U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

EDA VISTA Corps Informational Webinar for Applicants

INNOVATION. REGIONAL COLLABORATION. JOB CREATION.

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EDA's mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy.

As the only federal agency with economic development as its exclusive mission, EDA drives collaborative regional economic development initiatives that lead to job creation.

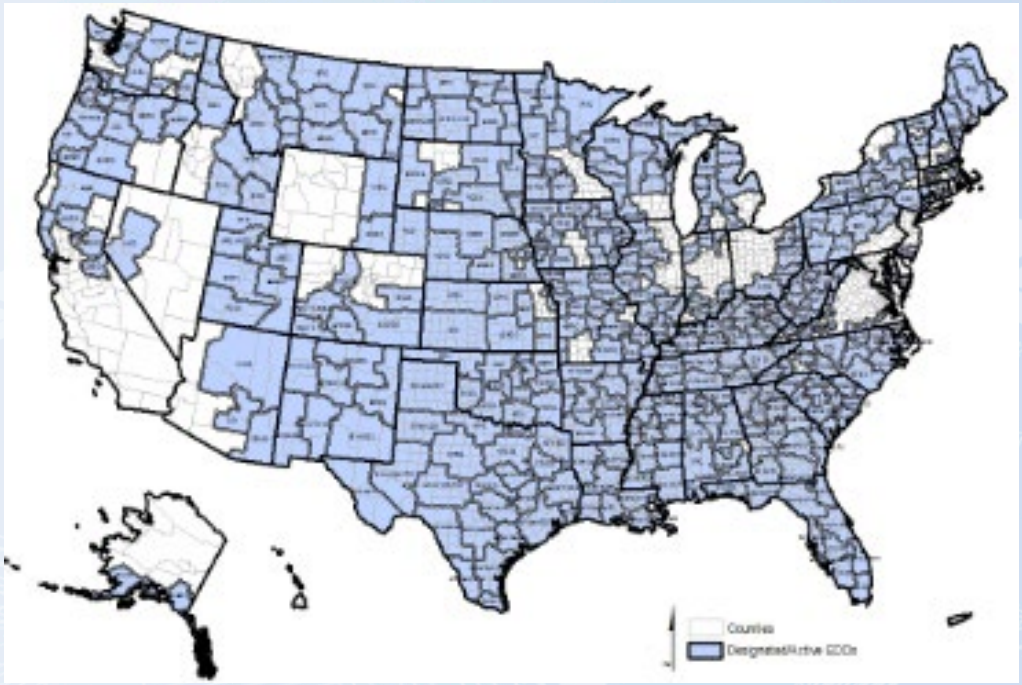
Core Principles of AmeriCorps VISTA

- Anti-Poverty Focus
- Community Empowerment
- Capacity Building
- Sustainable Solutions

AmeriCorps VISTA is a program of CNCS, the federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering.

Economic Development Districts (EDD)

