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Alamo Navajo School Board, Inc.	Bernalillo	10	\$82,749.01	The purpose of the Alamo YCC project is to renovate and repair existing YCC projects from the past. The YCC crew members constructed a flagstone walkway measuring close to a ¼ of a mile from the ANSBI campus to the Alamo clinic and another from on the Alamo school park. Over time, the flagstone walkways have become uneven and difficult to walk on due to the dirt loosen up. The flagstone are moving uneven and the space is being filled with undesirable vegetation. The YCC crew members will remove the flagstone and fill in the dirt with crusher fine and set the flagstones evenly. The space in between the flagstone will be filled with concrete to keep it from moving. The next project is to work on the adobe wall project that over time is falling apart. The project is a former YCC project that adds beauty to the entrance of the ANSBI campus. The YCC crew members will experiment with mixing sand and concrete to rebuild the walls.
Aldo Leopold High School	Grant	59	\$87,952.86	Aldo Leopold Charter School continues to strengthen its YCC program by working with solid, supportive and informed community partners, providing 0.5 class credit hours for training sessions and work experience, and placing a strong emphasis on workforce readiness and life skills. We are particularly excited about our ongoing project with the U.S. Forest Service assessing, repairing and constructing three heavily used trails at Fort Bayard Game Preserve/ Dragonfly Trailhead area. This project highlights the development of our relationship with the USFS and the added responsibility and trust they are placing on our YCC crew members and program coordinators. We are building on our previous successes in the area of Water Harvesting/Storm Water/ Erosion Control systems by adding new projects on the campus of Western New Mexico University. The Ecological Monitoring Crew will continue field work that contributes to much needed scientific research on forest restoration and wildlife.
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Aztec High School Army JROTC	San Juan	27	\$149,637.70	This is the 6th year of the JROTC partnership with YCC and the National Park service for beautifying and preserving Aztec Ruins and Chaco Canyon National Monuments. Past improvements to the parks have encouraged the highest number of visitors in park visits. Even with the thousands of hours of work contributed by the YCC Corps members, there are still extensive enhancements that are needed. The annual award-winning Puebloan demonstration garden is a large draw to visitors showing what and how ancient crops were grown. With regular removal, invasive species of plants and trees are being reduced. Chaco Canyon has new and improved trails. This continued project has benefited Aztec youth and the community as a whole with Aztec Ruins being one of the primary tourist attraction in the Four Corners region. For many young people, this is their first job where they have developed their character, discipline and a strong work ethic under the supervision of excellent on-the-job trainers
City of Aztec	San Juan	18	\$53,838.10	The City of Aztec has developed a Parks and Recreation Enhancement plan which also serves as a template for annual YCC projects. The city has developed a 4 year plan with scaled down projects due to the current economy. The first phase of our 4 year plan focuses on beautifying smaller areas of the city. The City's YCC projects have high visibility and community pride, so to continue that, the priority for FY17 is Park, Ash and Llano streets (PALS). The proposed projects focus on drainage at the Community Center, landscaping improvements at the Family Center with xeriscaping in 7 different areas surrounding the center and lining the entry way into Hartman Park with trees on the south side of Llano. Lessons learned from previous projects, as always, will also be carried forward in our proposed 2017-18 projects. The YCC Coordinator and Crew Leaders will develop a work plan to complete the projects that have been identified.
City of Gallup	McKinley	30	\$149,575.59	Healthier Economy: Healthier Region: Gallup YCC elevates wholesome establishment and regional wellness. Economic Development strategies with local governments depend on YCC to complete infrastructure projects for "adventure tourism" - trails, parks, and restored open space and natural places. YCC projects enhance the "built environment" -open active space, community and schoolyard gardens, alternative transportation routes, safe and natural places to play - to encourage healthy family lifestyles. YCC's workforce development objective-positive youth development in the workplace - constructs an effective youth workforce model. These objectives --active transportation and Safe Routes to School, restored open space for habitat and safe play, community gardens, soil and water conservation, youth workforce -- transform our desolate community. Gallup YCC's purposeful partnership with local and tribal governments, state and federal agencies - and the resources partners contribute to YCC projects

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East Rio Arriba Soil & Water Conservation District	Rio Arriba	5	\$47,972.59	This project will engage local youth to be involved in conservation by applying technology to the importance of soil and water conservation in our communities. Acequias are vital to the sustainability of agricultural producers in our area and by involving youth to engage we can create improvements and infrastructure to areas that are in need. The youth involved in this project will use GPS devices to map out Acequias within our conservation district. They will learn basic GPS skills along with conservation resource inventory skills. The youth will partner up and document areas of concern, irrigation turnouts, and take photos along the Acequia. The waypoints taken from each Acequia will be turned into shape files and will be given attributes. After all the data collection takes place, the youth will create maps and reports for each Acequia they work on. The shape files will be entered into a data base to collaborate with Acequia groups for future conservation planning.
