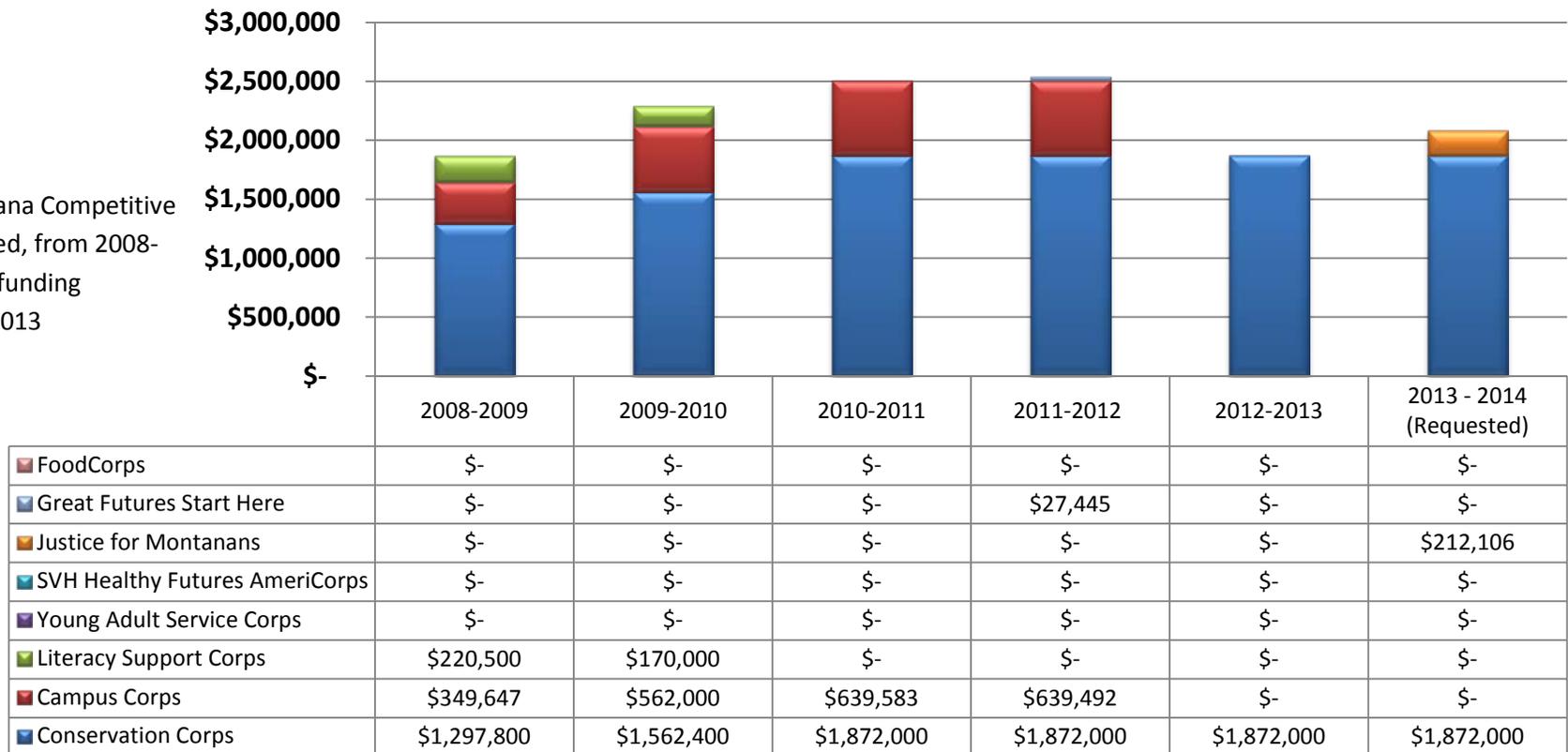
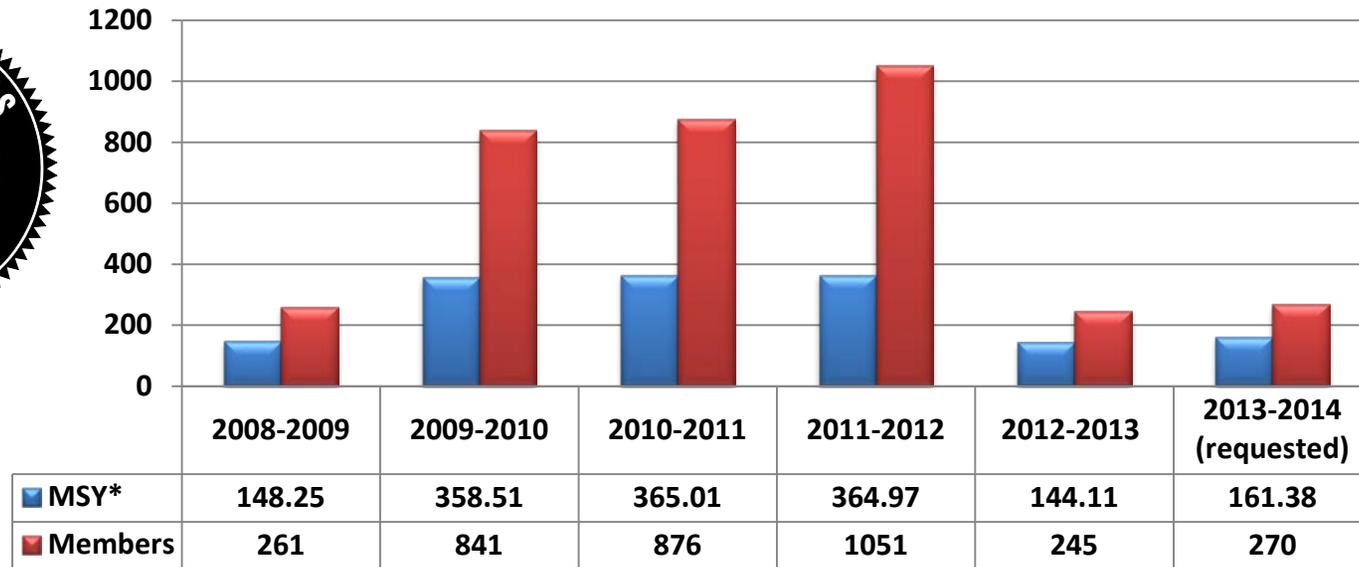