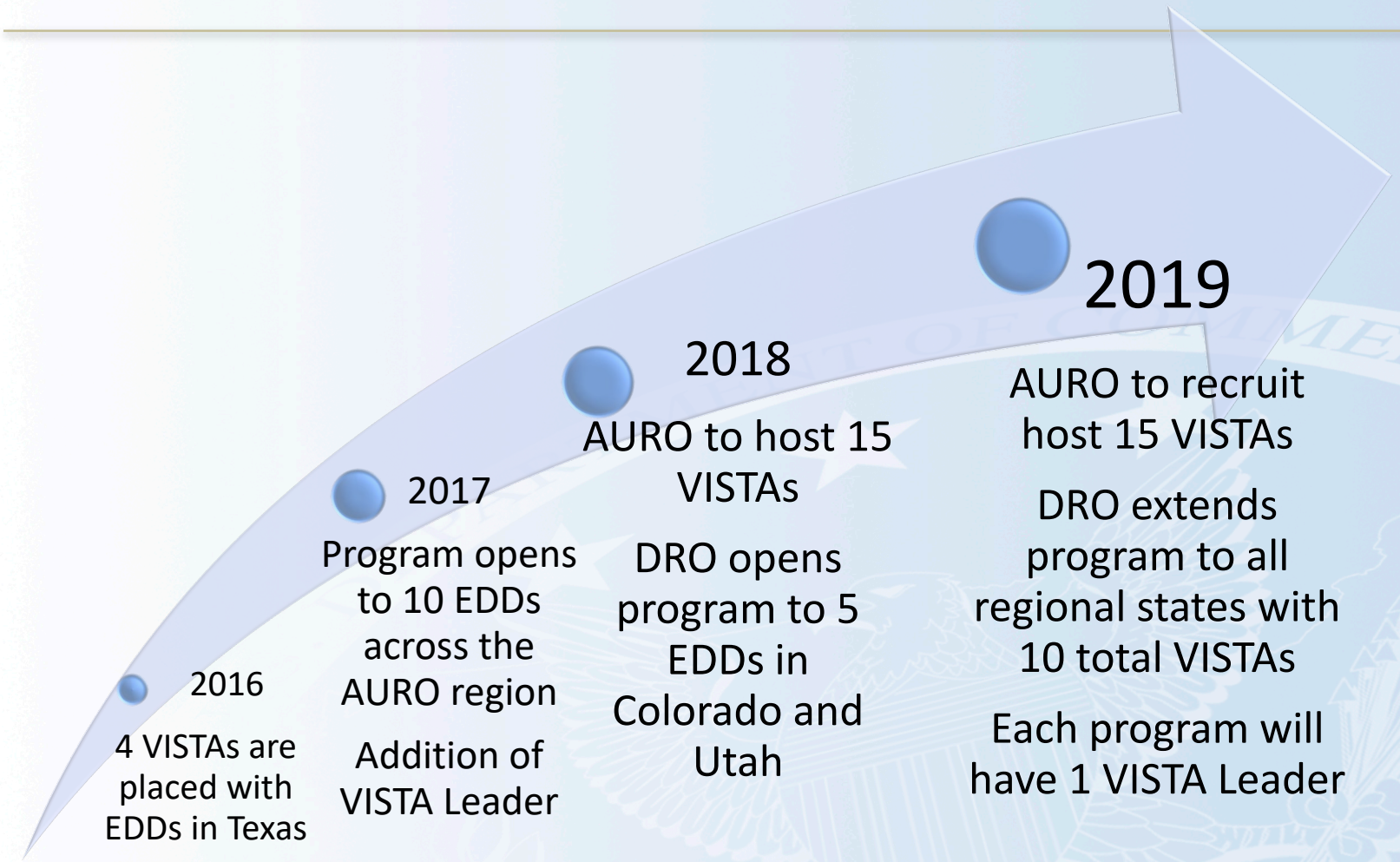
Economic Development Districts (EDDs) are multi-jurisdictional entities, commonly composed of multiple counties and in certain cases even cross-state borders. They help lead the locally-based, regionally driven economic development planning process that leverages the involvement of the public, private and non-profit sectors to establish a strategic blueprint (i.e., an economic development roadmap) for regional collaboration



Goal Alignment

The VISTA Project will seek to help economically distressed communities identify economic development needs and resources to meet those needs.

EDA – VISTA Project History



EDA VISTA Projects

VISTAs work on pressing needs projects for their assigned organization which **build capacity** and represent a **unique task** that the host otherwise lacks the resource to complete.

Types of Projects

Examples of past focus areas:

- Survey, assessment, and growth strategy for regional businesses development
- Feasibility for localized development projects
- Economic development education and community engagement
- Facilitate localized or value add Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) work
- Specific focus on: disaster recovery and mitigation, industry expansion, brownfields, communication strategy, etc.

