



Office: Cedar City Field Office

Notice of Funding Opportunity Number: L22AS00216

Project Submission Dates and Times: April 12, 2022 by 5:00pm ET

Project Title: Cedar City Field Office (CCFO)-Crew Trail Work

Maximum Available Funding in FY22: \$40,000

BLM has determined \$600 weekly stipend equal to \$15.00 per hour (to include Fringe and benefits) is reasonable.

Project Background Information: The CCFO has developed over 50 miles of new trail over the past six years. Each year the CCFO anticipates building five to 10 miles of new trail with the assistance of youth crews, professional trail builders and volunteers. This project will focus on the continued development of the Iron Hills, Thunderbird Canyons, Evil Water and Beaver Bench Trail Systems adjacent to Cedar City, Parowan, Beaver and Enoch, Utah. Over the next three years, we anticipate engaging youth crews to assist with building new trails, maintaining existing trails and development of trailheads. Trails will be built to the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) standards and may be built by hand or machine, depending on the terrain and trail type. Trail work may occur between April and November depending on weather and scheduling.

Project Objective BLM, Cedar City Field Office, Utah has an opportunity to introduce youth to careers in the BLM under the recreation program. The recreation program in the CCFO would like to provide work experience to youth for their career and educational benefit. This will be accomplished by providing them opportunities to gain hands-on trails experience, learn about public lands, recreation management, recreation facility development and further their understanding and appreciation of recreation management careers. From this they will gain an increased appreciation and understanding of our public lands and of the value of public service and are likely to become life-long advocates for those values. This opportunity will be focused on construction and maintenance of trails and trail-related facilities such as trailheads. This project would be especially appropriate for students studying recreation management or related fields and will provide opportunities to learn trail development skills such as design, layout and construction.

Work Schedule: Monday – Friday, generally 8 AM to 5PM, for 4-12 weeks. Crews may develop their own work schedule as needed to improve efficiency.

Qualification Requirements: This opportunity is suitable for conservation corps crews that have a focus on trail work. This opportunity will require time outdoors and field work that is often under rigorous physical conditions. Crews would need to understand the principles of sustainable trail construction and be able to provide the needed equipment for trail construction for both machines built and hand-built trails.

Housing: Agency cannot provide housing.

Vehicle Needs: Crews would need to provide their own vehicles to travel to and from the project site.

Other Project Considerations:

Food: Crews will need to provide all their own food.

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All Supplies: BLM may supply trail related tools and equipment as needed though it is expected that trail crews would provide all needed trail building tools. Youth Corp Crews would provide their own tents and camping equipment while working on site.

Training Requirements: Youth Corps is required to provide their own chainsaw training, first aid, crew leader training and individual training. BLM may assist with training or specialized trail construction training as needed or required.

Travel: The only travel that would be required would be travel from the Conservation Corps base to the work site.

Duties: The successful applicant will provide a five-to-ten-person crew to assist the CCFO with the construction and maintenance of trails and trail facilities in Beaver, Parowan Enoch or Cedar City over the life of the agreement. The location of the project will depend on the BLMs ability to design approve trail construction within each trail system. Trail construction will consist of building trail tread 12-36 inches wide on a variety of terrain. Trail styles will vary between traditional cross county to bike optimized with features and optional trail lines.

Project expected outcomes: It is anticipated that the applicant will build one to three miles of trail, complete trail maintenance on one to five miles of trail and assist with the construction of one trailhead or a portion of each as time and funding allow each year of the agreement.

BLM's Involvement: There will be substantive BLM programmatic involvement by BLM professional that will work with crews. The BLM professional will usually provide a project walk through with the crew and will engage with the crew on a regular basis though out the project. Sites visits by the BLM employee would consist of providing technical guidance, training crews in skills that are needed for specialized tasks such as building platform turns, berms or rock work. BLM will have the right to intervene by modifying the project management plan, if project is not staying on schedule, technical issues arise, etc. In addition, BLM and recipient will meet weekly to discuss progress and track project outcomes; review any training needs; and then make a decision what direction to take in finalizing project or move to the next phase.

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