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# **Corporation for National and Community Service Programs and Funding**

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# Welcome



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# Corporation for National & Community Service Programming

# CNCS Speakers

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Kelly Daly, AmeriCorps VISTA

Jan Newsome, Senior Corps

Arminda Pappas, AmeriCorps State and National

Rich Smith, AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps  
(NCCC)

Melissa McNeily, AmeriCorps VISTA

- Overview of the Corporation for National & Community Service
- CNCS programs and participants – Senior Corps and AmeriCorps
- How to access CNCS resources
- Your questions!

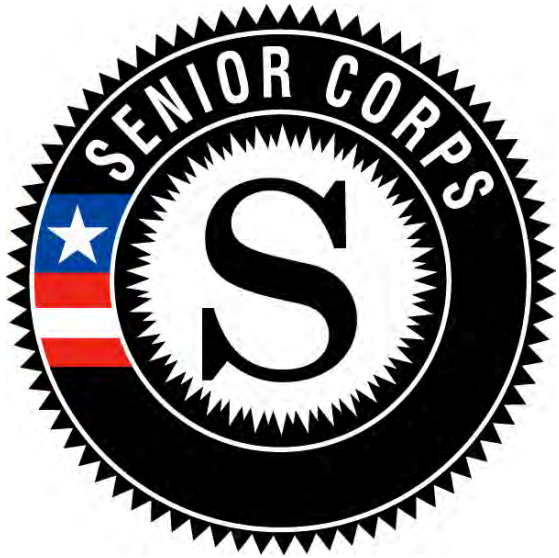


# We're already working together to...

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- Prevent and end homelessness
- Strengthen communities through placed-based initiatives
- Preserve affordable housing and engage and support residents
- And more...



**Mission:** To improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering

**Focus Areas:** Economic Opportunity, Education, Healthy Futures, Veterans and Military Families, Disaster Services, Environmental Stewardship

Largest grant maker in support of service and volunteerism

Engage millions of Americans in service  
Invest in local community solutions





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**Senior Corps**  
Jan Newsome  
Senior Program Partnership Development Specialist



# What is Senior Corps?

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- Nation's largest group of older American volunteers
- One of the oldest programs in the national service family
- A set of three programs that empower older Americans to serve their communities
  - RSVP
  - Foster Grandparent Program
  - Senior Companion Program





- Volunteers serve at thousands of local organizations
- Service Activities Include:
  - Teaching Native language and traditions
  - One-on-one tutoring
  - Mentoring troubled teenagers and young mothers
  - Help Children who have been abused or neglected
- Serve 5-40 hours/week
- Receive a stipend, if income-eligible.



- Volunteers serve with local organizations who set matches, mostly via in home placement
- Objectives:
  - Independent Living
  - Respite for Caregivers
- Serve 5-40 hours per week
- Receive stipend, if income eligible



- RSVP volunteer address a variety of community needs.
- Volunteers do not receive a stipend, but may be reimbursed for meals, mileage, and other costs related to their service

# Senior Corps Volunteers

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- Average of 6-8 years of service
- Average age of volunteers: 73

# Community Impact

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## 150,000

Children tutored and mentored\*

## 365,000

Frail, elderly or individuals with disabilities reporting increased social support\*

## 300,000

Veterans receiving CNCS-supported assistance\*\*



**200,000+**   
**Senior Corps volunteers,**  
including thousands of veterans

**50 million**   
**hours of service**

**23,000+**   
**unique sites** each year

\* May 2019

\*\* FY 2018 Senior Corps Fast Facts

# Longitudinal Study

- Senior Corps Volunteers Feel Healthier
- Senior Corps Volunteers are Less Depressed, Less Isolated
- Senior Corps provides access, structure, financial support to keep folks engaged over time
- Senior Corps Works!

<https://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/senior-corps/senior-corps-and-health-benefits>



- 2020 FGP/SCP Replacement Competition

- Application Due- December 6, 2019
- [Training Opportunities](#)

For more information on Senior Corps Contact:

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Senior Corps

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**Any questions about Senior Corps?**



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**AmeriCorps State and National**  
Arminda Pappas  
Grant Review Manager

# AmeriCorps State and National Program Basics

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- AmeriCorps State and National engages in strategic grant-making to support organizations that see service as a solution to local and national challenges and creates powerful member experiences that result in lifelong civic engagement.
- Funded programs—at State Service Commissions, tribes, and local, regional, and national organizations—use national service to address critical community needs across a range of focus areas. Awardees receive funds on an annual basis.

