas of Deep Poverty

Priority will be given to projects that serve individuals experiencing deep poverty and communities with a high number of households experiencing deep poverty. Deep poverty is defined as having a household income below 50 percent of the federal poverty line.

Priority consideration will be given to projects that propose serving beneficiaries experiencing deep poverty.

Rural Communities

More than 35 percent of individuals in rural counties live in high-poverty areas, and 85 percent of persistent poverty counties are in rural America. AmeriCorps VISTA will prioritize projects that create economic opportunity and ensure access to health care in rural communities.

Native Nations and Tribal Communities

Programming in Native Nations and tribal communities remains a priority for AmeriCorps VISTA. AmeriCorps VISTA has served as a partner to Native Nations and tribal communities since our inception. We honor Native Nations sovereignty and self-determination, and their ability to implement programming that best fits the needs and priorities of their individual communities and people.

Potential AmeriCorps VISTA sponsors can be Native Nations, native and tribal-led nonprofit organizations, or nonprofit organizations that are proposing projects specifically targeting Native Nations and tribal communities. Outreach to tribal colleges and universities is encouraged. Potential nonprofit organization sponsors should ensure that their proposed project has the support of the local native or tribal government and/or native or tribal community.

VI. ASSESSMENT OF PROJECT APPLICATIONS

In choosing which project applications to support, AmeriCorps evaluates prospective and current sponsors on their ability to manage and effectively apply AmeriCorps VISTA resources. A project application should:

- Explain how community members will be involved in project development and implementation.
- Address the relevant needs of low-income communities and otherwise comply with the provisions of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (DVSA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4950 et seq.), and all applicable regulations, guidelines, and policies.

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- Clearly articulate how the project design fits into the anti-poverty mission of the AmeriCorps VISTA program and its four core principles – Anti-Poverty Focus; Community Empowerment; Sustainable Solutions; and Capacity Building.
- Explain why VISTA resources will meet the identified needs of the community and align with programming priorities.
- Describe how the project intends to build program, organizational, network, and/or community capacity so that some systems, processes, and project activities continue beyond the AmeriCorps VISTA term of the project.
- Clearly state how your organization will train, supervise, and support members to ensure project success and to comply with the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, AmeriCorps VISTA regulations, and AmeriCorps VISTA program policies.
- Illustrate the relationship between key project elements throughout the application, including a statement demonstrating the need and intended outcomes with the targeted population and community, performance measures, and member assignment description(s).
- Ensure that AmeriCorps VISTA and community resources are sufficient to achieve project goals.
- Explain how the applicant possesses sufficient management and technical capability to implement and oversee the project.
- Requests an appropriate number of members to achieve the project mission and identify the skills and qualifications needed to meet established goals and objectives.
- Clearly outline how the project will establish a recruitment plan and onboarding process for members.

Current sponsors will also be evaluated on demonstrated achievement toward the project's identified performance measures; member placement and retention rates; as well as timeliness in complying with reporting deadlines for Progress Reports, Progress Report Supplements, Sponsor Verification Forms, and Federal Financial Reports, as applicable. An additional factor evaluated is demonstrated achievement of project goals leading towards sustainability. Current sponsors with cost share agreements will need to be up to date with all cost share invoice payments.

AmeriCorps VISTA resource recipients will be assigned to an AmeriCorps portfolio manager, who will be responsible for assessing recipients' performance, providing technical assistance, and serving as the agency primary point of contact.

Performance Measures

All project applications must identify project's goals, activities, and performance measures, along with the instruments and methods they plan to use to collect data related to performance measures.

The performance measures must establish capacity building and anti-poverty outputs and outcomes which align with the AmeriCorps National Performance Measures.

To support the submission of quality data, all projects should create data collection processes that satisfy the data collection protocols for any AmeriCorps National Performance Measures that were

selected. The performance measure instructions identify typical interventions as well as the protocol for data collection (instruments and methods) to report progress toward the selected objectives.

Key definitions and data collection protocols for each AmeriCorps National Performance Measure are available in the [AmeriCorps VISTA Performance Measures Instructions](#).

VII. MEMBER RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING

Once a Project Application is approved, the sponsor's designated project director will complete the AmeriCorps VISTA Sponsor Orientation learning path on the [VISTA Campus](#). Next, AmeriCorps staff will discuss recruitment timing with the designated project director. It is critical that sponsors be able and ready to recruit members to set up a successful AmeriCorps VISTA project.

All new member candidates must complete VISTA Member Orientation (VMO) at the start of service. Sponsors must design and deliver On-Site Orientation and Training (OSOT) for new members and must have a plan to supervise and support members throughout their terms of service. By working together to provide this type of orientation, training, and support, AmeriCorps VISTA and sponsors help members have effective and high-quality service experiences.

Current project directors are encouraged to participate in ongoing training opportunities provided on-demand, virtually and in-person by AmeriCorps VISTA.

For additional assistance, please contact your AmeriCorps [Region Office](#) or visit the [AmeriCorps VISTA](#) website.

VIII. VISTA CONCEPT PAPER AND APPLICATION PROCESS

For organizations that wish to develop an AmeriCorps VISTA project, AmeriCorps conducts a resource opportunity referred to as a 'Request for Concept Papers' process organizations complete a two-step process to apply for AmeriCorps VISTA resources:

Step 1: AmeriCorps VISTA Concept Paper
Organizations submit an AmeriCorps VISTA Concept Paper via [eGrants](#). New organizations are encouraged to reference the [eGrants User Guide](#) for additional information on how to set-up an account. The concept paper is a preliminary screening tool that AmeriCorps uses to evaluate whether the organization would be an appropriate sponsor and if the proposed project meets VISTA's core principles.