EcoServants	Otero	26	\$116,045.50	EcoServants and the New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps would team up to offer local youth the opportunity for the best summer job experience in Lincoln County. 24 corps members (CM's) would be hired for a 9 week program in which they can earn a \$1,210 AmeriCorps Scholarship and over \$8.50 per hour while learning and performing valuable job skills. We would continue with a 2 to 3 week program with less that 10 CM's to finish up projects, earn larger scholarships and spend the appropriated funding. Project would take place on United States Department of Agriculture, Sacramento Ranger District (USDA-FS) and Mescalero Apache Reservation (MAR) CM's would build and restore trails, restore campgrounds, assist wildlife biologists, improve and restore park structures, place and maintain signage with in the USDA-FS Sacramento Field District and the Mescalero Apache Reservation. CM's would also assist in bringing tribal homes up to Fire Wise standards using hand tools.
EcoServants	Lincoln	30	\$134,788.44	Growing and connecting New Trail systems that the NMYCC helped to create through past projects will be main point of EcoServants 2017 NMYCC project. We will be working on connecting the Grind Stone and Cedar Creek trail systems through Perk Canyon with Village of Ruidoso, USDA-FS and local bicycling/walking groups. We will also be working to connect the BLM-RFO Fort Stanton NCCA trails with State Monuments Fort Stanton trails and planning for later connecting the USDA-FS trails. This project offers allows a new opportunities for crews from the Otero NMYCC project to work with the crews from Lincoln County on projects in the USDA-FS Ruidoso Area and the USDA-FS Sacramento Ranger District. This allows for big projects such as building or restoring a trail up to 7 miles in a summer or removing large amounts of invasive vegetation. This Project will continue to remove noxious weeds from all of our partners public lands

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Forest Guild	Cibola, McKinley, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Taos, Torrance	30	\$149,980.55	The 2017 Forest Stewards Guild Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program will implement a comprehensive set of natural resource conservation projects and training and educational initiatives involving 30 youth, from 9 different counties, on 6 different USDA Forest Service (USFS) Ranger Districts. Projects will impact over 3,000 acres of public land, build or repair 16 miles of public trails, build or repair 18 miles of fencing, control 163 acres of invasive species, complete hundreds of acres of ecological monitoring and timber marking, protect 24 cultural sites, improve 22 recreation and range sites improve 4 wildlife drinkers and tanks, reduce fire risk by constructing 2 miles of fire-line, and improve forest health across 382 acres. These projects reduce fire risk, improve recreation resources, conserve soils and native plants, and improve forest and ecosystem health. Many projects support fire adapted communities, a new national initiative.
