



Housing Action Corps

2026 Housing Matters!

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Agenda

1. Housing Action Corps Overview
2. Sherlina's Story of Service
3. Sarah's Perspective on Supervision
4. Marshall's Experience Across Service Programs
5. How to Housing Action Corps Positions Now





Housing Action Corps Overview

Everyone needs an
affordable, stable place
to call **home**.

That's why we unite **200+ organizations**
across Illinois in protecting and expanding
access to affordable housing.



Housing Action Corps

AmeriCorps VISTA = Domestic Peace Corps

Since 2010

- 157 Hosting Organizations
- 360 AmeriCorps Members
- 120 AmeriCorps Summer Associates

26-27 Program Year

- 32 Hosting Organizations
- 41 AmeriCorps Members



2024-2025

IMPACT REPORT



Grants: \$470,800

Members: 32

Cash: \$842,632

Host Sites: 26

In-Kind: \$130,441

\$1,443,873

Total funds raised
to support housing
programs

98

New &
improved
systems

28%

Reenrolled for
another year

706

Affordable housing
units repaired or
developed

80%

HUD Certified

Housing Counseling
Corps Members

2,613

Volunteers
recruited &
managed

Volunteer
hours:
10,611

1,814

People received
housing services



AmeriCorps

Housing Action Corps is a program brought
by Housing Action Illinois and AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps VISTA Projects

Ending Poverty

Long-term, local strategies

Empowering Communities

Engaging residents

Building Capacity

Expanding reach of organizations

Sustainable Solutions

Growing systems, relationships, resources





Sherlina's Story of Service



Sarah's Perspective on Supervision

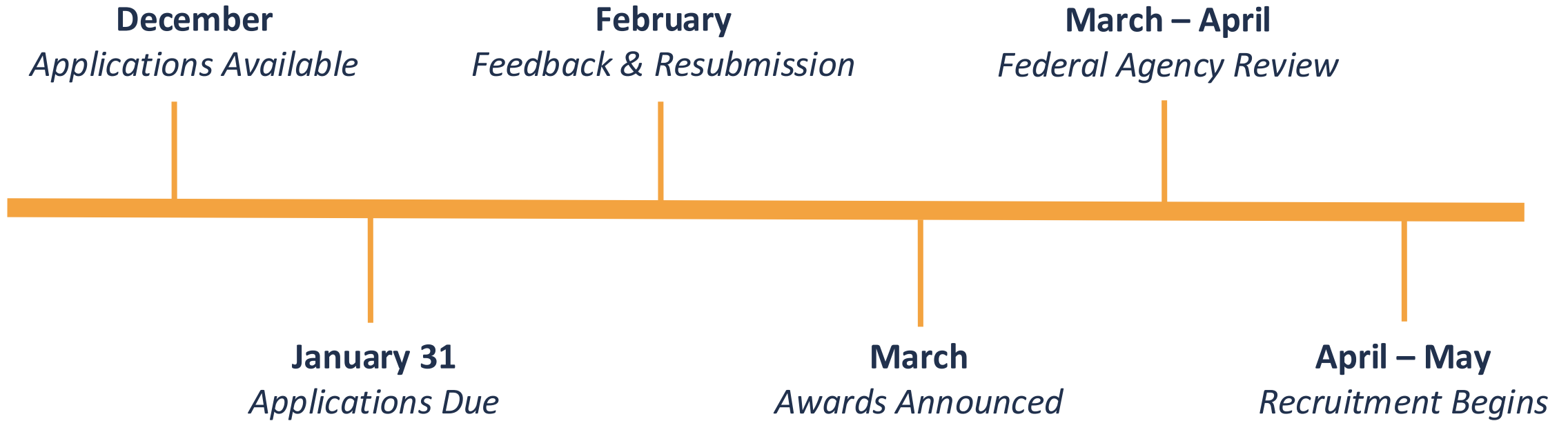


Marshall's Experience Across Programs



How to Host HAC Positions Now

Application Timeline

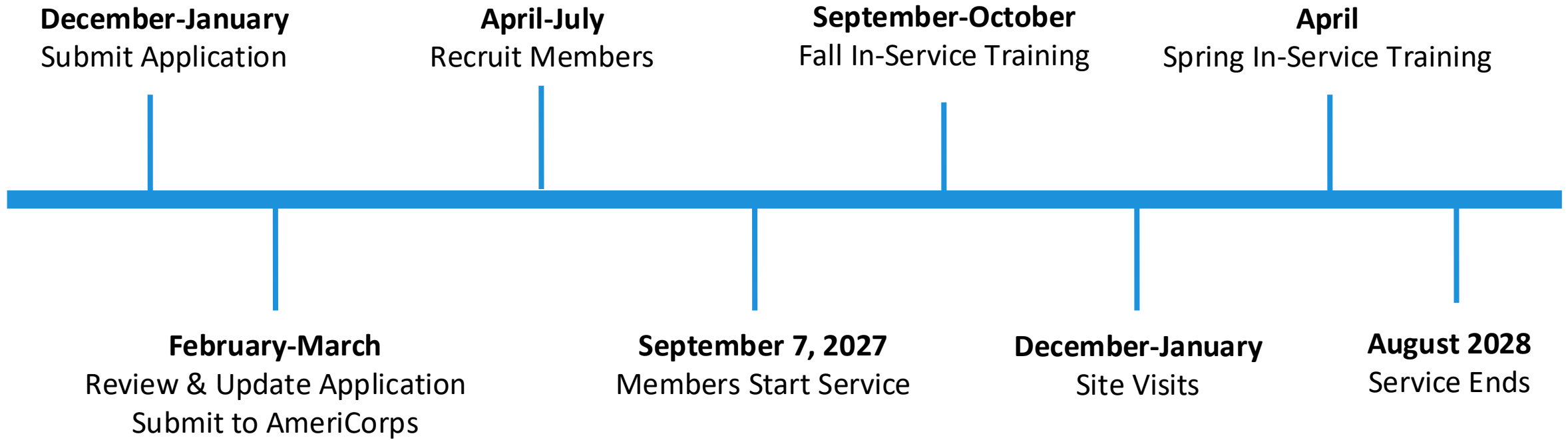


2026 Application Data:

- Approval Rate of Submitted Applications: 95%
- Approval Rate of Federal Agency Review: 100%



AmeriCorps Term Overview



Resources for Host Sites

- **Webinars** on recruitment, onboarding, supervision, reporting
- Comprehensive **Host Site Manuals & Templates**
- **1:1 Meetings** with members & supervisors
- Virtual **Open Space sessions** for members & supervisors



Q&A

You will receive an email with:

- Slides
- Link to Resource Center

Contact Housing Action Corps:

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Housing Action Corps Story Collection

We're proud of all the work you're doing, and we want to help you share it!

While we learn about your projects in monthly reports, this form can be used at any time by both AmeriCorps members and supervisors to share updates, accomplishments, memories, and media (such as photographs, videos, or graphics you create during your service).