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<i>Note: Four grantees turned down their awards due to the COVID19 pandemic.</i>				
Aldo Leopold High School	Grant	40	\$66,180.00	The FALL 2020 proposal is a mirror image of our Spring 2020 proposal and helps us provide continuity in project outcomes, corps member development and education and strengthened community resources. Each semester Aldo Leopold Charter School students are given the opportunity to earn 0.5 internship credit in one of the five crews: gardening/landscaping, ecological monitoring, murals, trail construction, and archaeology. In addition to earning extra credit students gain a wealth of workforce readiness skills and topic focused skills from our highly skilled YCC supervisors and trainers. As a public charter school, we offer additional resources such as counseling and required financial literacy coursework. In FALL semester each crew works a total of 18 Fridays with the possible option of working 3 to 5 full days during winter break, if needed. The Aldo Leopold program has afforded student significant opportunity for experiential learning and community stewardship
Aztec Municipal Schools	San Juan	22	\$129,976.20	After a number of years in our partnership with the National Park Service, the Aztec Municipal Schools and YCC, Aztec JROTC seeks to provide service to the community and state by preserving and restoring the grounds, trails and ruins at Aztec Ruins NM and Chaco Canyon NM. This indispensable service is applauded by visitors, community and school leaders, and the park service. Grounds management is critical because of the need for reseeding grasses and removing invasive species plants, weeds and trees. A number of crew members also work on the ruins by recapping surfaces. Recently, Aztec cadets visited Canyon De Chelly NM and found a small demonstration garden, which was a fraction of the size of the demonstration garden at Aztec Ruins. Besides the ruins and interesting visitors' center, the garden transports the visiting public back to the time of the original Puebloan people.
Capacity Builders, Inc.	San Juan	21	\$105,068.09	Shiprock is a small, rural, isolated community. In the summer of 2019, the CBI YCC crew worked on Nizhoni Park by building a NMAA regulated size basketball court and two volleyball courts. CBI proposes to continue these efforts by building an amphitheater for community presentations, connecting existing sidewalks from the basketball and volleyball courts to the children's fenced area, installing seating such as bleachers beside the courts, park benches and picnic tables. The project will also build Chach'oh (shade) structures onsite using uprights with a steel roof according to the SCH at the designated area. Completing the Shiprock park projects undertaken over the past two summers, this YCC project will be supported by the Shiprock Chapter House which will purchase the majority of needed construction materials (concrete, parking barriers, signs and outdoor play structures). In total, 21 members will be recruited from the Navajo Nation where jobs are scarce

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Capacity Builders, Inc.	San Juan	21	\$99,956.57	The San Juan County community in the Navajo Nation is dependent on farming and ranching - which relies entirely on the irrigation canals and drainage ditches that fill with water from April through September to support the growing season. Maintenance can only take place in the off-season and requires chainsaw operational skills to remove vegetation that slow water collection and cause flooding in nearby neighborhoods. YCC members will remove unwanted vegetation from the 3rd and 4th laterals in Mesa Farms area which traverse an established neighborhood. Neglected for over a decade, laterals are a draining and flooding hazard, as well as a wildland fire hazard. The Navajo Nation San Juan River Farm Board has identified this region as being most in need of rehabilitation, based on aerial photographs and requests from local farmers. Employed YCC members will be trained in chainsaw operation and will receive a certificate. Recruited from throughout the Navajo Nation where jobs are scarce.
Capacity Builders, Inc.	San Juan	21	\$105,068.09	For two years, Tse Daa Kaan Chapter and YCC have worked to improve the grounds surrounding the Chapter House. This project will complete the park on this exciting public use space. Members will landscape and add covered shelters to the park, which already includes a Hogan. Situated just south of the main Tse Daa Kaan Chapter House in Hogback, New Mexico, YCC members will build two Chach'oh (shade) structures using timber uprights with a steel panel on each. Members will install solar lighting and replace the temporary pedestrian bridge, incorporating a proper foundation and timber cross pieces with pipe hand railing to transition gradually from the parking lot to the Hogan and shade structures in the park. Members will cover the Hogan in clear coat to add to its' longevity. Members will also add a concrete sidewalk surrounding the front entrance, connecting the Hogan and the bridge to accommodate strollers and wheelchairs.
City of Gallup		16	\$114,915.59	The Gallup YCC program builds on a 16-year track record of delivering a highly successful youth workforce program that delivers first-class and worthwhile projects for the community. Projects are aligned with advancing health and economic targets, such as trails, community garden, beautification, conservation, and built environment projects. Gallup YCC and these projects are linked together with the intentional focus of bettering our socio-economics in terms of poverty, unemployment, obesity, diabetes, and suicide. Many that unfortunately are the worst in the nation. We believe that Gallup YCC is one of the most successful programs in building life and job skills, furthering education, instilling pride and conservation ethics, providing an employment opportunity, and securing a foundation for further success in life.