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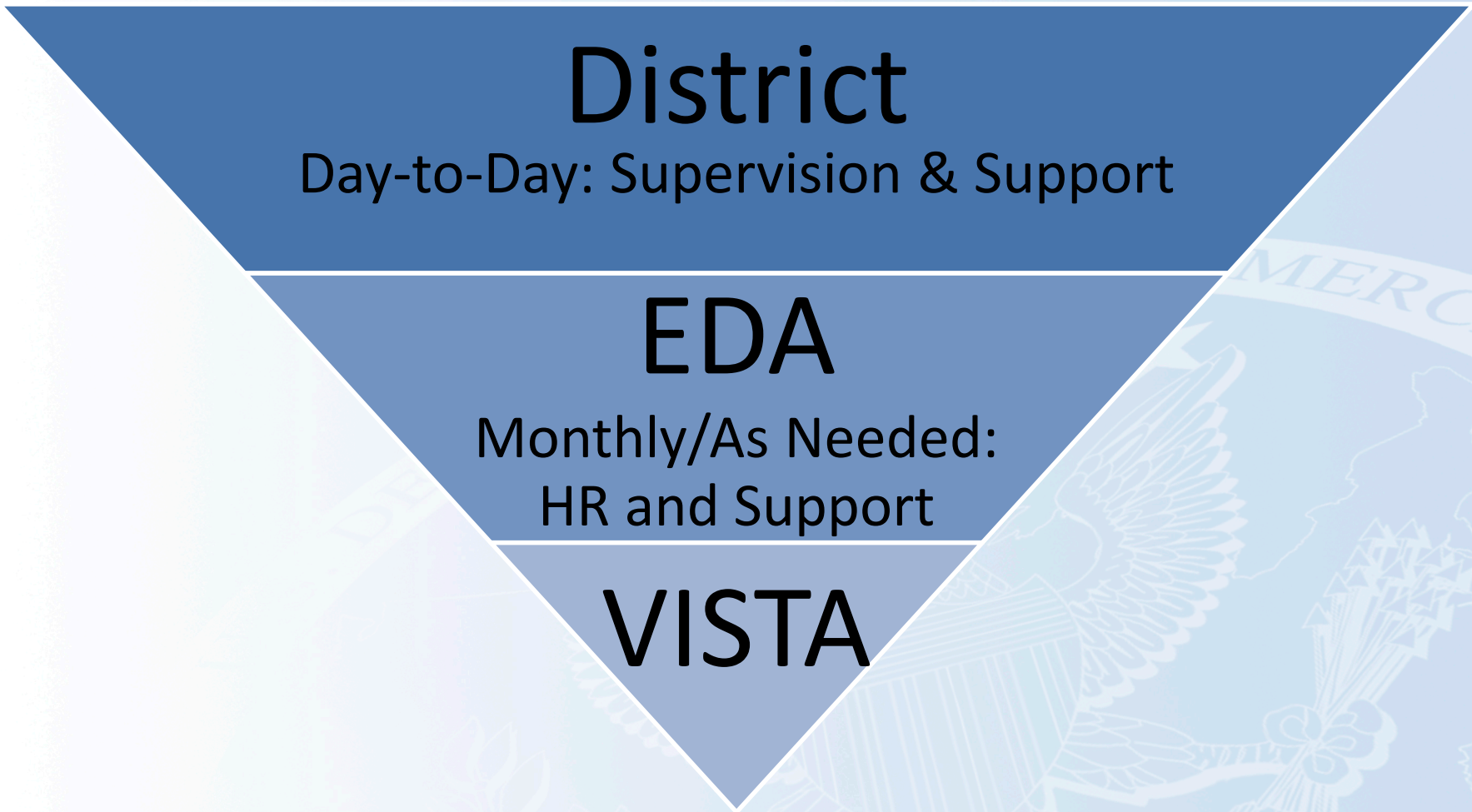
EDA - Program Structure

