

AmeriCorps VISTA: Sponsor Meeting

Oct. 30, 2024



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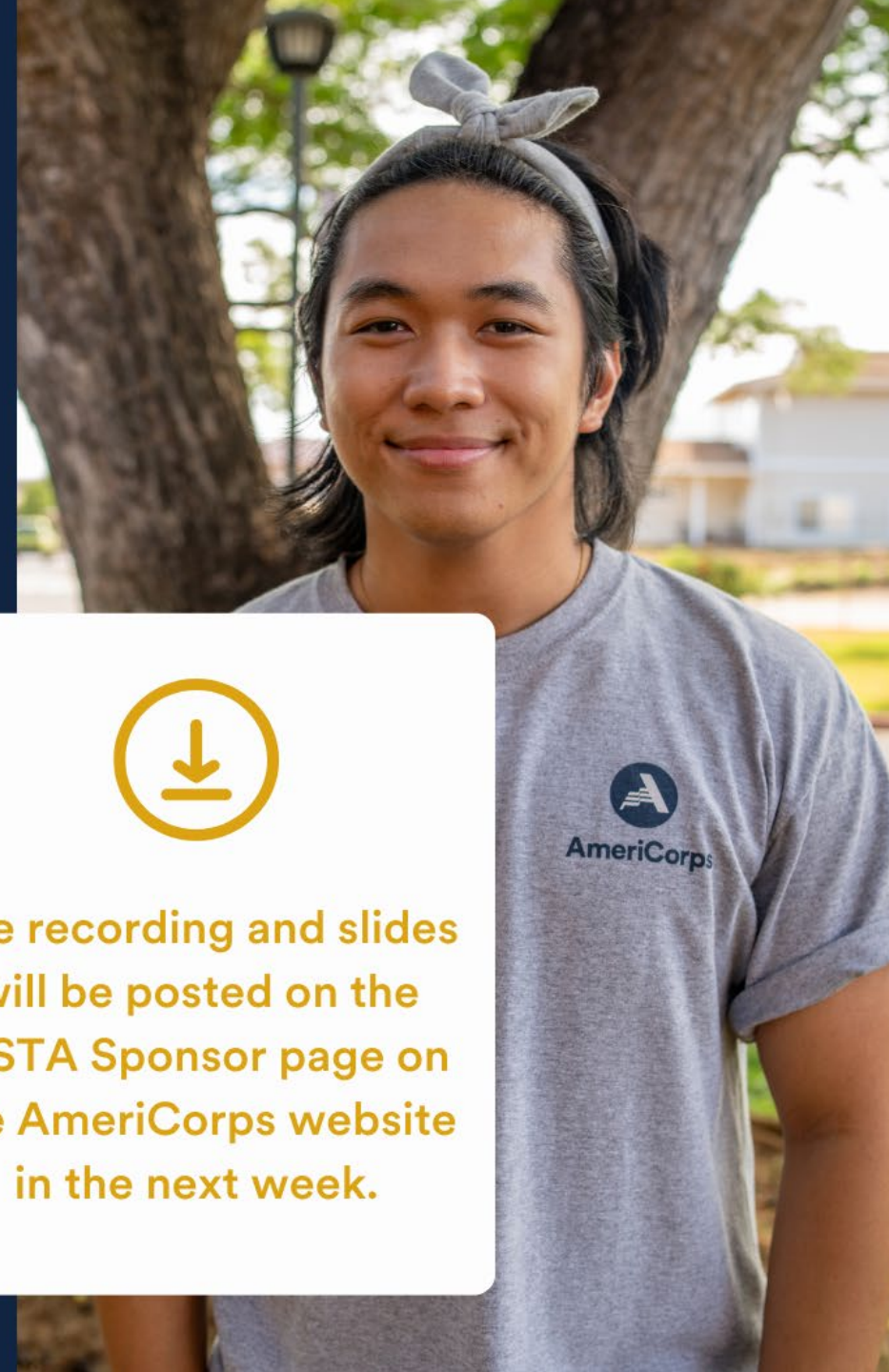
Access the audio through the computer or on the phone: 833-568-8864, meeting ID: 1610254452, passcode: 614205.



Questions can be asked via the Q&A box. We will also welcome live questions during each Q&A session. Please use the raise hand symbol to indicate that you have a question.



The recording and slides will be posted on the VISTA Sponsor page on the AmeriCorps website in the next week.



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Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Mission Moment
3. Budget Update
4. Member Benefits Update
5. VISTA Social Press Kit
6. Disaster and Emergency Management



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Mission Moment

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VISTA Budget Update

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Budget Update

Continuing Resolution



September 27, 2024

President Biden signed into law a continuing resolution that will extend funding for the federal government.



December 20, 2024

Funding for the federal government ends.



VISTA Progress Report Supplement

The information that you provide allows us to share how AmeriCorps resources yield impressive results across the country.