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City of Las Cruces	Dona Ana	83	\$129,683.49	P&R will complete a six-month project to educate 13 youth, ages 16 to 24, in either water conservation techniques through irrigation management or a collaborative community art project under the Keep Las Cruces Beautiful program. This project is in direct alignment with YCC's desire to (1) preserve, maintain, and enhance natural resources by protecting water; (2) rehabilitate and improve recreational and other natural areas; (3) benefit recreational areas and parks by improving their use and access; and (4) beautify and restore urban areas. All YCC members will undergo a one-day orientation to the work environment and City policies and a week-long life skills development course with staff from the P&R Youth Programs. After this initial training the group will be split into the two identified work groups - one of eight for water conservation and the other of five for community art.
City of Tucumcari	Quay	7	\$42,178.83	The Corp Members will continue to learn skills in beautification, enhancement and improving various existing City owned properties during their employment with the City of Tucumcari. They will develop skills in participating in basic skills, understanding, and encouragement opportunities for employment by education and training. The goals these members shall accomplish is an opportunity to acquire self-dignity and self-discipline, be able to work with peers and supervisors and learn to work with and relate to people of various social, ethnic, racial and economic backgrounds. The Corp Members will continue to make improvements to the City's local parks and properties by repairing and/or replacing worn or tethered equipment, painting over graffiti, and making enhancements to existing canopies and/or swing sets. They will also, be painting and/or replacing basketball backboards, rims, and nets in various parks to improve the appearance of these outdoor areas.
East Rio Arriba Soil & Water Conservation District	Rio Arriba	6	\$61,072.86	This project will engage local youth to be involved in conservation by applying technology to the importance of soil and water conservation in our local communities within the East Rio Arriba Soil and Water Conservation District. This project will provide an opportunity for youth within our district to gain experience in the Natural Resource Management field. The youth involved in this project will use GPS devices to map out resources within our conservation district. The youth will learn basic GPS skills and fundamentals of ArcGIS software for mapping to interpret the data that is collected out in the field. Natural resources and areas of concern will be inventoried. Conservation plan maps will be made for each area that is inventoried and can be used for conservation planning efforts. This will provide the crew with real field experience. One of the work projects will be focused on mapping historic acequia systems that provide the communities with irrigation water

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EcoServants	Lincoln, Otero	21	\$123,718.54	EcoServants and the New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps (NMYCC) would team up to offer local youth the opportunity for the best summer job experience and training in Lincoln County. 21 corps members (CM's) would be hired for a 9 to 12 week program in which they can earn a \$1,210 or a \$1,525 AmeriCorps scholarship and over \$10 per hour while learning and performing valuable job skills. We would continue with a 2 or 3 week program with around 7 CM's to finish up projects, assist earning the larger scholarship and spend appropriated funding on wages. Partnering with United States Department of Agriculture - Forest Service (USDA-FS) – Smokey Bear Ranger District, United States Department of Agriculture - Forest Service (USDA-FS) -Sacramento Ranger District, Bureau of Land Management – Roswell Field Office (BLM), Department of Cultural Affairs, the Village of Ruidoso (VOR), Mescalero Apache Reservation and the County of Lincoln we will be focusing on new and old trails.
EcoServants		21	\$123,718.54	EcoServants and the New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps (NMYCC) would team up to offer local youth the opportunity for the best summer job experience and training in Otero County. 21 corps members (CM's) would be hired for a 9 to 12 week program in which they can earn a \$1,210 or a \$1,525 AmeriCorps scholarship and over \$9 per hour while learning and performing valuable job skills. We would continue with a 2 or 3 week program with around 7 CM's to finish up projects, assist earning the larger scholarship and spend appropriated funding on wages. Partnering with United States Department of Agriculture- Forest Service (USDA-FS) – Sacramento Ranger District, Mescalero Apache Reservation (MAR), United States Department of Agriculture - Forest Service (USDA-FS) -Smokey Bear District and the Village of Ruidoso (VOR) we will be focusing on new and old trails. Crews will also assist with range, wildlife and recreation in duties such as wildlife and vegetable surveys,
Forest Guild	Cibola, McKinley, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Torrance	24	\$129,998.41	The summer 2020 Forest Stewards Youth Corps (FSYC) program will implement a comprehensive set of natural resource conservation projects and training and educational initiatives involving 24 youth, from up to 7 different counties, on 4 different USDA Forest Service Ranger Districts. The youth will be hired across 4 crews: Mount Taylor Ranger District (MTRD); Coyote Ranger District (CRD); Las Vegas/Pecos Ranger District (LVRD); and Mountainair Ranger District (MRD). Projects will improve thousands of acres of public land and the visitor experience for thousands of citizens. Projects will reduce fire risk, improve recreation resources, conserve soils and native plants, and improve forest and ecosystem health. Recreation projects include trail maintenance and rehabilitation that improve user experience and safety. Forest management projects include marking units for thinning, marking wildlife trees, removing noxious weeds, constructing fire-line, slash piling, and ecological monitoring.

