

Summary of Applicants



Continuation

JUSTICE FOR MONTANANS PROJECT

Executive Summary

The AmeriCorps*State Justice for Montanans Project will have 18 AmeriCorps members who will serve as navigators of the justice system to help low income individuals find the legal information and resources they need to solve their legal problems. Members will be located in Billings, Bozeman, Great Falls, Helena, Kalispell, and Missoula, Montana, but will provide services statewide through circuit rides and telephone and web-based services. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for helping 15,000 low and moderate income Montanans gain knowledge of the legal system and their legal rights and responsibilities, as well as learning what to do or not do to solve their legal problems. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 200 volunteers that will be engaged in helping low and moderate income Montanans access the justice system and receive the intended benefit of our laws. This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Economic Opportunity, and the self-identified focus area of Access to Justice. The CNCS investment of \$226,965 will be matched with \$224,151, \$158,601 in public funding, and \$65,550 in private/other funding.

	Current Grant ('13)	Request ('14)	Difference
Federal Funds	\$226,965	\$226,965	\$0
Cash Match	\$122,547	\$124,672	\$2,125
In-Kind Match	\$101,364	\$102,545	\$1,181
Total Match	\$223,911	\$227,217	\$3,306
Match %	50%	50%	0%
Project Cost	\$450,876	\$454,182	\$3,306
MSY	18.00	18.00	0.00
Cost per MSY	\$12,609	\$12,609	\$0

MONTANA STATE PARKS AMERICORPS

Executive Summary

Montana State Parks AmeriCorps will host 20 AmeriCorps members who will promote healthy, active and environmentally aware communities by improving the condition of state park lands, enriching educational opportunities, building volunteer capacity, and strengthening community outreach through service in state parks across Montana. At the end of the first program year, the members will be responsible for improving 360 acres of land, delivering 250 education programs to at least 6,000 youth and 2,000 adults, and facilitate 20 new community partnerships. AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 500 volunteers, who will assist park managers with keeping parks clean, providing educational programs, assisting with public events, and acting as stewards of the natural and cultural heritage for the Montana State Parks system. Members will also be available to respond to disasters as needed. This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Environmental Stewardship EN4 and Capacity Building G3-3.1. The CNCS investment of \$176,161 will be matched with \$186,832 (\$174,832 in state funds and \$12,000 in private funding).

	Current Grant ('13)	Request ('14)	Difference
Federal Funds	\$167,161	\$171,681	\$4,520
Cash Match	\$190,041	\$190,041	\$0
In-Kind Match	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Match	\$190,041	\$190,041	\$0
Match %	53%	53%	-1%
Project Cost	\$357,202	\$361,722	\$4,520
MSY	12.57	12.57	0.00
Cost per MSY	\$13,298	\$13,658	\$360

New/Recompete

MONTANA CONSERVATION CORPS

Executive Summary

Montana Conservation Corps (MCC) proposes to engage 291 (158.02 MSY) AmeriCorps members in a versatile and multi-pronged 21st Century Conservation Service Corps model intervention that mobilizes young Americans and veterans to protect at-risk ecosystems and improve natural resources on public lands and in communities across Montana, and on connected ecosystems in Idaho, Wyoming, and North and South Dakota. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will have improved access and safety on 600 miles of community and backcountry trails. They will have enhanced 5000 acres of parks and public lands by mitigating invasive weeds, reducing wildfire risks, and restoring natural habitat, and they will have installed low-cost weatherization measures to make 1000 homes of low-income residents more energy efficient. 1100 youth, homeowners, and volunteers will have increased knowledge and skills for environmental stewardship. The AmeriCorps members will include 20 veterans serving with MCC's Veterans Green Corps, where they will earn professional certifications for environmental jobs. The AmeriCorps members will leverage over 1000 volunteers as active stewards of local parks and trails.

This program targets the CNCS focus areas of environmental stewardship, and veterans and military families. With demonstrated excellence in managing AmeriCorps cost-reimbursement grants since 1994, MCC is presently applying for a fixed-amount grant of \$1,965,592 that will be leveraged with \$3.8 million in fee-for-service contributions from federal, state, and local government agencies and nonprofit partners, and from private grants and donations. The CNCS share comprises 34% of the amount required to operate the program, as MCC annually lowers the cost-per-member and federal share while increasing services.

FOODCORPS MONTANA

Executive Summary

FoodCorps proposes placing 15 full-time AmeriCorps members who will connect children in public schools to healthy food through nutrition education, school gardens, and improved school lunch offerings throughout Montana. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for measurably improving children's preferences toward eating healthy foods, thereby overcoming a key barrier in addressing the nation's costly epidemic of childhood obesity. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage 450 community volunteers who will also be engaged in promoting healthy foods and healthy school food environments.

This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Healthy Futures. The CNCS fixed amount investment of \$187,500, which represents 32% of the budget needed to support these members. FoodCorps will leverage private funding to support each AmeriCorps member from sources including an anonymous donor, New Profit, Inc., The William K. Bowes Jr. Foundation, and FoodCorps general funds.

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS ASSISTANCE CENTER

Executive Summary

The Montana Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) Program will have 12 (MSY) AmeriCorps members who will be support local Emergency Management through volunteer management, logistics, and disaster recovery operations in the Montana counties of Meagher, Sweet Grass, Carter, Custer, Dawson, Fallon, Garfield, McCone, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Wibaux, Big Horn, Carbon, Golden Valley, Musselshell, Rosebud, Stillwater, Treasure, Wheatland, and the tribes of Northern Cheyenne Nation and the Crow Nation. At the end of the 1st program year, the AmeriCorps Members will be responsible for improvements to the Local/Tribal Emergency Planning Committees, development of a disaster recovery plan, and Disaster Assistance Response Teams in 22 communities. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 230 volunteers in fire and EMS, youth, vulnerable populations, and critical infrastructure (banks, dams, power stations, water treatment facilities) that will be engaged in planning, training, and exercises involved with disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation.

This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Disaster Preparedness and additional Capacity Building elements. The CNCS investment of \$155,585 will be matched with at least \$49,132 (24%), of which \$630,000 in public and private funding has been identified as a potential match source.

MONTANA CAMPUS COMPACT AMERICORPS

Executive Summary

The Montana Campus Compact proposes to deploy seventy (70) AmeriCorps members who will improve college access for first generation students, and address diverse community needs across Montana in the process. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for sparking interest and generating college applications among high school aged students without family histories of higher education. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional three hundred (300) volunteers, who will be engaged in direct service volunteer projects with nonprofit organizations and educational institutions. This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Education. The CNCS investment of approximately \$309,732 will be matched with \$250,425, \$200,000 in public funding and \$50,425 in private funding.