AmeriCorps VISTA Members Tasked with Service Outside the Scope of the Grant

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CNCS-OIG investigated allegations that AmeriCorps VISTA members (VISTA) serving at Community Students Learning Center (CSLC), Lexington, MS, performed service outside the scope of the grant.

The investigation found CSLC directed VISTAs to conduct various activities outside the scope of the grant, such as tutoring and setting up for CSLC fundraisers, and CSLC staff did not fully understand what types of service activities VISTAs could and could not perform.

Agency/Administrative Actions

CNCS responded that it prioritizes training for grantees on allowable VISTA service, but since CSLC ended its VISTA project, CNCS did not agree to take any action in this case.

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