Complete the report for the period Oct. 1, 2023 to Sept. 30, 2024.



Required if you had an active Memorandum of Agreement and members in service.



Deadline is Friday, Nov. 8



2023 AmeriCorps
VISTA Impact



2.1M+

Youth Receiving Services

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Member Benefits Update

Member Assistance Program &
Housing Policy Update

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Member Assistance Program

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Member Assistance Program (MAP) Review

Messaging sent on 10/23

- A new health and work life benefit is [available to members](#)!
- This program is administered by Acentra Health and is similar to employee assistance programs
- 800-869-0276 – phone line for services, please point members here

Benefits for members

- 24/7 support includes:
 - Up to 3 counseling sessions per unique issue
 - Immediate in the moment support, no appointment needed
 - Life coaching
 - Legal assistance
 - Financial consultation
 - General work life consultation (childcare, eldercare, adoption, health and wellness, pet care, relocation, academic, etc.)

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Housing Policy Update

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Housing Policy Update

To reduce the administrative burden placed on sponsors, AmeriCorps VISTA is removing the requirement that housing support must be paid directly to the landlord or leasing agent.

What has changed

- Sponsors may now reimburse members directly for housing costs.

What stays the same

- This is optional for sponsors.
- Benefit must be provided equally to all members serving at the site.
- Sponsors may not advance money directly to a member to supplement living expenses.
- Support for housing can be provided in the form of:
 - One-time security deposit
 - Housing reimbursement support
- Sponsors may develop relationships with landlords or mortgage holders.
- Support offered does not violate VISTA's legislation:
Members must (to the maximum extent practicable) commit to live among and at the economic level of the people being served.



Housing Policy Update

- Announcement in [Monthly Sponsor Message](#)
 - Sent on Monday, Oct. 21

- Housing support may impact a member's reportable income.
 - For more information: [Income Disregard letter \(2023\)](#)

- Refer to the [Sponsor Handbook](#) for additional supplemental member benefits.
 - Please note this policy change will be reflected in the next iteration of member and sponsor handbooks.



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VISTA Social Press Kit

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Tools to Promote Your Project

VISTA Sponsor Toolkit includes:

- Social media posts
- Graphics, posters, logos, recruitment posters
- Videos and pictures
- Communication and recruitment resources
- Key dates and contacts

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Social Media Shareables (Videos/Graphics) | Video/Photo Downloads | Communication Resources | Recruitment Resources

VISTA Program Highlight
Gain professional experience while giving back to your community. With the @AmeriCorpsVISTA program, you can help local organizations fight poverty and create sustainable change while developing your leadership skills, building up your resume, and gaining valuable benefits. Learn more: AmeriCorps.gov/VISTA

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Serve as a member in the @AmeriCorpsVISTA program to gain professional experience, develop valuable leadership skills, and help others in your community. Benefits include a living allowance, healthcare benefits, childcare, an end of service award, and non-competitive eligibility. Learn more: AmeriCorps.gov/VISTA

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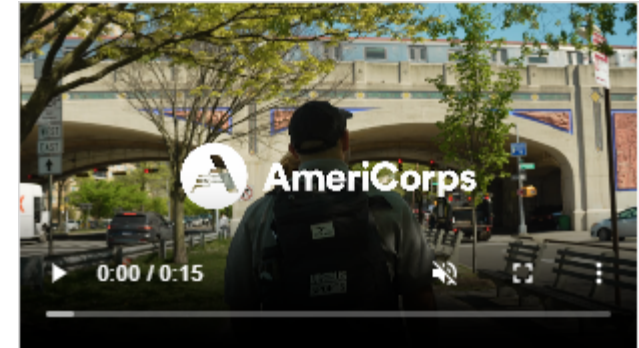
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Social Media Sample Posts

Steps to use the social media posts:


1. Follow the link in the chat
2. Scroll down to 'Social Media Shareables'
3. Select a post, click the share button.
*Located at the bottom of each post.
4. Follow steps to download the social media assets and copy text.
5. Post content on your social channels with the download graphic/video and copied text. Or post automatically to your feed.



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Questions

- Budget Update
- Member Assistance Program
- Housing Policy Update
- Social Press Kit



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Disaster and Emergency Management

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Emergency Resources

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Member Resources in a Disaster

Leave

- Emergency Leave
- Personal Leave
- Medical Leave
- Emergency Medical Leave

Project Updates

- Teleservice
- Engaging in Limited Direct Service

Additional Resources

- Emergency Travel
- Emergency Funds
- Admin Hold
- Reassignment
- Mental Health Services

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Discussion: Mobilizing in the Aftermath of an Emergency

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Questions

- Emergency Resources
- Mobilizing in the Aftermath of an Emergency





Evaluation

Please take a few minutes to [provide feedback](#) on today's meeting.



Thank You!