Division of Oversight



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2020 EDA VISTA Corps

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2020 EDA VISTA Locations

Austin Region 2020 Positions

1. Austin Regional Economic Development VISTA Leader
2. Environmental Justice Community, Lafayette, LA
3. Economic Development Weatherization, San Antonio, TX
4. Baton Rouge Economic Development Assistant
5. Economic Development Assistant, Jasper, TX
6. Agent for Economic Development, Kilgore, TX
7. Opportunity Zone Economic Development, Houston, TX
8. Central Louisiana Community Coordinator, Alexandria, LA
9. Community and Economic Change Agent, Santa Fe, New Mexico
10. Northwest Arkansas Rural Community Grant Coordinator, Harrison, Arkansas
11. Community Advocate for Workforce and Economic Development, Alpine, TX
12. Allied Economic Development Services Coordinator, Lubbock, TX
13. Southwest Arkansas Economic Development Strategy Coordinator, Magnolia, Arkansas
14. Assistant Southwest Oklahoma Economic Development VISTA, Burns Flat, OK
15. Historic Development and Restoration Project Manager, Silver City, New Mexico

Denver Region 2020 Position

1. Denver Regional VISTA Leader, St. James, Missouri
2. Economic Development Assistant, Logan, Utah
3. Economic Development Coordinator, Ogden, KS
4. Ambassador for Volunteer Development, Camdenton, MO
5. Montana Business Assistance Center, Helena, Montana
6. VISTA for NROC, Lincoln, NE
7. Disaster Resiliency Economic Development VISTA, Poplar Buff, Missouri
8. Economic Development Coordinator, Price, UT
9. Disaster Resiliency VISTA for Southwest Missouri, Springfield, Missouri

AmeriCorps Benefits

During Service

- $958/month living stipend
- Relocation expenses*
- Childcare*
- Professional Development Training
- Liability insurance

Must meet program requirements to qualify

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After Service

End of Service Stipend: After a successful year of service, VISTAs can choose to receive either a $1,800 stipend or a $6,095 Segal AmeriCorps Education Award.

• **Non-Competitive Eligibility (NCE) Status**: VISTA member will receive one of non-competitive eligibility from the federal government upon completing one service year as a VISTA member.