# Our Grantees

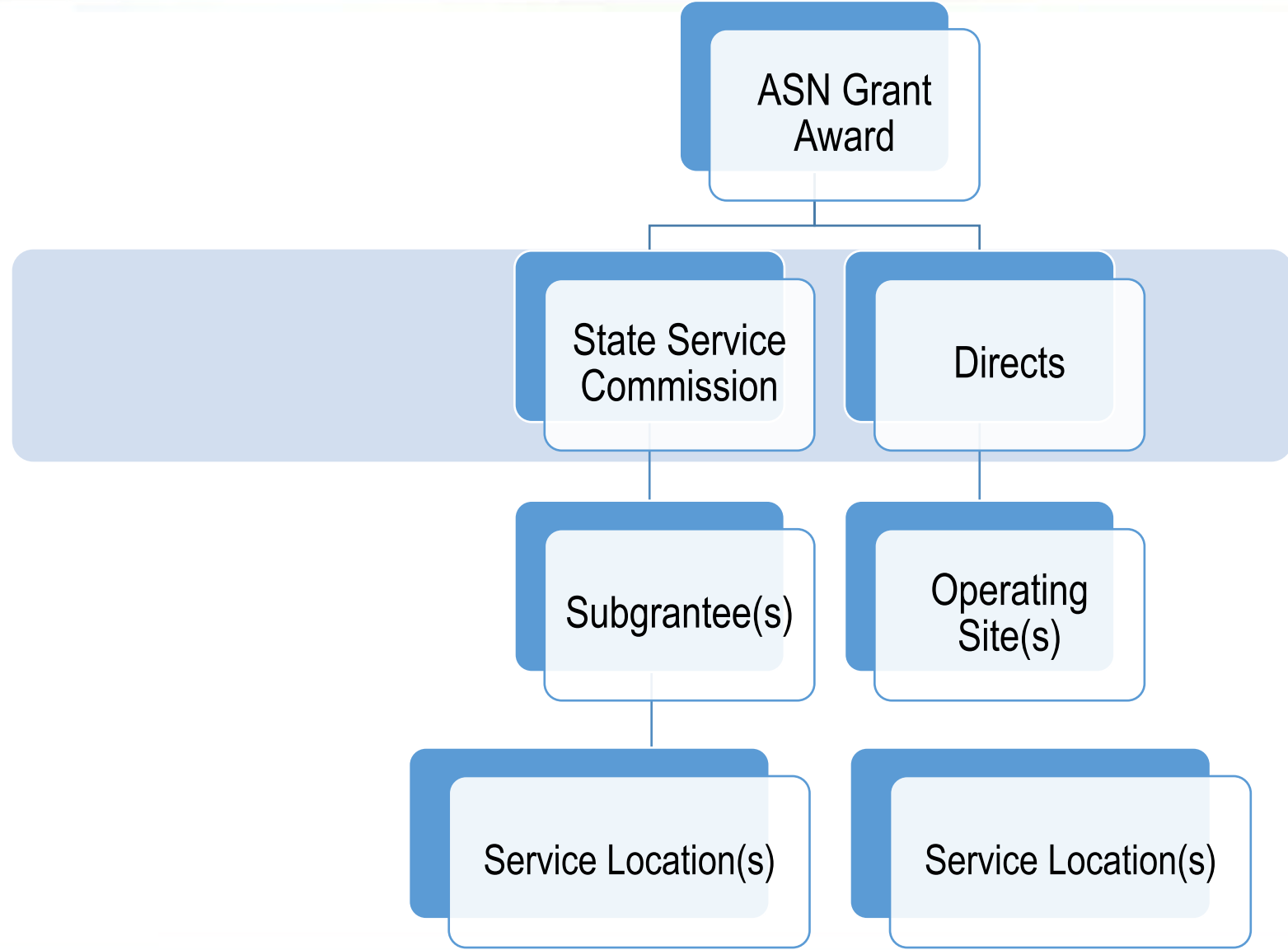
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- State Service Commissions
  - ✓ Programs proposing to operate in a single state
- Directs
  - ✓ Multi-state Programs (aka “National Directs”)
  - ✓ Indian Tribes
  - ✓ Programs in states or territories that do not have a State Service Commission