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Forest Guild	Bernalillo, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Taos, Torrance	15	\$130,000.00	The Fall 2020 FSYC program will employ 15 youth (ages 18-25) on 2 U.S. Forest Service ranger districts for 10 weeks between August and November. Crews will be hosted by the Espanola ranger district (ERD) in the Santa Fe National Forest and the Mountainair ranger district (MRD) in the Cibola National Forest. Projects will reduce the wildfire risk to communities, restore degraded ecosystems by reducing erosion and the spread of noxious weeds, help protect archeological resources, and improve recreational opportunities for local communities. Fall 2020 FSYC crews will be certified wildland firefighters and wildland fire chainsaw operators and be available to participate in wildfire suppression and prescribed fire operations in the Cibola, Santa Fe, and Carson National Forests. Because prescribed fire implementation and wildfire suppression are weather dependent, the work plans for both the ERD and MRD crews include enough conservation projects and prescribed fire preparation
Harwood Art Center of Escuela del Sol Montessori	Bernalillo	8	\$33,870.08	Corps members will create public sculpture that increases public health, safety and pride of place in Mesa Verde Park in the La Mesa neighborhood of Albuquerque's International District. This sculpture is integrated into a network of community projects aimed at rehabilitating and enhancing the park, a depleted but valued community resource. Our team will investigate local history and cultural heritage in the International District in partnership with Mesa Verde Community Center, the International District Healthy Communities Coalition and City of Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Department. Corps members will host community planning sessions and coalesce input into a cohesive design for a sculpture that reflects the values and hopes of the residents who use the park regularly. Corps members will work with city planners, civic leaders, architects, designers, engineers and artists to design, fabricate and install a community driven public outdoor sculpture.
Mescalero Apache Tribe	Otero	6	\$16,604.36	The Old Road Park Initiative would develop a Youth Conservation Corps in collaboration with the Mescalero Apache Tribe, Parks and Recreation Department and the Division of Resource Management & Protection (DRMP). Focus of this work will be to rehabilitate the current A&B Section Park, which was constructed when the adjacent housing subdivisions were constructed approximately 50 years ago. The park equipment is now outdated and unsafe for children to play on. The park is still used as a location for the summer lunch program, as well as a bus stop area and general open space. There are also traditional/cultural use plants in the area that should be preserved. The YCC crew will remove existing old equipment, with heavy equipment assistance as needed through the Tribal Utility/Roads Department. In addition, crew members will construct new wooden benches and make signage that will identify traditional plants. The renovation of this area will give the YCC crew an opportunity to learn basic safety with hand tools, chainsaws, Personal Protective Equipment, and help enhance cultural knowledge. Collaboration with other departments will provide additional training opportunities. The YCC crew will provide a much-needed community service while acquiring increased self-dignity, self-discipline, team work, and pride in their culture and community. The Tribe will also be seeking donations to purchase play equipment and/or structures and materials to build a pavilion. The renovation of this area will provide a safer place for children to catch the bus during the regular school year, as well as a safer place to eat during the summer lunch program. It would also lay the foundation for the community to seek

