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Welcome to AmeriCorps VISTA!



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VISTA Mission: To strengthen organizations that alleviate poverty through volunteering and the mobilization of resources.



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## Key Principles:

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



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## VISTA Program Results:

\$173 million+ Cash and in-kind resources

555,000+ Community volunteers mobilized

2.4 million+ Youth served

19,000+ Veterans and families serving as volunteers

8,100+ VISTA members served 4,200+ Sites

Last year, over 8,100 VISTAs served in over 700 projects across the country.





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What can VISTAs do?

Build infrastructure and serve behind the scenes:

Write grants

Do other technical writing

Create resources (curricula, outreach material, etc.)

Create marketing tools

Develop new programs

Champion volunteerism

Create work systems

Possibilities are pretty limitless



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What can't VISTAs do?

Serve in front-line, forward-facing roles

Political advocacy or assist with campaigns

Pro or anti-labor activity

Direct fundraising

Overt religious service\*

Fulfill a predominantly administrative function

Take the place of a staff person



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What is involved in VISTA commitment?

- VISTA participants commit to one year of service
- They receive a government stipend
- They receive credit toward education, college loan forbearance\*, or a paid incentive upon completion
- Host agencies and the intermediary hub agency often help with other resources



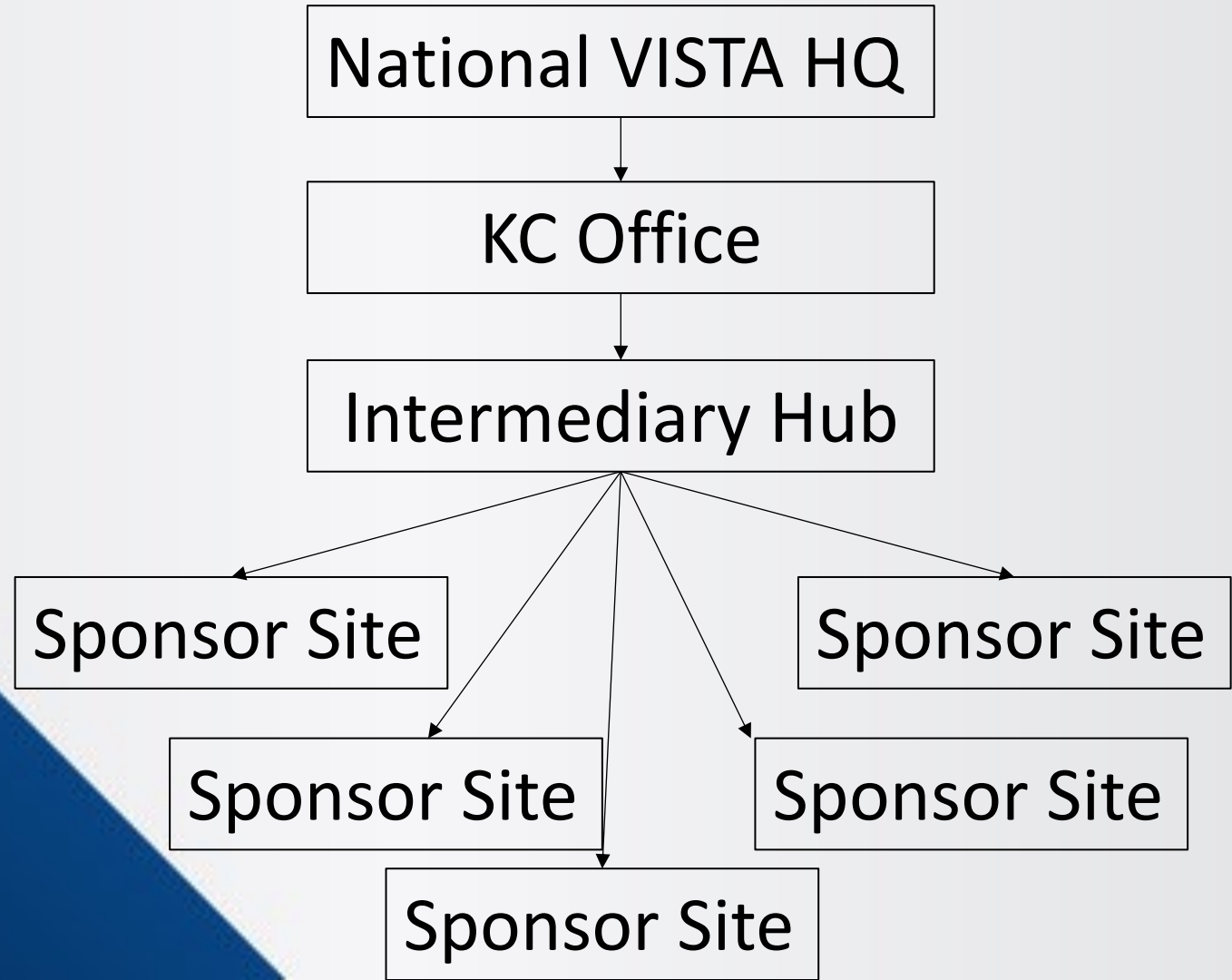
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What is involved in sponsor commitment?

- Project Development and Management
- Communications
- Reporting
- Member Management



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- Submit timesheets, participate in reporting



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At this point, we are administering this program on the basis of a grant and are not charging organizations a “cost share” to participate.



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Thank you!

Questions?

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