# Subgrantees and Operating Sites



# Types of Grants: Cost Reimbursement vs Fixed



Cost Reimbursement	Fixed Amount
Available to new applicants	New applicants can apply for EAP and professional corps grants. Only organizations with previous ASN experience may apply for full cost fixed amount grants
Detailed line item budget	Minimal budget: only lists number and type of member positions and amount of CNCS funds requested
2 annual financial reports	No financial reports
Match required	No formal match required
Access to all funds regardless of member enrollment or retention	Access to all funds is dependent on member enrollment and/or retention

*No matter which grant type an organization receives, the grant funding will supply only a portion of its program costs. It will have to secure additional resources to support program operations.*

# Grantmaking Processes



- ASN can either award grants competitively or via formula
- Separate application processes for competitive and formula grantmaking, consistent with the rules described in the Statute and Regulations.
- Formula
  - ✓ Allocated to state commissions according to an established formula.
  - ✓ Can be programmatic or administrative
- Competitive
  - ✓ Subapplicants and direct applicants compete against each other
  - ✓ CNCS conducts the review of applications and selects proposals for award



## Eligibility to Apply for National Direct Grants

- A national nonprofit organization that operates in two or more states
- An Indian tribe
- A consortia formed across two or more states, consisting of institutions of higher education or other nonprofits, including labor, faith-based, and other community organizations
- A state or territory without a State Service Commission
  - **Single-state applicants from South Dakota** should apply directly to CNCS. If you are a potential applicant from South Dakota, please contact [AmeriCorpsGrants@cns.gov](mailto:AmeriCorpsGrants@cns.gov) for additional guidance.



# AmeriCorps State and National

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## Eligibility to Apply for State Formula Grants

- State and local nonprofit organization
- Community and faith-based organization
- State, local, and higher education institution
- State and local government
- U.S. territory



Apply through State Service Commissions

# AmeriCorps Grant Applications

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- NOFO and application instructions are provided by CNCS.
- Organizations submit grant applications to CNCS via online eGrants system or to their State Service Commission's competition.
  - <http://www.nationalservice.gov/egrants/>
- Applications consist of a narrative, budget, and performance measures, plus a few supplementary items.
- Applications to current competition due January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Single state applicants may have earlier deadline – contact state commission



**Any questions about AmeriCorps State and National?**



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**NCCC**  
Rich Smith  
Deputy Region Director for Programming

# AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps)

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- A **residential, team-based** service program that provides full-time opportunities for young adults **age 18-24** to serve their country and help communities meet compelling needs
- 10-month program whose mission is to strengthen communities and develop leaders
- Teams of 7-12 members perform **short-term** (multi-week) service projects in a variety of locations
- **NCCC Traditional**
- **NCCC FEMA Corps**