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New Mexico Wildlife Association	Santa Fe	18	\$105,116.73	Wildlife West provides excellent hands-on skill development training, team building and leadership opportunities for youth in our local community in wildlife management, environmental conservation and building trades. Corps members learn all about wildlife and how to design and construct successful habitat areas for non-releasable animals. They learn about New Mexico's natural resources and many environmental conservation concepts through their experience and training. They acquire new work skills in building construction, explore their creative talents with blue print design and wildlife photography, and gain greater self-confidence as they initiate next steps in project construction and management. They learn leadership skills in tackling new projects and guiding their fellow co-workers. Corps members gain real-life conflict management techniques, problem solving skills and good work habits through hard work that they would not otherwise learn at a young age.
RIO ARRIBA COUNTY	Rio Arriba	10	\$129,337.76	Precious Age Precious Water has three areas of focus: 1) to provide employment and educational training to at-risk, adjudicated adolescent and young adults. 2) Construct exercise and recreational opportunities for seniors that will contribute to their continued independent living; and, 3) improve and beautify a public facility with addition of an ADA compliant walking path, multi-use gazebo with a padded floor suitable to senior exercise classes; and resting benches along the walkway surrounded by xeriscape landscaping. Hard to place youth will be provided with employment and educational training; covered outdoor space to hold balance, Tai Chi, and other exercise classes that prevent elder falls (the major reason that elders cannot remain independent in their homes, and the #1 reason that they require expensive Emergency Department care): and, beautification of a public Community Center grounds with low-maintenance xeriscape flower and native grasses garden.
RIO ARRIBA COUNTY	Rio Arriba	10	\$129,417.76	1) Remove existing stone pathways; 2) Construct ADA concrete pathways to connect therapy areas; 3) Line drainage system and retention pond with pond liner, fill with 6"-8" rock and landscape area surrounding drainage system;4) Construct a walking bridge that will connect the ADA pathways.

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Robert F. Kennedy Charter School	Bernalillo	16	\$104,769.18	Robert F. Kennedy Charter High School (RFK), located in Albuquerque's South Valley, is asking The Youth Conservation Corps to support the expansion of their Farm to School project. Funding will increase production capacity by increasing the number of rows and beds. RFK owns a parcel of land adjacent to Shadyside Park in Southwest Albuquerque which is the location of their school farm. Corps members will work on several different agricultural, construction, and art projects aimed at educating Corps members, improving the ecosystem and beautifying the neighborhood. They will design and construct a greenhouse at RFK's middle school, which will provide gardening opportunities year-round and elective credits in carpentry. The art project will be a mural painted throughout RFK. Corps members will research native seeds and the impact of pesticides on the environment. They will also learn about the type of vegetation needed to transform degraded drylands
Rocky Mountain Youth Corps	Los Alamos, Santa Fe, Taos	21	\$128,433.77	RMYC will hire and train three crews of young adults between the ages of 17-25 for a total of 21 Corps members. This opportunity offers young adults an inclusive environment to explore natural resource careers and experience field-based projects. RMYC's training program will allow members to receive dedicated training related to their project through on-the-job training opportunities as well as personal and professional development opportunities. Our goal is to improve the personal self-sufficiency and employability of our Corps members. In addition to member training, the projects outlined in this proposal will have a long standing impact on the communities and natural environments where they are completed. The projects we are proposing for the Upper Rio Grande Conservation Program are excellent examples of the benefits we provide to New Mexico communities and dozens of opportunity youth. RMYC will deliver substantial environmental and recreation improvements
Rocky Mountain Youth Corps	Bernalillo, Santa Fe	21	\$128,433.44	RMYC's training program will allow for Corps members to receive on-the-job training opportunities related to their project work as well as personal and professional development opportunities. Our goal is to improve the personal self-sufficiency and employability of our Corps members. In addition to Corps member training, the projects outlined in this proposal will have a longstanding impact on the communities and natural environments where they take place. The projects proposed are excellent examples of the benefits we provide to New Mexico communities and dozens of opportunity youth. RMYC will deliver substantial environmental and recreation improvements to several diverse landscapes across central New Mexico. RMYC will employ three crews. Two crews will restore public open space and trails with the City of Albuquerque and complete trail work, a tree inventory and tree plantings in City of Albuquerque park and open space properties.