Future Foundations Family Center	Cibola	16	\$84,339.80	Between June and August of 2017, spanning a 10-week period, 14 youth between the ages of 16-25 will be hired to complete several projects of lasting value within the City of Grants and the Cibola National Forest. Three government partners, the City of Grants, Cibola County and the US Forest Service, Mt. Taylor Ranger District will be helping facilitate and support the projects through in-kind and cash contributions. Projects will consist of repairing and improving cattle guards in the Cibola National Forest, installing a new field for sports teams to use, planting trees in the park, installing tree grates around older trees to allow for growth and to protect the roots, installing a roof, picnic tables, and trash receptacles near the soccer field, installing bleachers at the soccer field so parents and family can watch the games, and creating walking and biking trails in the Zuni Mountains. In addition, crew members will plan and implement summer camps for younger children
New Mexico Community Development Loan Fund	Bernalillo	16	\$95,400.94	The City of Albuquerque Public Art Program has committed funding for the Mayor's Art Institute of ALMA to create four monumental, handmade tile mosaic murals on the Albuquerque Convention Center's west building. The design concept for the murals is four guardian figures that embody the four elements, seasons, and values significant to us in New Mexico. Phase 1 of this project was completed in 2015, and Phase 2 will be completed in August of 2016. The guardian figure in the 2016 mosaic embodies protection, watching over a winter scene in which people are gathered around a fire. The mural features constellations visible in winter, regional landscapes and architecture, and animals native to NM. In 2017, Corps members will work with professional artists to create a work of world class public art while gaining valuable workplace training that is applicable across disciplines. These trainings will give corps members the techniques and knowledge to succeed in the program

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New Mexico Wildlife Association	Santa Fe	18	\$133,579.53	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.
Rocky Mountain Youth Corps	Bernalillo, Rio Arriba, Santa Fe	26	\$150,000.00	Rocky Mountain Youth Corps and NMYCC balance meaningful community service projects with thoughtfully planned educational experiences. The Mid Rio Grande proposal will utilize four crews of youth ages 16 to 25. Each crew will be under the direction of an experienced trainer and crews are capped at six to seven individuals per crew for a total of 26 youth serving in the NMYCC/Mid Rio Grande Proposal. The Valle de Oro Albuquerque Sign Language crew will construct 1.2 miles of crusher fines trails at Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge. As the Southwest's newest Wildlife Refuge, and the first Wildlife Refuge under the new Urban Refuge Act, this trail will be the first recreation trail constructed at Valle de Oro, and will be part of the El Camino Real National historic trail. The New Mexico School for the Deaf crew will improve the Orchard Area on the corner of the school's property at the intersection of Cerrillos and St. Francis roads, creating a new crusher fines trail
Rocky Mountain Youth Corps	Taos	28	\$150,000.00	Rocky Mountain Youth Corps Upper Rio Grande project will employ 26 youth between the ages of 16 to 24. Project sites include BLM lands (trail improvements, sign installation, river access, butterfly surveys and pollinator friendly landscaping. Second crew will work on the Questa RD constructing new livestock drift fencing, barrier fencing and repairing historic La Cueva Cow Camp. The third crew will work at the USFWS Mora National Fish Hatchery doing thinning and habitat improvements. The 4th crew will work at the Village of Questa Memorial Park making improvements to the landscaping and structures.

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Santa Clara Pueblo	Rio Arriba, Sandoval	21	\$102,408.82	Santa Clara Pueblo, thanks to the partnership with the State of New Mexico, has completed several years of successful YCC (Youth Conservation Corp) projects. The plan is to continue the restoration, rehabilitation, repairs, and stabilization of the historic and pre-historic structures on the Puye mesa top area. It is with great pride and a strong sense of accomplishment that Santa Clara Pueblo submits this proposal for the continuation of the Summer Mesa Top Restoration project for 2017. Also, in addition we will be teaching our Crew Members to use GPS Units to document cultural sites.
Santa Clara Pueblo	Rio Arriba, Sandoval	8	\$97,910.80	The 2017 Spring/Summer Puye Cliffside Restoration/GPS Site documentation Project will continue the good partnership Santa Clara Pueblo has had with the State of New Mexico YCC (Youth Conservation Corps) projects. We are very grateful for the financial assistance that has been provided over the years. Moving forward the YCC crew members will learn how to use GPS Units, and learn how to document cultural sites in the surrounding areas. Also they will continue the restoration, rehabilitation, repairs, and stabilization of the historic and pre-historic structures located on the Cliffside, and also provide rehabilitation to the trails and ladders that need to be restored, for access to different areas along the Southern Puye Cliffside. This proposed project will continue to help beautify and preserve Puye Cliffs, the ancestral home of Santa Clara Pueblo and a major tourist attraction of the Espanola Valley and northern New Mexico
Santa Fe Botanical Garden		3	\$28,970.59	The Northern New Mexico Master Naturalist Project (NNMMNP) and Santa Fe Botanical Garden Conservation Project will have two primary scopes of work. First, the YCC members will help develop and plan a Master Naturalist Program to provide an opportunity to educate the public to participate in 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 will be overseen by the NNMMNP advisory board, made up by representatives of Audubon New Mexico, New Mexico State Parks, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Northern New Mexico College, the Santa Fe Botanical Garden, and the Bernalillo chapter of Master Naturalists.