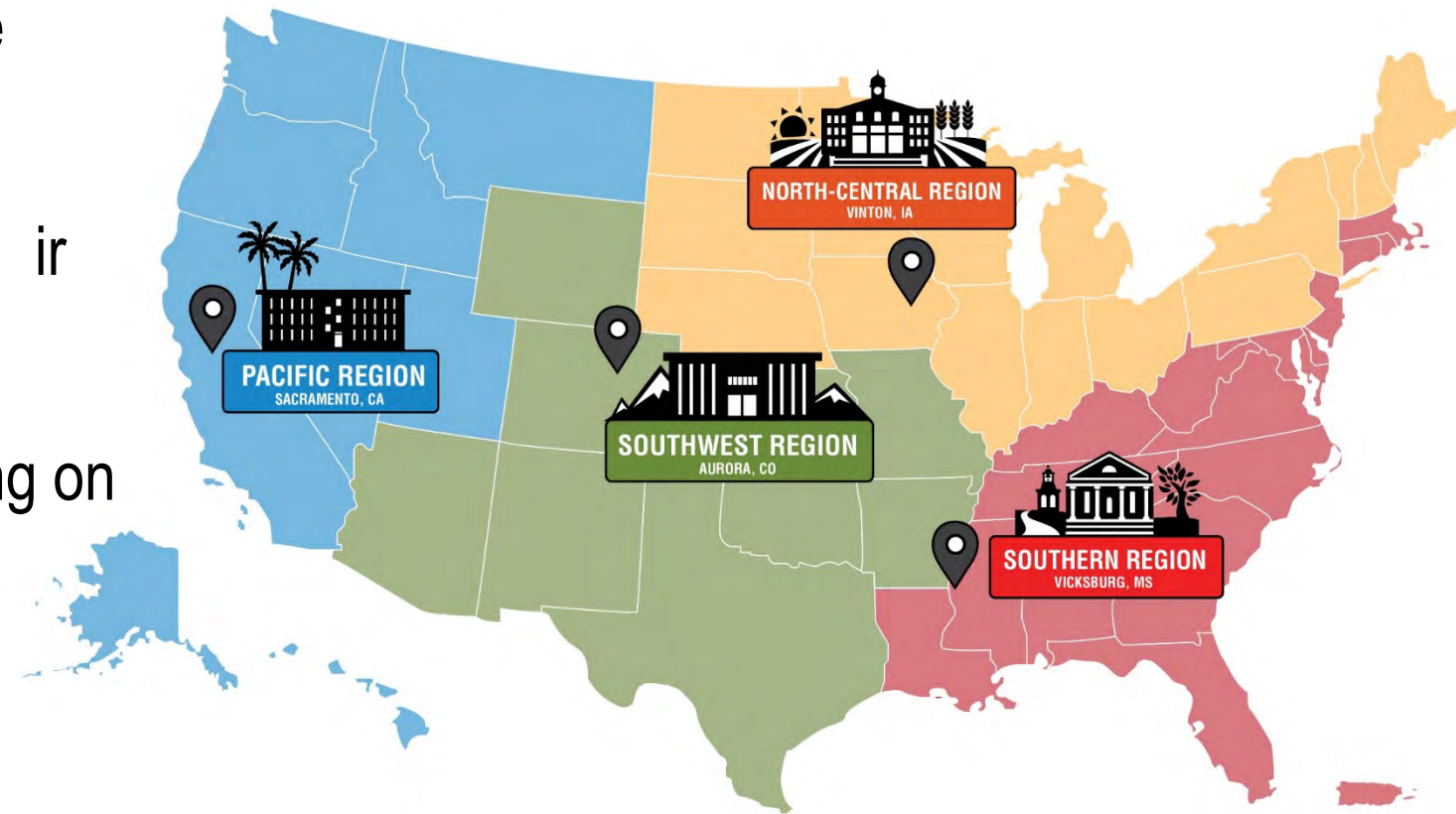


# AmeriCorps NCCC (pronounced N-triple-C)

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- Corps Members are flown to a regional campus, assembled into teams
- Each team has a specially selected Team Leader, who undergoes a month of training before Corps Members arrive
- Team Leaders lodge and serve with their team, but are not technical work supervisors
- Teams participate in 3 weeks of training on campus, focused on:
  - Teambuilding
  - Leveraging diversity
  - Conflict resolution
  - NCCC rules and policies
  - Community entry
  - Safety





# What can NCCC teams do?



- Almost anything of public benefit that you can train them to do in a few days, and that you have the capacity to supply and supervise
- **Issue areas:** Natural and Other Disasters, Infrastructure Improvement, Environmental Stewardship and Conservation, Energy Conservation, and Urban and Rural Development
- More examples:
  - Renovating local recreation centers and parks, camps and other facilities
  - Home repair and construction (including disaster recovery)
  - Improving parks, forests, refuges and other wildlands
  - Coordinating or recruiting volunteers or planning events
  - Data gathering and public outreach campaigns
  - Startup or expansion of programs



# How to sponsor an NCCC team in your community

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- Eligible project sponsors include nonprofits (including churches/faith-based), state/local/federal government agencies, public schools, Native American Tribal Councils
- There is **no charge or match** for sponsoring an NCCC team, and very few reporting requirements!
- However, sponsors must provide (and pay for, if necessary):
  - Lodging (with access to shower and kitchen)
  - Tools and materials
  - Training
  - Work Site Supervision
  - At least 40 hours a week of enriching service

## NCCC Provides:

- Team Leader for coordination and member support
- 15-passenger van and fuel
- Funds for meal preparation
- Limited tools
- Member stipend, health coverage and other benefits
- Federal Workers' Compensation coverage

Use your **partnerships and connections** with outside organizations, especially for lodging!