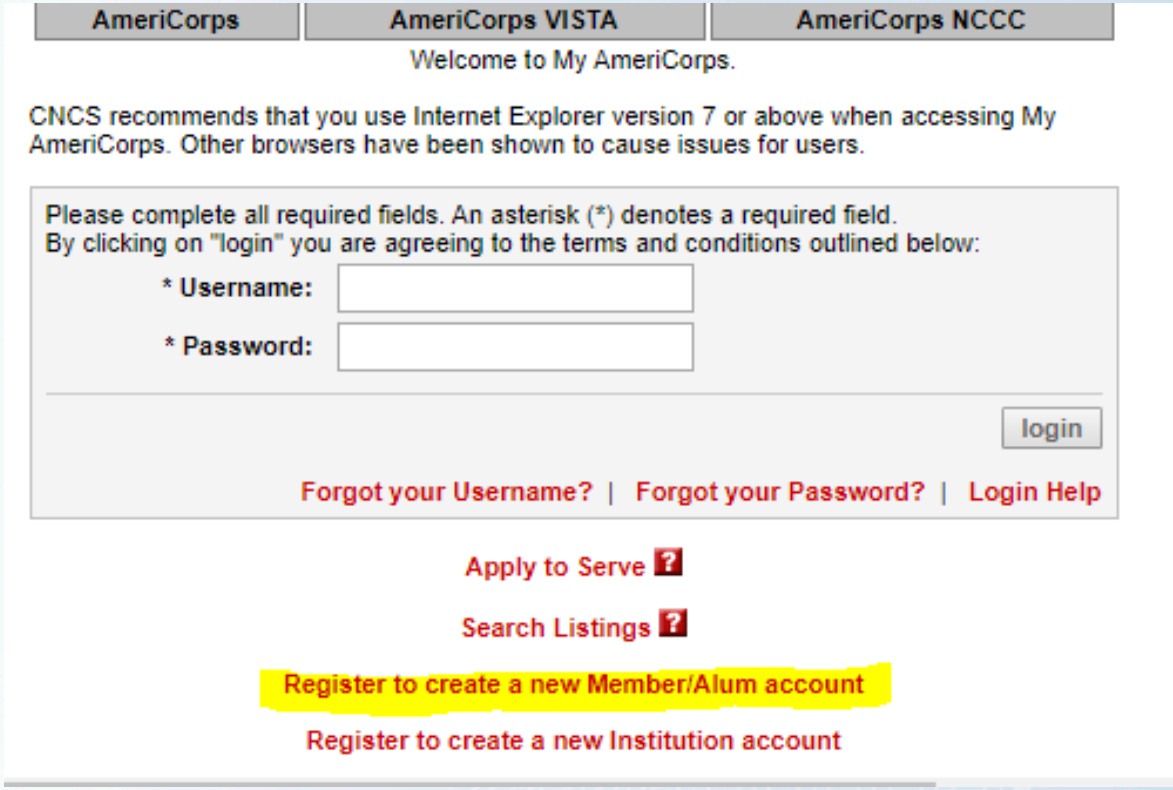
2020 Timeline

1. **Recruitment:** Monday, September 9th
2. **Application Deadline**: Friday, December 13th
3. **Start of Service**: Tuesday, January 21st
4. **Regional Training:** March/April

Dates are subject to change

How to Apply

Visit MyAmeriCorps.gov to create an account.



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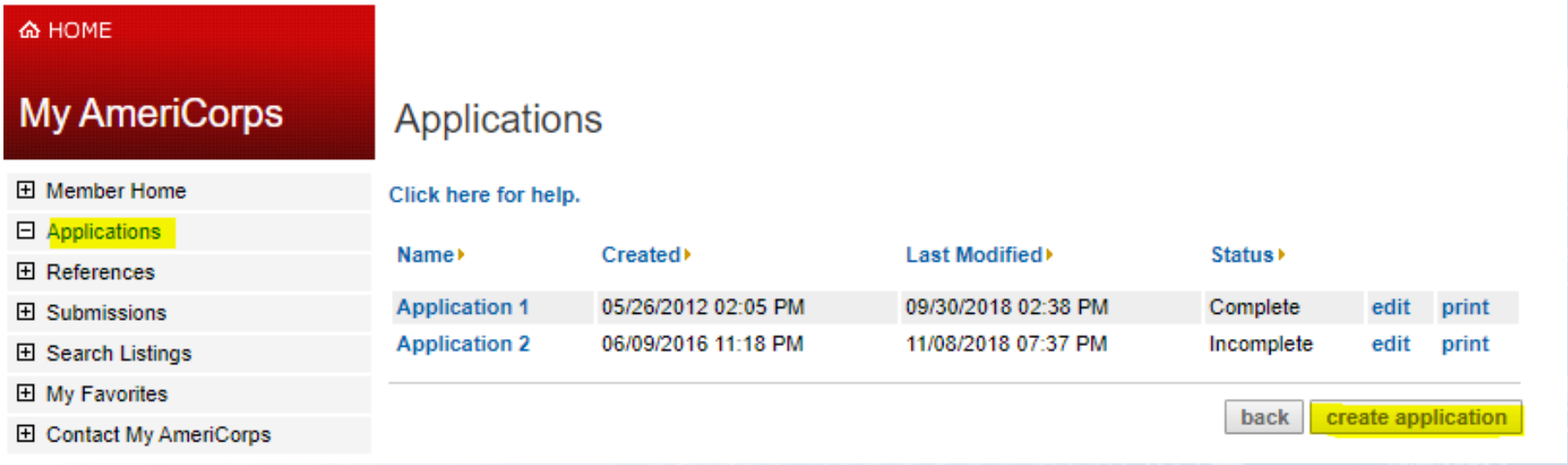
After creating your MyAmeriCorps profile, click “Applications” found on the left-hand side of page to create an application.



