

This Funding Announcement is not a request for applications. This announcement is to provide public notice of the National Park Service (NPS), intention to fund the following project activities **without** competition.

ABSTRACT	
Funding Announcement	P17AS00678
Project Title	Campus Clubs to Underserved Youth
Recipient	The Outdoor Foundation
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$51,560
Cost Share	\$0
Anticipated Length of Agreement	15 Months
Anticipated Period of Performance	9/15/17 – 12/31/18
Award Instrument	Cooperative Agreement
Statutory Authority	54 USC §101702(a), 16 U.S.C. 1723(c)
CFDA # and Title	15.921 Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance
Point of Contact	Alan Turnbull

OVERVIEW

FY17 YPP funds would go towards getting college and community youth outdoors for recreation and stewardship, and into national parks, satisfying the “play” and “serve” aspects of the “Play, Learn, Serve, Work” initiative. \$3,750 would go directly to 11 college outing clubs in the Northeast Region to develop and support the clubs and to reach out to and mentor traditionally diverse and underserved youth organizations, such as the YMCA and Boys & Girls Club. Campus Clubs would plan and execute 3 outdoor trips or events per semester, with at least one trip per semester to a national park, and one stewardship project per semester. Part of the funding would go towards a stipend for a student National Park Ambassador. This would be a college student who acts as a liaison between the Campus Club and an area national park, working with Park Service staff and rangers to arrange visits and stewardship projects and increase interaction between the campus and Park.

The mechanism for disbursing the YPP funds would be through grants to Campus Clubs. Outdoor Nation has a strong track record of granting funds to youth-inspired and youth-led initiatives that get young people connected to the outdoors. A special effort would be made to invite applications from the handful of HBCU’s in the region. Priority for grants will be to Campus Clubs that engage urban, culturally diverse, and underserved populations.

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

- Create an online application and distribute it widely to all colleges and universities in the Northeast Region.
- Receive and review all applications.
- Select 11 recipients of a grant under this Task Agreement.
- Work with the colleges to answer questions and ensure connections are made to national parks and local youth.
- Disburse funds to recipients.
- Collect final reports, photos and videos.
- Deliver a final video and a report that includes statistics and photos.

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- Work with the Foundation to create an online application.
- Review all applications.
- Assist in selection of grant recipients.
- Assist Campus Clubs with connecting to their local national parks for outing and/or service trips.
- Consult with the Foundation on the grant process, communications, and products.