# How to sponsor an NCCC team in your community

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- Interested project sponsors must submit a **Project Concept Form** to their regional campus by the published deadline (about 4 months before project)
- If requested, organizations next submit a **Service Project Application**
- Special expedited application process for disaster response

To learn more and get in touch with a campus, visit:



**NationalService.gov/NCCC**

Scroll to the bottom until you see:



**Interested in Sponsoring an NCCC Team?**

[Learn How](#)



**Any questions about AmeriCorps NCCC?**



**VISTA**  
Melissa McNeily  
Program Impact Specialist

## Core Principles

- Ending poverty
- Empowering communities
- Building capacity
- Creating sustainable solutions



# Annual Impact

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## ANNUAL IMPACT OF AMERICORPS VISTA

- 1 8,500+ *Members Serving*
- 2 4,500+ *Locations Across the U.S.*
- 3 800,000 *Volunteers Leveraged*
- 4 \$206M *Raised from Other Sources*
- 5 220,000 *Members Since 1965*



# VISTA

Volunteers in Service to America

# Capacity Building vs. Direct Service

## Capacity Building

Tasks and activities to expand the scale, reach, efficiency, or effectiveness of programs or organizations

## Direct Service

Providing services to the identified program recipients or clients of a program



# Sponsor Eligibility

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- State and local nonprofit organization
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# VISTA Members

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- 18+ years of age
- U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents
- Must pass a criminal history check
- May have specific knowledge, skills, or abilities required by the sponsoring organization
- Local or national recruits



# VISTA Application Process

## Step 1- AmeriCorps VISTA Concept Paper

Organizations submit an AmeriCorps VISTA Concept Paper. The Concept Paper is a preliminary screening tool used to evaluate whether the organization would be an appropriate sponsor.

## Step 2- AmeriCorps VISTA Project Application

If CNCS approves the Concept Paper, the organization submits an AmeriCorps VISTA Project Application based on the approved Concept Paper.



# Request for Concept Papers Timeline

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## AmeriCorps VISTA FY2020 Request for Concept Papers Timeline

Task	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
VISTA Request for Concept Papers webinar	Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. ET	Tuesday, Mar. 3, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. ET	Tuesday, Jun. 2, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. ET
Concept Papers due	Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. ET	Wednesday, Apr. 1, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. ET	Wednesday, Jul. 1, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. ET

# Request for Concept Papers Webinar

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Join us on Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm ET

[https://cncs.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_6CB\\_PjIRQeWssOp5\\_EjK5w#button](https://cncs.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6CB_PjIRQeWssOp5_EjK5w#button)

You'll learn about the following:

Submitting a concept paper  
Sponsor Responsibilities

- Project Management
- Member Management

VISTA Member Responsibilities

# AmeriCorps VISTA Contacts and Resources

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**Contact CNCS Field Office:** <https://www.nationalservice.gov/stateoffices>

**VISTA:** [vista@americorps.gov](mailto:vista@americorps.gov)

**Request for Concept Papers Notice:** <https://www.nationalservice.gov/documents/2018/fy19-ameri-corps-vista-request-concept-papers-and-timeline>

**Concept Paper Instructions:**  
[https://www.nationalservice.gov/sites/default/files/documents/VISTA\\_Concept%20Paper.pdf](https://www.nationalservice.gov/sites/default/files/documents/VISTA_Concept%20Paper.pdf)

**Sponsor a VISTA member:** <https://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ameri-corps/ameri-corps-programs/ameri-corps-vista/sponsor-vista-member>

**eGrants:** <https://egrants.cns.gov/espan/main/login.jsp>

**National Service Hotline:** 1-800-942-2677

- eGrants technical issues, option 3



**Any questions about AmeriCorps VISTA?**

# Ways That You Can Help Us..

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**Any other questions about CNCS programs?**



# CNCS Contacts



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National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC)

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AmeriCorps VISTA: [vista@americorps.gov](mailto:vista@americorps.gov)

CNCS Field Office: <https://www.nationalservice.gov/stateoffices>

For questions with regard to:

- Community Planning and Development Programs (e.g. homeless, HOME, CDBG, HOPWA) – Submit a question to the [Ask a Question](#) portal on the HUD Exchange
- PHAs and tribes – Email the PIH Customer Service Center at [HUD-PIHRC@ardentinc.com](mailto:HUD-PIHRC@ardentinc.com)



***Thank you!***