

**TITLE 42 - THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE**  
**CHAPTER 66 - DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER SERVICES**  
**SUBCHAPTER I - NATIONAL VOLUNTEER ANTIPOVERTY PROGRAMS**  
**Part A - Volunteers in Service to America**

**§ 4960. Applications for assistance**

In reviewing an application for assistance under this part, the Director shall not deny such assistance to any project or program, or any public or private nonprofit organization, solely on the basis of the duration of the assistance such project, program, or organization has received under this part prior to the date of submission of the application. The Director shall grant assistance under this part on the basis of merit and to accomplish the goals of the VISTA program, and shall consider the needs and requirements of projects in existence on such date as well as potential new projects.

(Pub. L. 93–113, title I, § 110, as added Pub. L. 101–204, title I, § 103, Dec. 7, 1989, 103 Stat. 1812; amended Pub. L. 103–82, title III, § 328, Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 902.)

**Amendments**

1993—Pub. L. 103–82 amended section generally, substituting present provisions for provisions which related to: in subsec. (a), duration; in subsec. (b), consideration of application; in subsec. (c), new project or program; in subsec. (d), renewal of assistance; in subsec. (e), eligibility; and in subsec. (f), notice.

**Effective Date of 1993 Amendment**

Amendment by Pub. L. 103–82 effective Oct. 1, 1993, see section 392 of Pub. L. 103–82, set out as a note under section 4951 of this title.