



**National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior**

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

This Funding Announcement is not a request for applications. This announcement is to provide public notice of the National Park Service (NPS)'s intention to fund a Task Agreement against an existing Master Agreement.

ABSTRACT	
Funding Announcement	P16AS00192
Project Title	National Park Service- Saguaro National Park: Resilient Landscapes Internship
Recipient	American Conservation Experience
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$38,400
Cost Share	\$36,659.20
Anticipated Length of Agreement	Through 11/30/2017
Anticipated Period of Performance	Through 11/30/2017
Award Instrument	Cooperative Agreement (task award)
Statutory Authority	54 U.S.C. 101702(a), 16 U.S.C. 17k-2(e), 16 U.S.C. 4601-1(f)(1), 16 U.S.C. 1246(h)(1), 16 U.S.C. 1723(c), 54 U.S.C. 101701(b)
CFDA # and Title	15.931 Youth Conservation Activities
Point of Contact	Katie Gaertner, Grants Management Specialist

OVERVIEW, RECIPIENT AND NPS INVOLVEMENT

The American Conservation Experience will collaborate with the National Park Service (NPS) to assist with recruitment and selection of four (4) 16-week interns to participate mapping fuels, managing flammable vegetation, preventing wildfire damage, vegetation monitoring, and protecting and restoring biological diversity in southern Arizona. ACE will provide opportunities for youth to learn about the environment by spending time working on the Southern Arizona Resilient Landscape Project and other vegetation management projects. Managing non-native plant species, reducing fuel loads, mitigating wildfire damage, restoring native plant species, and monitoring treatment effectiveness will help protect the natural ecosystem integrity.

Substantial involvement on the part the National Park Service (NPS) is anticipated for the successful completion of the objectives to be funded by this award. NPS staff will assist with training and education of the interns as well as program management decisions. NPS personnel will be collaborators in the accomplishment of the activity and have daily operational involvement and participation during the project.

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

The cooperator is a member of the established 21st Century Conservation Corp Program- Youth Engagement and Development and was awarded a Cooperative Agreement (P15AC00015) allowing ACE to participate in specific tasks, and can provide the necessary activities involved in this particular task while providing an effective outcome for the National Park Service and the promotion of youth involvement. This task agreement is a continuation of the Master Cooperative Agreement.