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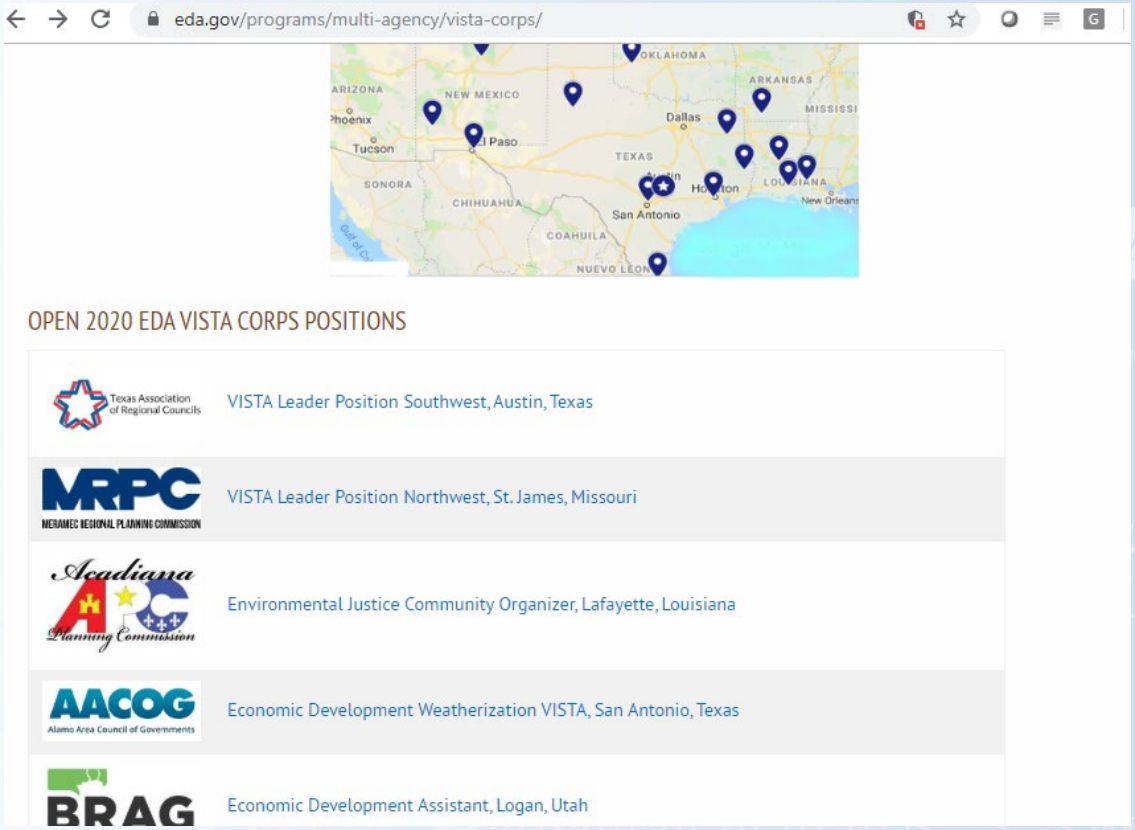
Click on one of the position links at
https://www.eda.gov/programs/multi-agency/vista-corps/



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Click Apply Now! at the bottom of the listing to submit your existing application profile

Program Resources

Economic Development Administration (EDA):

https://www.eda.gov/programs/multi-agency/vista-corps/

AmeriCorps VISTA:

https://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/americorps/americorps-programs/americorps-vista

AmeriCorps VISTA Benefits:

https://www.vistacampus.gov/livingallowance

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