

# Summary of Applicants



## MONTANA CONSERVATION CORPS

### Executive Summary

Over the past twenty-one years, Montana Conservation Corps has developed a versatile program that uses the power of service and the crew dynamic to mobilize a new generation of land stewards to protect the natural landscape that underpins Montana's economy and the quality of life of our citizens. This environment, however, is at-risk from catastrophic wildfires, invasive weeds, deteriorating trails, natural disasters, and climate change. MCC will recruit 254 AmeriCorps young adult members (145.38 MSY) from across the country and Montana. This is an increase in 1.27 MSY's for our 2013-14 program year to support developments in veterans and tribal youth programs. Members will serve on small crews with 150+ project partners to improve 650 miles of trails, restore 2500 acres of parks and public and tribal lands, and provide energy conservation education to 1600 low income homeowners. Members will also mobilize 1,250 volunteers, including Montana teens who serve on month-long Youth Service Expeditions during the summer. Young veterans from the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars will mitigate wildfire risks and gain marketable skills to transition to green jobs and productive lives. MCC's intensive leader training prepares AmeriCorps members to lead in their crews, as well as in their communities. The program year begins in January with MCC training 81 crew leaders (57 FT and 24 PT) who serve in communities through April. The program expands in May with the recruitment of 130 PT and 43 QT crew members who serve on conservation, energy, and disaster projects during the summer, most continuing until November. MCC members complete conservation projects in communities and on state and federal public lands in Montana, and also across the Northern Rockies and Plains ecosystem in North Dakota, Wyoming, and Idaho. Members may be deployed to disasters anywhere in the nation. The CNCS investment of \$1,872,000 is leveraged with \$3,349,104 in grantee match funds (64%).

	Current Grant ('12)	Request ('13)	Difference
<b>Federal Funds</b>	\$1,872,000	\$1,872,000	\$0
<b>Cash Match</b>	\$3,118,000	\$3,349,104	\$231,104
<b>In-Kind Match</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Match</b>	\$3,118,000	\$3,349,104	\$231,104
<b>Match %</b>	62%	64%	2%
<b>Project Cost</b>	\$4,990,000	\$5,221,104	\$231,104
<b>MSY</b>	144.11	145.38	1.27
<b>Cost per MSY</b>	\$12,990	\$12,877	(\$113)

## JUSTICE FOR MONTANANS PROJECT

### Executive Summary

The AmeriCorps\*State Justice for Montanans(JFM) Project seeks to empower low to moderate income Montanans to uphold their legal rights, and increase access to justice. The sixteen (16) members will serve as navigators of the justice system to help low income individuals apply for and obtain legal help, refer low to moderate income individuals to legal information and resources, process consumer inquires and complaints, and assist crime victims across the state. Members will also increase awareness of access to justice issues and the impact these issues have on communities throughout Montana and leverage an additional 140 volunteers to help low income Montanans gain access to justice. Upon completion of the grant cycle, low-income Montanans will have increased access to the courts, legal services, and other means of asserting and protecting their legal rights. This project will focus on the applicant-identified areas of Legal Services as well as address the CNCS focus areas of Economic Opportunity, Capacity Building, Healthy Futures, and Veterans and Military families. The CNCS investment of \$212,106 will be matched with \$183,176.

	Current Grant ('12)	Request ('13)	Difference
<b>Federal Funds</b>	\$212,794	\$212,106	(\$688)
<b>Cash Match</b>	\$60,729	\$78,482	\$17,753
<b>In-Kind Match</b>	\$98,486	\$104,694	\$6,208
<b>Total Match</b>	\$159,215	\$183,176	\$23,961
<b>Match %</b>	43%	46%	4%
<b>Project Cost</b>	\$372,009	\$395,282	\$23,273
<b>MSY</b>	16.00	16.00	0.00
<b>Cost per MSY</b>	\$13,300	\$13,257	(\$43)