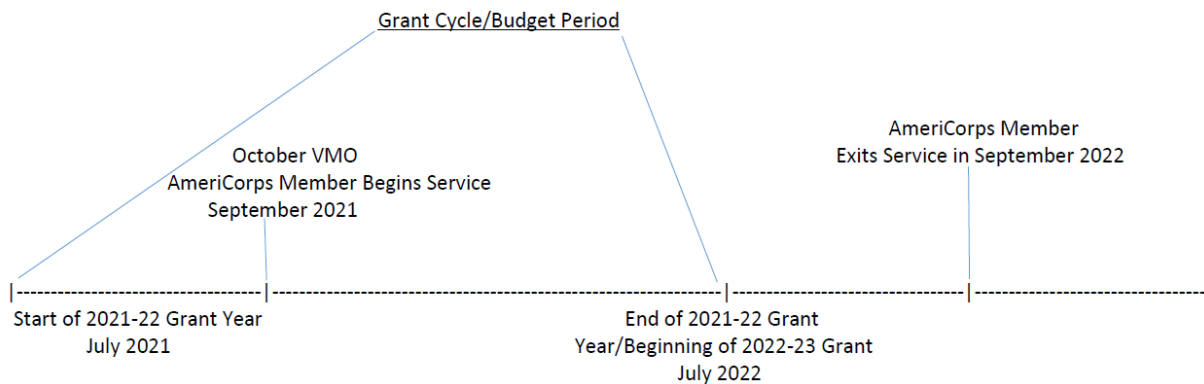


Grant cycle vs. member service term.

The grant cycle/budget period is fixed and tied to the dates of our grant cycle, which currently runs from July 2020 to July 2021. It is not tied to the specific placement or service term of a member, as AmeriCorps members onboard continuously throughout the calendar year in conjunction with the VMO dates set by CNCS (typically there are 5 a year). Therefore, once your application is approved for the 2021-22 grant year, you will submit the project participation fee and MOU for that grant year. However, you may have an AmeriCorps member serve in two separate grant cycles, which is often always the case. Again, I know this is super confusing, so if you have any additional questions please let me know. I have attempted to create a diagram below for further clarification.



Sustainability Policy & Project Timeline

Institutions submitting a new Project Host Site Application should complete the application and VISTA Assignment Description (VAD) to reflect project activities and goals for year one of an anticipated three-year project cycle with the goal of building capacity to reach sustainability at the conclusion of three years. Likewise, institutions whose current VISTA position(s) are entering year two or three should complete applications and VADs accordingly working towards the goal of sustainability at the end of project year three. VISTA projects are reviewed and renewed annually. At the conclusion of a three-year project cycle, projects may be renewed for an additional year on a case-by-case basis.

Year 1 – AmeriCorps Member establishes and creates a program or project.

Year 2 – AmeriCorps Member continues to implement project and begins to create structure for sustainability.

Year 3 – AmeriCorps Member focuses on making the project sustainable.

Year 4 – Considered on a case-by-case basis to achieve project sustainability.