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Santa Fe County Fire Department	Bernalillo, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Torrance	10	\$145,434.57	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 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 wildfires, and support search and rescue operations in and out of the county. Each member of the crew will receive basic wildland firefighter, and power saw operations training All members of the crew will be qualified as wildland 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. Transportation will be provided by SFCFD.
Southwest Environmental Center	Dona Ana	8	\$96,702.72	Our proposed YCC project is part of the Southwest Environmental Center's (SWEC) long-term effort to restore riparian, wetland and aquatic habitats in the Southwest, particularly along the Rio Grande in southern New Mexico and west Texas. This portion of the river has been heavily modified over the decades due to dam building, channelization, and dewatering for agriculture, resulting in the disappearance of two-thirds of the original native fish species and much of the original bosques and wetlands. However, there is much that can be done to restore the river to ecological health. For 20 years we have been working to restore and connect wetlands, riparian, and aquatic habitats along the Rio Grande like a string of pearls. The main focus for the YCC project will be at our ongoing La Mancha Wetland project near Las Cruces. YCC partipants will gain hands-on experience in a wide range of habitat restoration techniques, including removing invasive species, planting native plants
The Issachar Calling	San Juan	30	\$149,999.59	YCC Members will install various exercise equipment for adults and youth next to the existing children's playground. Trees, grass and shrubs will be planted in order to enhance the landscape. Weeds will be removed and any existing debris in order to beautify the park. An irrigation system with a timer will be placed on site to irrigate the landscape. The irrigation will be secured for safety and to prevent theft in a small storage with adequate locks. There will be a small trail created that will go around the park area (no more than ½ mile in length) in order to promote walking/jogging for parents and youth. Wood chips will be added to the playground area to prevent dust and mud. The current playground will be renovated through paint and a playground addition to include a rock climbing wall, another slide and more swings.

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The Issachar Calling		30	\$149,999.70	Members will build one facility that will serve as a concession stand or "Snack Shack." This building will also serve as a storage facility and bathrooms facility. A professional construction contractor will be hired to oversee the project and also provide instruction to the Corps Members. The facility will be approximately 400 square feet in size and will be located onsite on the Little League baseball field. Corp members will also engage in preparing and grading the little league baseball field and making some landscape additions/repairs. The Little league has been in operation for over 30 years and due to lack of funds they have not water on site, no storage facility, and no adequate concession facility. Bleachers will also be placed on site (10-15). Bleachers will be transported on site. YCC corps members will disassemble bleachers and load them on transportation trailer. YCC corps member will unload bleachers onsite and assemble the bleachers on site.
The Wellness Coalition	Catron	12	\$58,100.29	This year's proposal builds on the work that has been done to support the USFS/Reserve and Quemado Ranger Districts in the Gila National Forest. Significant progress will be made in wildfire mitigation and reducing fuel loads in the GNF, especially around subdivisions. Improvements to the recreational areas and campgrounds at Snow Lake and Quemado Lake benefit the entire public. Improvements in the Tularosa Wetlands benefit endangered species. Improvements to the County facilities benefit the community. This project, like all of the ones before it, provide opportunities for early learning of job skills and employment that is not otherwise available in this isolated area of New Mexico. Many of the young people who have been able to take advantage of this opportunity are now working with the Forest Service around the nation.
The Wellness Coalition	Hidalgo	8	\$39,866.62	This project reflects the ongoing strengthening of the working relationships with community partners in Hidalgo County. TWC is proposing an 8 member crew for 8 weeks in Hidalgo County. Projects will further develop the Hidalgo County Fairgrounds and the Youth Demonstration Garden in Lordsburg and the Community Recreation Area in Animas, which will provide more recreation opportunities, community pride, and environmental stewardship for residents of the area. Alternate work will involve making improvements in some of the most remote areas of Hidalgo County including the Animas Schools, Virden Township and Windmill common areas. This not only impacts local hikers, bikers, and bird watchers, but also has an important role in the overall economic development strategy of the County as they seek to attract more out of the area visitors.

