



Office: Kanab 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: Kanab Field Office Youth Internship

Maximum Available Funding in FY23: \$147,000.00 is anticipated each year for a 5-year project.

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

Project Background Information:

This project strives to support an institution of Higher Education in addressing the Biden Harris Administration Priorities to create a program that supports the EO 14008, Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad , to leverage partnerships with youth and service corps to create conservation and resilience jobs in support of the Civilian Climate Corps initiative, EO 13985 Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government, to allocate resources in a manner that helps address historic inequities to underserved communities and individuals, To ensure that EO 14005 Ensuring the Future is Made in all of America buy All of Americas Workers. Additionally, this opportunity would address the DOI priority of Making investments to support the Administration’s goal of creating millions of families supporting and Union jobs and working to conserve at least 30% of our lands and waters by the year 2030.

Project Objective: To create a partnership between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and a recipient that will provide youth opportunities to develop a working knowledge of natural and cultural resources and a variety of careers in public lands management while shaping the next generation of leaders and public land stewards and advance youth in Public Land Corps (PLC). BLM is seeking not only undergraduate students ,graduate students in the fields of Wildlife management, Range Management, Recreation , Botany, Archeology, Paleontology, Geology and Environmental Education/Interpretation. For year one BLM is seeking at a minimum 13 interns to accomplish the project objectives

Work Schedule: M-F 8-4:30, limited OT, and weekends. Primarily the months of May- Sept, limited winter internships may be available depending on funding in the future.

Qualification Requirements: The recipient should have the capacity to create jobs that will strengthen the American economy and youth conservation corps that will strive for balancing stewardship and use of public lands. Participants should have the opportunity to acquire new skills gain work experience in public lands and natural resource management, targeting individuals between the ages of 16-30 (inclusive) and veterans up to age 35 (inclusive) including tribal members. Young people would be recruited from local communities to assist with conservation projects that protect and promote multiple use management and public lands. Project available under this funding announcement would be developed in collaboration with the State Youth Program Lead and District and Field Offices and emphasize on the ground projects training and mentorship opportunity with BLM professionals. Projects primary focus on the summer months of May – September with limited winter internships (October -April) depending on funding.

Projects should Engage the next generation of public land leader and regional you the with important conservation and stewardship work on public lands, assisting with conservation activities improving the lands assisting wildlife and enhancing visitor experiences Additionally should provide hands on experiential learning with a public university. These projects should stimulate interest in conservation careers by

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working with qualified conservation projects to allow members to be certified for two-year noncompetitive hiring status or Public Land Corps (PLC) projects. Promote job creation to strengthen Americas economy.

Housing: No housing would be provided by BLM

Vehicle Needs: BLM would provide vehicles 4 WD, and UTV with training as needed.

Other Project Considerations:

No Food would be provided

Supplies: BLM providing: GPS units, Data Tablets, hand tools and field tools, and camping equipment as needed.

Training Requirements: All First Aid, CPR computer training, defensive driving, pesticide use, would be the responsibility of the recipient

Travel: Limited overnight camping may be required as part of the internship process. 1- 2 weeks per year depending on the individual internship requirements, backcountry internships could be up to 4 weeks

Duties:

Project expected outcomes: interns would work cooperatively with BLM staff on BLM lands in Kane and Garfield Counties on foot and travel to site in vehicles (some work could include UTV' where site conditions permit) to:

Wildlife Interns would:

- Map and monitor Utah prairie dog habitat – up to 300 acres per year in Garfield Count:
- Utah prairie dog and sagegrouse population inventories up to – 5 colonies 3 leks per year in Garfield County
- Utah prairie dog dustings – up to 200-300 acres per year in Garfield
- Range Improvement Project surveys (general wildlife clearance and Utah prairie dog surveys)4 sites Garfield County
- Assist with community, volunteer, local school. and 4-H /outdoor education events where BLM has a presence focused on protection of resources; and outdoor education up to 4 events per year in Kane and Garfield Counties
- Raptor nest monitoring up to 20 nest sites per year in Kane County
- Guzzler inventory and monitoring up to 12 sites per year in Kane and Garfield County

Recreation Interns would:

- Assist with trail construction of up to 20 miles (over the 5 years of the agreement) of mountain biking and hiking trail using hand tools (e.g., shovels rocks picks, rakes, hammers,); up to5 miles per year at Tilted Mesa Bike Trail in Kane County.

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- Monitor /Patrol Ponderosa Campground weekly, and Paria Wilderness 4 patrols/per week, Bunting, Cottonwood, Toms Canyon Tilted Mesa, Panguitch Bike trails monthly and Wilderness study Areas (Moquith, Cannan Mountain, Orderville, North Fork and Parunawee monthly)
- Monitor road closures for WSA intrusions up to 35 miles, patrols would be completed on foot and /or in a 4 WD truck depending on the specific location.

Range interns would

- Assist with fence reconstruction up to 3 miles, per year Kane and Garfield Counties
- Weed management on up to 250 acres of noxious weeds per year with backpack spray tanks and directed by BLM crew lead in Kane and Garfield Counties
- Rangeland Vegetation monitoring up to 5 allotments per year In Kane and Garfield Counties

Archeological interns would

- Archeological site stabilization and monitoring up to 12 sites per year in Kane County

Botany Intern would

- Conduct monitoring of Threatened and Endangered Species and inventory for Welsh's Milkweed specific to the Coral Pink Sand Dunes up to 500 acres per year, and 4 sites. In Kane County only
- Paleontology inventory and extraction up to 12 sites per year In Kane and Garfield County,

BLM's Involvement:

BLM involvement could include

BLM would Jointly collaborate with the recipient in carrying out management, development implementation and evaluation of the proposed work

BLM would provide training of recipient personnel outside of listed trainings.

BLM would Review and approve one stage of work prior to the start of the next stage

BLM would review resumes, conduct interviews and participate in selecting recipient project staff

BLM would direct or redirecting recipient work

BLM would have the ability to immediate halt work because of failure to meet agreement objective

BLM would closely monitor the proposed work

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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

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and conditions. Recipients selected for awards will be required to adhere to those requirements should an award be made.