

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

This announcement is not a request for applications.

This announcement is to provide public notice of the National Park Service's intention to award a task agreement under a previously competed or single source justified master cooperative agreement.

ABSTRACT	
Funding Announcement Number	P17AS00483
Project Title	Establish Interdisciplinary Youth Conservation Corps Crew
Recipient	Mile High Youth Corps, the Corps Network
Anticipated Federal Funding	\$35,000
Anticipated Period of Performance	7/21/2017-11/30/17
Award Instrument	Task Agreement
Statutory Authority	54 U.S.C. §101702(a) and (b)
CFDA # and Title	15.931 Youth Engagement
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BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

Cooperative Agreement Number P15AC00029 was entered into by and between the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, (NPS), and Mile High Youth Corps for the purpose of promoting and stimulating education, job training, development of responsible citizenship, productive community involvement, and furthering the understanding, appreciation, and conservation of natural and cultural resources. The projects awarded under this cooperative agreement will motivate youth and young adults to be involved with the natural, cultural and historical resource protection of their communities and beyond. Unless otherwise specified herein, the terms and conditions as stated in the Cooperative Agreement will apply to this Task Agreement.

For the June 2017- November 2017 Interdisciplinary Conservation Corps Project, the Mile High Youth Corps (MHYC-Colorado Springs/Denver) shall provide (three weeks of labor): boundary fencing repair work along perimeter of the park and trail work along a 1.6 mile section of the Shooting Star Trailhead and Trail. The program will include the crew mentoring, career exploration in the outdoors, environmental education and recreational activities including Leave No Trace camping ethics.

Trail maintenance and boundary fencing repair work will be accomplished by the crew. The NPS Facilities Manager will act as the NPS project leader and coordinate with the NPS lead trails worker.

STATEMENT OF WORK

Requirements: For Mile High Youth Corps to provide crews of eight to eleven (8-11) young adults (ages 18-24) to work on a project. Crew will be equipped with personal protective equipment and trail tools. The work of the crew will be directed by Crew Leaders who will be responsible for all supervision of the Corps members assigned to the project. Mile High Youth Corps will perform work in a timely and professional manner and meet high standards for quality.

For the National Park Service to assign a technical supervisor for the duration of the project; to provide all project materials, supplies, tools and equipment (unless otherwise agreed to by the Mile High Youth Corps Projects Coordinator); to ensure a safe working environment; and to provide a written review of the crew's performance. To also provide a thorough orientation for the Corps members including: 1) a general overview of the organization- its goals, mission statement, key staff and client needs 2) how the goals of the project fit into the organization's mission statement.

Public Purpose: The primary purpose of the project is to support the NPS's objective to provide opportunities for youth to learn about the environment by spending time working on projects in National Parks. The NPS receives the indirect benefit of completing conservation projects. The project prepares, encourages, and challenges young people from ethnically and economically diverse backgrounds to address environmental and social issues in their community. Through leadership development career exploration, and goal setting, youth participating in this program acquire the skill necessary to be teachers and leaders. The project assists in the promotion, facilitation, and improvement of peoples understanding of natural, cultural, recreational and other aspects of areas such as national parks, ecological conservation areas, national forests, state and local parks. The project engages recipients, partners, communities, and visitors in share environmental stewardship. The project promotes greater public and private participation in historic preservation programs and activities nationwide. The project builds resource stewardship ethics in its youth participants. The project motivates its youth participants to become involved in the natural and cultural resource protection of their communities and beyond. The project instills through its programming components the development of leadership skills in its youth participants and encourages them to teach the NPS mission of natural and cultural resource stewardship to others in their communities and beyond.

Substantial Involvement: NPS is involved with Mile High Youth Corps in describing the goals, jointly developing the scope and the activities to be accomplished. NPS provides the services of a Youth Program Coordinator to serve as liaison to Mile High Youth Corps for the work under this agreement. This includes consulting and working specifically with the Mile High Youth Corps' program coordinator and team leaders on recruitment, interviewing and recommending appropriate candidates for the NPS provides a work leader and skilled maintenance staff to mentor and train the youth employed through this program. NPS staff selects work projects, provides orientation to park resources, supervises work assignments, teaches new skills, distributes tools and equipment and provides technical assistance and safety training. NPS provides cultural/environmental programs to the team members including park tours, educational programs, talks on the history of the park, and other similar programs in a variety of media and will coordinate among other NPS units in the area to provide joint educational programs and field trips to NPS and other related sites. NPS provides the programmatic structure of the project, provide special interpretive programs, and provide educational elements of the project such as trade skill development and leadership development.

RECIPIENT AGREES TO:

Mile High Youth Corps agrees to provide crews of eight to eleven (8-11) young adults (ages 18-24) to work on repairing boundary fences and trails and the Shooting Star Trailhead and Trail projects for a total of three weeks between June 1, 2017 and November 30, 2017. Crew will be equipped with personal protective equipment and trail tools. The work of the crew will be directed by Crew Leaders who will be responsible for all supervision of the Corps members assigned to the project. Mile High Youth Corps will perform work in a timely and professional manner and meet high standards for quality.

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