

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	P17AS00162
Project Title	Larimer County Conservation Corps crew working directly with an NPS Trail Crew
Recipient	The Corps Network
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$70,102.80
Cost Share	\$8,983.20
Anticipated Length of Agreement	June 1 st , 2017 through September 30 th , 2017
Anticipated Period of Performance	June 1 st , 2017 through September 30 th , 2017
Award Instrument	Task Agreement awarded under P15AC00029
Statutory Authority	54 U.S.C. §101702(a), 16 U.S.C. §4601-1, 16 U.S.C. §1246(h)(1), 16 U.S.C. §1723(c)
CFDA # and Title	15.931 Youth Conservation Activities
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	Task Agreement awarded under P15AC00029
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OVERVIEW

The purpose of this task agreement is to provide educational and work opportunities to young people so that they may gain a better understanding and appreciation of natural and cultural resources. The project will include an educational component for the Larimer Country Conservation Corps (LCCC) students including exposure to park experts involved with resource preservation and stewardship, visitor management and protection, facility management, interpretation and park administration. This project will address deferred maintenance and resource protection and include work on deteriorated log causeways, trail drainage and erosion control systems, and re-establishing the required trail corridor width.

STATEMENT OF JOINT OBJECTIVES/PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLAN

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

1. Provide ten (10) weeks of work described in Article II, Appendix B Scope of Work, and in accordance with the approved budget (Appendix A).
2. Recruit, hire, oversee, direct and address any performance or conduct issues for eight (8) young adults and two (2) leaders as part of a conservation team to undertake projects with direction from the NPS at RMNP.

3. Provide supervision at a ratio of at least one (1) leader to five (5) youth at all times while on site at RMNP.
4. Provide adequate training to conservation teams for performing and completing assigned tasks to include appropriate specific skills and safety protocols. Training will include at a minimum skills in general camping, safety, first aid and leadership.
5. Provide a defensive driving course to the crew leaders before arriving at RMNP.
6. Provide safe, round trip transportation to and from Rocky Mountain National Park staging areas for project work for LCYCC conservation crews.
7. Provide basic personal protective equipment and standard hand tools for work to be completed.
8. Provide the crew with a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) in case of emergencies.
9. Ensuring that all crew members are properly equipped for living and working in the backcountry including work clothes, adverse weather gear, cooking equipment, tents, and sleeping bags.
10. LCCC will hold documented daily safety briefings and adhere to all NPS safety standards throughout the term of the project. These safety standards will be discussed with the crew leaders and crew upon their arrival to RMNP and before they head to the project site.
11. Coordinate with RMNP staff in providing the LCCC crew with exposure and exploration of NPS career paths through RMNP staff interaction and structured programming.
12. To provide stipend, insurance, and AmeriCorps awards (when applicable).
13. Provide within 90 days of the end of the agreement a final property report to the Contracting Officer and ATR. If applicable, LCYCC will request disposition instructions from the Contracting Officer at the conclusion of the agreement.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE INVOLVEMENT

1. Provide general orientation to park operations, NPS mission, and safety training.
2. Provide adequate training, orientation, and education about and for assigned tasks.
3. Provide backcountry support through stock operations to ensure adequate food, supplies and equipment are provided to the crews on a regular basis.
4. To provide a NPS technical representative (ATR) and/or Field Supervisor to work directly with the LCCC Crew to assist with specifics of the project as needed.
5. To provide an appropriate staff liaison to offer project direction to the LCCC Crew in order to complete assigned work specified in this Task Agreement.
6. Provide any additional tools and/or equipment other than basic hand tools applicable to the assigned tasks.
7. Provide project specifications and applicable rules and safety instructions for all LCCC participants and leaders appropriate to assigned tasks.

8. To provide adequate camping areas for the LCCC crew during their agreed upon tour-of-duty at Rocky Mountain National Park.

NPS did not solicit full and open competition for this award based the following criteria:

This Task Agreement is a continuation of the Master Agreement P15AC00029.