

This Funding Announcement is not a request for applications. This announcement is to provide public notice of the National Park Service (NPS), intention to fund the following project activities **without** competition.

ABSTRACT	
Funding Announcement	P17AS00138
Project Title	Repair Zion Plateau Trails
Recipient	ACE
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$75,600
Cost Share	\$69,753.60
Anticipated Length of Agreement	May 1, 2017-December 31, 2017
Anticipated Period of Performance	May 1, 2017-December 31, 2017
Award Instrument	Task Agreement under a Master Agreement
Statutory Authority	16 USC § 1723(c)(1), 54 U.S.C. §101702(a)
CFDA # and Title	15.931 Conservation Activities
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	N/A
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OVERVIEW

Project support is needed for trail repair and rehabilitation projects in the Plateau Districts of Zion National Park. Through this agreement corps members will receive training in trail maintenance and construction, resource protection and restoration, and wilderness stewardship. Activities will include: trail maintenance and construction, vegetation restoration, erosion control and wilderness camping.

STATEMENT OF JOINT OBJECTIVES/PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLAN

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

- o Develop a youth conservation corps program of public benefit in cooperation with the National Park Service to expose young men and women to public service while furthering their understanding and appreciation of the Nation's natural and cultural resources.
- o Recruit and hire youth and young adults primarily from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, low-and moderate-income families, and those unemployed and/or out of school.
- o Ensure that corps members participate in environmental education programs developed by the NPS for corps members and for the public.

- o Provide crew supervision, transportation, tools, and other support for crews. Crews will be camping and working in both frontcountry and backcountry situations and have all necessary equipment to independently preform trail maintenance and construction in both frontcountry and backcountry situations.
- o Provide an 8 person crew consisting of a crew supervisor, assistant supervisor, and 6 crew members to preform trail maintenance and construction on trails in the Plateau District of Zion National Park. The crew will complete a minimum of 4,480 hours of work on the project. (8 people x 40 hours per week x 14 weeks)
- o Crew will follow safe work practices and hold daily safety meetings to ensure a safe and productive work environment.
- o Crew will camp near the project site(s) in a variety of camping situations, all food, camping equipment, and supplies will be provided and the crew will follow all park rules and maintain proper housekeeping at their campsite(s).
- o Crew is expected to work safely with trail users as well as NPS staff in all work areas.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE INVOLVEMENT

- o Develop a program involving cooperative efforts in cultural and resource conservation related to projects such as trail development and maintenance, historic, cultural, and archeological conservation, and native plant habitat restoration and rehabilitation.
- o Provide logistical and facility support to American Conservation Experience personnel.
- o Participate in overall project management and monitoring; provide materials and equipment as available and necessary to perform projects on lands managed by the Park.
- o Provide interpretation and education programs for the youth accomplishing projects on NPS lands to enhance the environmental awareness of participants. These will include a discussion of trail maintenance and construction standards and techniques as well as a presentation about career pathways within the NPS and opportunities and challenges inherent in land management careers.
- o Complete and return to ACE all project-related feedback forms and questionnaires.

NPS did not solicit full and open competition for this award based the following criteria:

This is a task agreement awarded as a continuation of the Master Agreement P15AC00015.