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Town of Estancia	Torrance	11	\$60,506.74	The Town of Estancia proposes to create a public space for the enjoyment its citizens and its visitors. This public space will be sited on a 25' x 125' lot owned and controlled by the Town and located on the southeast corner of Main Street and Williams Ave. The derelict brick building on the site has been safely demolished, removing a dangerous eyesore and allowing for the beautification and improvement of a prominent corner in town. The "harvested" brick will be used as pavers and for a wall on the south side. The demolition firm cleared the site and left it with a compacted surface. The finished public space will contain a recognition of the community's veterans, the historic significance of the former brick building, and the contributions of the YCC, Corps Members, and the UNM School of Landscape Architecture.
TseDaaKaan Community Chapter, Navajo Nation	San Juan	21	\$136,147.22	The project will entail the construction of a Traditional Navajo Hogan for the purpose of ceremonial uses, the project will have accessible walkway, picnic/food shelter to accommodate local Navajo families that are hosting a Navajo Prayer Ceremony. There will be indoor and outdoor fireplaces to conduct the ceremony as well as cooking and landscape with resting areas, A parking lot will accommodate the people that are having the ceremony as well as visitors that want to be part of the ceremony, The overall project will accommodate the elderly and the youth resulting in preserving the culture and traditional way of the Navajo people, the Hogan project will also be used to teach cultural language and Navajo Core values. The idea is to have a ceremonial Hogan available to the community to have prayers conducted for them, since not all community Navajo families have a Hogan, this project will benefit the people to it's intent.
WildEarth Guardians	Bernalillo, Sandoval	10	\$112,967.07	The 2017 YCC Valle de Oro National Urban Wildlife National Refuge and San Antonio Creek Wetland, Riparian and Water Quality Improvement Project focuses on improve watershed health in two distinct locations in New Mexico. First, the focus on the Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge, is create wetland and riparian habitat to improve storm-water runoff, improve water quality, and provide wildlife habitat. The newly designated Refuge is located in south Albuquerque, on a former diary farm near the Rio Grande The project located on the Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge will improve ecological function and conditions to a portion of recently acquired 570-acre lands, which comprise the Refuge. The Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge is a joint use facility developed by both the Albuquerque Metropolitan Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA) and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

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WildEarth Guardians	Sandoval	10	\$148,738.87	The 2017 YCC Valles Caldera National Preserve Watershed Restoration Project will be a continuation of previous YCC project efforts to improve watershed health, water quality, improve wildlife habitat, and improve recreational opportunities for the public. YCC crewmembers will plant native riparian vegetation along 1 mile of Jaramillo Creek and construct exclosures to protect riparian vegetation and its associated habitat. Jaramillo is a federally listed water quality impaired stream because of elevated stream temperatures, which negatively impact fisheries habitat and degrades water quality. Planting riparian vegetation along the stream will provide shade over the stream and decrease stream temperatures. YCC crewmembers will fell burned hazard trees along roads to mitigate potential impacts to roads and vehicles. YCC crewmembers will construct erosion control structures including contour felling to mitigate impacts of soil due to wildfire.
YouthWorks	Santa Fe	9	\$104,211.57	YouthWorks (YW) Santa Fe Youth Conservation Corps will partner with local government, City of Santa Fe, and nonprofit partners to deliver public beautification and restoration projects while participating in academic coursework, other educational skills attainment workshops and certification training, life skills training and hands-on job skills. All participants will have access to GED coursework taught by certified instructors, tutoring, no-fee counseling, and case management services for needed life and social resources. Partners: 1) City of Santa Fe: YW's YCC will deliver the Installation of two Bioretention Basins to better improve the Santa Fe River Corridor for wildlife, water flows and infiltration of stormwater to our aquifer. A third bioretention basin will be improved through YCC activities. A bioretention basin is a planted depression or swale-like structure that allows stormwater runoff from impervious urban areas
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