



Office: Cedar City Field Office

Notice of Funding Opportunity Number: L23AS00247

Project Submission Dates and Times: February 10, 2023 – April 11, 2023, by 5:00pm ET

Project Title: Cedar City Field Office – Youth Crew Opportunities

Maximum Available Funding in FY23: \$250,000

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

Project Background Information: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administers about 248 million acres of public lands, primarily in the western United States and Alaska. The Cedar City Field Office (BLM) administers about 2.1 million acres. The project will provide opportunities for college students, recent college graduates or recent high school graduates an opportunity to gain work experience with land and natural-resource management issues by helping to implement conservation-oriented projects. Projects including sensitive plant and animal species, vegetation management, landscape ecology, aquatic and riparian ecosystems improvement will be identified. Specific project work will include stream restoration, invasive species and noxious weed removal, mesic meadow development, riparian restoration, native species planting and trail construction/maintenance.

Project Objective: The BLM Cedar City Field Office, Utah is providing opportunities for conservation-oriented youth crews to complete project work that will conserve sensitive plant and animal species, vegetation management, landscape ecology, aquatic and riparian ecosystems. Project work will include stream restoration, invasive species and noxious weed removal, mesic meadow development, riparian restoration, native species planting and trail construction/maintenance.

Youth participating in this program will have the opportunity to learn about BLM land-management challenges and responsibilities to conserve biodiversity and restoration of watersheds at multiple scales. Through these experiences, it is hoped that the intern 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.

Work Schedule: 10 hours per day over the course of 8–16-day hitches. Flexible start date in October 2023.

Qualification Requirements: The project is suitable for college students, recent college graduates or high school graduates. The position will require youth to work with a crew for 8–16-day hitches.

Housing: The agency cannot provide housing. Youth crews will be expected to be able to camp near project work during their 8–16-day hitch.

Vehicle Needs: Vehicles will need to be provided by the recipient to support youth crews. Vehicles (preferably pickup truck) with four-wheel drive will be necessary to complete project work throughout the Cedar City Field Office.

Other Project Considerations: Recipient will be required to provide food, tents, camping equipment and other logistical necessities to the youth crew to camp for extended periods of time (8–16-day hitches).

Recipient will be required to supply tools including, but not limited to chainsaws, backpack sprayers (herbicide application), hand tools (e.g., shovels, pickmatics), and GPS units.

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Training Requirements: Chainsaw training, pesticide applicators license first aid, computer training, crew leads training, individual training.

Duties: The following are expected project outcomes:

Stream restoration – 40 stream structures constructed (annual basis)
Invasive species and noxious weed removal – 400 acres (annual basis)
Mesic Meadow – 20 Zeedyke structures constructed (annual basis)
Riparian restoration – 2 miles restoration (annual basis)
Native species planting – 10,000 plants (annual basis)
Trail construction/maintenance – 2 miles (annual basis)

BLM's Involvement:

There will be substantive BLM programmatic involvement by BLM professionals that will identify project work and expectations for successful completion of project 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 applicant will meet periodically to discuss progress and track project outcomes; review any training needs; and then decide what direction to take in finalizing project or move to the next phase.

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Applicants are encouraged to refer to the full program announcement number L23AS00247 posted on Grants.gov for all program requirements and applicable terms and conditions. Recipients selected for awards will be required to adhere to those requirements should an award be made.