

AmeriCorps State and National Grantees on 2008 PDAT and Disability Allocations

This memo describes a procedural change in how PDAT and Disability allocations for commissions are calculated. The updated procedure will have an immediate affect on 2008 Disability allocations; it will go into affect for PDAT in 2009.

There are the two procedural changes: (1) establishing a three-year cycle for updating commission placement in the allocation groups and (2) basing the member component of the calculation on enrolled members instead of awarded members.

The method for calculating PDAT and Disability has not changed since its implementation in 1994. The calculation was based on numbers of State and National programs and members in the commissions' states. Based on this calculation, commissions were placed in allocation groups that dictated the level of their PDAT and Disability funding. The last time the calculation was performed to place the commissions in the groups was 1998. Commission position in the PDAT and Disability allocation groups has not changed since then even though the size of states' AmeriCorps portfolios have fluctuated.

PDAT: The purpose of the PDAT funding is for commissions to increase the capacity of the subgrantees so the programs can train and support their members. PDAT allocations will remain the same this fiscal year as last year's. Starting in FY 2009, the amount of PDAT funding commissions receive will be based on the number of enrolled members and number of programs, both state and national, operating in a state, averaged over the last three years for which complete data are available (2004-2006). This amount will be recalculated every three years.

Disability: Disability funds are used to serve both programs and members. The Disability allocations will change this fiscal year, i.e. a higher allocation for Disability will be available to commissions. As soon as those allocations are properly certified at the Corporation, commissions will have the opportunity to request the high allocation. The amount of Disability funding available to commissions is based on the number of enrolled members and number of programs, both state and national, operating in a state, averaged over the last three years (2004-2006). The Corporation has divided the states into six allocation groups for Disability funds. No state will receive less funding than last year.