Step 2: AmeriCorps VISTA Project Application
If the concept paper is accepted, the organization is invited to submit a full AmeriCorps VISTA Project Application. The full application includes additional narratives and performance measures as well as a request to upload certain required documents.

Learn more about the Concept Paper process [here](). For additional information, please contact your [AmeriCorps Region Office.]()

If you wish to continue receiving VISTA resources for another year, you will be invited to complete a continuation application. Current sponsors must submit continuation applications when notified by their AmeriCorps portfolio manager to ensure the Memorandum of Agreement does not lapse. Continuation applications detail the previous year's activities and accomplishments, as well as your plans towards successful implementation and sustainability of your project.

Other Information

Organization Requirements: UEI and SAM
All applicants and sponsors must have a Unique Entity ID (UEI) number to receive federal resources from AmeriCorps VISTA. The Unique Entity ID is assigned automatically to entities when they register on [SAM.gov](). Submitting a registration and getting a Unique Entity ID is free.

All applicants and sponsors must register with the [System for Award Management (SAM]()) and maintain an active SAM.gov registration until the application process is complete. If an applicant is awarded VISTA resources, it must maintain an active SAM.gov registration throughout the life of the award. [See the SAM Quick Guide for Grantees]().

SAM.gov registration must be renewed annually. AmeriCorps suggests that applicants finalize a new registration or renew an existing one at least three weeks before the application deadline, to allow time to resolve any issues that may arise. Applicants must use their SAM.gov registered legal name and physical address on all grant applications to AmeriCorps. The legal applicant's name and physical address in eGrants must match **exactly** the applicant's SAM-registered information.

Modernization
Updates may occur to the eGrants system in FY 2025 as part of the AmeriCorps modernization process. At the date this document was posted, AmeriCorps was utilizing the eGrants system to accept concept papers and applications. Updates or changes to the process will be communicated widely and posted on the [americorps.gov]() website as they become available.

Guidance and Instructions

This document should be read together with the AmeriCorps VISTA Concept Paper Instructions, AmeriCorps VISTA Project Application Instructions, AmeriCorps VISTA Budget Instructions, and AmeriCorps VISTA Regulations ([Title 45, Chapter 25 Part 2556]()). These documents are available online at the [Request for Concept Papers website]() under the 'Guidance and Instructions' section.

Pre-Award Risk Assessment
AmeriCorps staff will assess the risks to the AmeriCorps VISTA program posed by each applicant to determine an applicant's ability to manage federal resources. This evaluation is in addition to those about the applicant's eligibility and the quality of its application based on the application assessment

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criteria. Results from this assessment will inform funding decisions.

In assessing risks, AmeriCorps VISTA may consider the following:

Due Diligence:
- Federal debt delinquency
- Suspension and debarment
- Information available through Office of Management and Budget (OMB)-designated repositories of government-wide eligibility qualification or financial integrity information, such as:
  - U.S. Treasury Bureau of Fiscal Services;
  - System for Award Management (SAM); and
  - *Do Not Pay*.
- Reports and findings from single audits performed under Uniform Administrative Guidance and findings of any other available audits or investigations
- IRS Tax Form 990
- Oversight.gov
- Public Litigation Records

Operational and Financial Management:
- Financial stability
- Operational and Financial Management Survey (OFMS).

Past Performance, including:
Applicant's record in managing previous AmeriCorps resources (if applicable), cooperative agreements, or procurement awards, including:
- Timely compliance with applicable reporting requirements as outlined in the Memorandum of Agreement
- Accuracy of data reported
- Validity of performance measure data reported
- Conformity to the terms and conditions of previous federal awards
- Ability to effectively implement statutory, regulatory, or other requirements imposed on award recipients
- Timely closeout of other awards
- Extent to which any previously awarded amounts will be expended prior to future awards; and
- National Service Criminal History Check (NSCHC) compliance.

Other Programmatic Risks:
- Publicly available information, including information from the applicant organization's website
- Amount of funding requested by the organization

Technical Assistance

AmeriCorps VISTA will host "Request for Concept Papers" webinars to answer questions about the resource opportunity. AmeriCorps strongly encourages applicants to participate in these sessions. The schedule and call-in information for the webinars is on the AmeriCorps VISTA Request for Concept Papers website.

Please note that AmeriCorps Region Offices may conduct additional webinars. To email staff managing programming in your state, email the two-letter state abbreviation followed by @americorps.gov (e.g., for Maryland, email MD@americorps.gov or for California, email CA@americorps.gov).

For technical questions and problems with the eGrants system, call the AmeriCorps Hotline at (800) 942-2677. Potential applicants can also visit eGrants Questions. Be prepared to provide the application ID, organization's name, and the name of the resource opportunity to which the organization is applying.

For resources regarding performance measurement, visit the AmeriCorps National Performance Measurement Core Curriculum.

AmeriCorps Terms and Conditions
All awards made under this resource opportunity will be subject to the FY 2025 AmeriCorps General Terms and Conditions, and the FY 2025 Program-Specific Terms and Conditions for the particular program (when applicable). These terms and conditions contain detailed, mandatory compliance and reporting requirements. Current versions of the AmeriCorps General and Program-Specific Terms and Conditions for each of its programs is available at AmeriCorps Manage Your Grant webpage.

XI. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- General Information about AmeriCorps VISTA
- Sponsoring a VISTA Project
- VISTA Sponsor Resource Page
- VISTA Campus (*online training center for existing sponsors only, login required*)