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Santa Clara Pueblo	Rio Arriba, Sandoval	24	\$124,758.43	Our youth have completed a large amount of restoration to the mesa top structures at our Ancestral home of Puye Cliffs over the past years. We still have areas of Puye that have not been rehabilitated. For the summer project of 2020, YCC crew members will build and restore 2 field houses located on the mesa top. Also as part of the project rehab, stabilization and restoration of mesa top and Cliffside structures that have been damaged by livestock, snow and rain will be done. The preservation and protection of our ancestral home is needed on a yearly basis. The pre-historic trail system will also be assessed, and documented, using GPS, GIS technology, digital photography techniques and handwritten documentation. Restoration and repairs of traditional trail system will be conducted. YCC crew members will learn how to work with one another, creating a sense of respect, community and togetherness, which will give them insight into the ancestral pueblo lifestyle
Santa Fe Botanical Garden	Santa Fe	8	\$48,777.00	The Northern New Mexico Master Naturalist Project (NNMMNP), Randall Davey Audubon Center (RDAC) and Santa Fe Botanical Garden (SFBG) Conservation and Cultivation Project will have three components. -First, the YCC Crew Leads will implement a Master Naturalist Program to provide an opportunity to educate the public about preserving, maintaining, and enhancing natural resources by protecting air, fish, forest land, water, and wildlife. There are currently over thirty states throughout the Nation that have Master Naturalist Programs. The Bernalillo Open Space department introduced this program for the first time to New Mexico in 2010 as a three-year pilot project. The project was successfully piloted in Santa Fe in 2018 with the help of YCC members. The project is overseen by the NNMMNP advisory board, made up by representatives of Audubon New Mexico, Santa Fe County, Northern New Mexico College, the Santa Fe Botanical Garden, and the Bernalillo chapter of Master Naturalists
Santa Fe Children's Museum	Santa Fe	5	\$47,253.06	Gardens create a shared sense of purpose that empowers a community, creates environmental awareness, and improves public health. At SFCM, our 1.5 acre Earthworks is an interactive learning space where we foster connection with nature through exhibits and programs. Our commitment to organic and sustainable gardening educates our visitors about the importance of preserving, maintaining and enhancing New Mexico's resources. The mission of the Museum is to provide hands-on-learning for all, not just children. We're grateful that YCC members have made many beautiful and educational improvements over the years, and, in return, we provide them a broad set of skills ranging from conservation, to landscaping, to teaching young children, to basic construction. It is a wonderful job experience for them. In 2020 we include Earthworks Garden Training, where Corps members learn organic maintenance of healthy ecosystems using xeriscape and permaculture principles



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Santa Fe County Fire Department	Bernalillo, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Torrance	8	\$125,124.29	The goal of SFCFD is to prepare young men and women for their future careers. We instill discipline, confidence, and respect for themselves, and others. Through team work and training on a daily basis. Learning to work with others in difficult situations they may encounter while on a fire or project site. SFCFD will hire ten individuals to fill a ten person hand crew available for forest thinning projects in Santa Fe County. This crew will also be available for deployment to wildland fires, and support search and rescue operations in and out of the county. Each member of the crew will receive basic wild land firefighter, and power saw operations training. All members of the crew will be qualified as wild land firefighters. After initial training, the crew will consist of ten members to include two leads. Two permanent SFCFD firefighters will supervise the crew in all aspects of daily operations. The wildland coordinator for SFCFD will administrate the project.
Taos Land Trust	Taos	7	\$54,892.70	Taos Land Trust intends to engage a NM YCC crew to support ongoing work at Rio Fernando Park, a 20-acre property adjacent to the Town-owned Fred Baca Park. In 2018 we completed a community-sourced master plan which helped to identify where walking trails, gardens, discovery play spaces, and structures will be placed on the property; in 2019, our YCC crew began this work with support from TLT staff and community volunteers. The 2020 YCC crew will continue to build out and manage this property, which will officially be open to the public as of Earth Week (April 2020). YCC crews will help create and manage this multi-use greenspace in the heart of Taos for visitors and residents alike. The Rio Fernando Park includes 7 acres of wetlands, as well as 12 acres of old agricultural land that we are working to bring back into production. The Rio Fernando flows through the park, and beavers have recently returned and begun to build here.
Village of Santa Clara	Grant	19	\$116,160.98	We will build upon our successful 2018 and 2019 YCC programs as we continue to impact historic preservation efforts at Fort Bayard and make improvements to public parks. YCC crews will help with securing and stabilizing several historic buildings at Fort Bayard in risk of complete collapse. Landscaping, trail building and grounds improvements will take place. Crews will also receive training to become Fort Bayard History Docents and help inform the public as they tour the Fort grounds or visit the Museum. Landscape improvements to municipal properties and public parks will help beautify these areas. Demonstration gardens will help to inform our community about low water use and native plants. Installing play equipment and park amenities helps increase park usage and resident's activity levels. We will have two crews, one older, ages 18-24 (Restoration Crew) working full time from April to August and one, younger, ages 14-18 (Summer Jobs Crew),

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YouthWorks	San Miguel, Santa Fe	12	\$129,627.88	YouthWorks (YW) Santa Fe Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) will partner with City of Santa Fe, and nonprofit partner, WildFire Network (the lead agency working on National Forest Service land, with official permission -attached, on a Collaborative Forest Restoration Program on the Rowe Mesa) to deliver public beautification and restoration projects while participating in academic studies, and educational and job skills attainment workshops, life skills training and hands-on experiential learning. Crew will have access to GED coursework taught by instructors, optional tutoring, no-fee counseling, and case management services for resource/referral needs. Partners: 1) WildFire Network: YW's YCC will participate in education programming to provide basic firefighting and forestry principals to build skills for a mitigation/suppression type crew to boost capacity in Wildland Urban Interface mitigation industry.
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