**Figure 1:** Montana Competitive Funding awarded, from 2008-2012 and total funding requested for 2013



Letters of intent were received for five applicants one of whom, Action for Eastern Montana, withdrew prior to beginning the full application process. Among the remaining four applicants all completed a proposal, but only two were compliant with the application process and proceeded to review. Among the rejected applications one was not received by the deadline and the other was determined to be incomplete and unresponsive. The two applicants that reached the scoring phase of the review process were the Montana Conservation Corps and the Montana Legal Services Association.



**Figure 2:** Members and member service years (MSY) funded through competitive grants overseen by the Governor’s Office of Community Service

\*Member Service Year

The Montana Conservation Corps (MCC) submitted a continuation proposal which was approved to be to be considered by the full Commission at a funding level of \$1,872,000 for 145.38 MY. Changes in the continuation proposal for MCC included the addition of a Corps focusing on engaging Native American college students; a collaboration with the Missouri River Breaks Monument and BLM; and the addition of a Veterans Coordinator position to staff.

The Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA) applied to fund the Justice for Montanan’s project, currently funded through formula, as a new competitive proposal. The proposal was approved to be considered by the full Commission at a funding level of \$212,106 for 16 MSY. The proposal continues MLSAs partnerships with the Montana Supreme Court Office if the Supreme Court Administrator Self-Help Law Centers, the Montana Office of Consumer Protection and Victim Services, and the Montana State Bar Modest Means Program to increasing access to justice for low income Montanans.

We believe these applications will be strong representatives of the State of Montana competing nationally for funds and we look forward to the recommendations of the Montana Commission on Community Service.