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Alamo Navajo School Board, Inc.	Socorro	10	\$109,111.38	<p>The overall purpose of the project is to restore a few YCC projects such as leveling off the flagstone walkways at the Alamo school park and the walkway from the Alamo School campus to the Alamo Wellness Center. Some of the flagstone have moved and needs to be restored to prevent potential falls due to balance. Some of the shelter areas need to be worked on by removing the dead red cedar and replacing them. The picnic tables need to be repainted and the grounds need to be worked on. The Hogan the YCC program built needs to be restored with caulking between the logs and a few repairs around the grounds area. As a new project, the Alamo community will construct a Alamo Navajo Veteran's Memorial on the grounds of the ANSBI campus at the Wellness Center. Currently, there is an existing parking lot near three flagpoles that has been designated as a Alamo Veteran's Memorial site. The site is a good location to commemorate the veterans of the area. The YCC crew will assist in building a memo</p>
Albuquerque Sign Language Academy	Bernalillo	35	\$174,664.48	<p>ASLA proposes to host multiple Honey Badger Conservation YCC crews that would consist of crew members, crew leaders and American Sign Language Interpreters as appropriate. One of the crew members would need to be American Sign Language (ASL) certified due to deaf hard of hearing youth that will serve on the crews. We also will match YCC crews working on the projects alongside family and community volunteers. The Honey Badger YCC crew is cornerstone project to involve youth of all abilities in ability appropriate activities and conservation work thus empowering youth to give back to our communities while learning critical job skills. People with disabilities have an estimated 70% underemployment/ unemployment rate in New Mexico. This project supports youth with (and without disabilities in taking classroom instruction and applying their learning into solving real world and hands on conservation projects). Research from the Outdoor Industry Foundation indicates that HEALTH & WELLNESS is</p>

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Aldo Leopold Charter School	Grant	40	\$107,216.00	<p>The garden crew works on a number of community garden projects including pollinator gardens, a community botanical garden, and school campus gardens. The crew members gain working knowledge of native plants, gardening strategies, rainwater catchment, and the significance of pollinators. They also promote ecological awareness for other crew members, residents, and visitors via the demonstration gardens and crew presentations. The garden crew collaborates with organizations like the Native Plant Society, the Town of Silver City, GRIP (The Gila Resources Information Project), and Silver Consolidated Schools (by providing education and enrichment for K-8 students). Murals crew works with local artists, elders, and historians to add to the growing collection of colorful murals that highlight the variety of cultures, traditions, events, and features of our region. The crew installs painted and ceramic murals in public spaces that add to the beauty of our region and provide education</p>
ALMA (Apprenticeships for Leaders in Mosaic Arts)	Bernalillo	7	\$79,559.33	<p>The mosaic projects that ALMA creates are permanent public art installations, created to last for many, many years. Their beauty becomes a permanent part of the landscape, representing a unique archive of community history and collaboration. ALMA's partnerships with local community leaders from the South Valley and the Pueblo of Isleta has facilitated our unique interview and design process that has also created a lasting physical archive of community history that may be shared into the future. ALMA apprentices are impacted by the financial support that comes from continued employment, the on-going acquisition of skills, and the opportunity to learn about other cultures and their successes and challenges. The apprentice Corps members are a part of this whole collaborative process, unique to ALMA. We are demonstrating this way of working within public arts—a sector of art that is most frequented by the community. Our goal is that they will continue to utilize these community-buildingsk</p>

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Aztec Municipal School District	San Juan	19	\$146,387.50	<p>Aztec Municipal Schools Campus Beautification (project) partners with Aztec Municipal School District (AMSD), each of the seven (7) school sites in our district (including the Mosaic Academy charter school), and the City of Aztec in their efforts to beautify, preserve and restore to quality of open spaces on school campuses in Aztec, NM. Additionally, the project will partner with these same entities to conduct landscaping and native grass seeding on the old county court house property next to Aztec High School in order to make this district owned property more appealing as a community open space; and increase its suitability as a future outdoor learning space for school in the district. Project work crew members will be expected to do basic landscaping work, flower bed planting, weed removal and other work tasks under the supervision of AMSD maintenance staff.</p>
City of Aztec	San Juan	5	\$42,923.97	<p>Riverside Park is the jewel of the Aztec Park System and has been undergoing numerous improvements over the years. This is where major events such as the Sand Juan Antique Truck Show, DeDe's Car Show, and Aztec Highland Games and Celtic Festival are annually held. The projects proposed will help the youth develop skills of fencing, concrete work, landscaping, and painting. The proposed projects listed below will help enhance Riverside Park and keep the community actively participating in our park system.</p>

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City of Bloomfield	San Juan	10	\$82,233.12	Vereda Del Rio San Juan River Trail Project has entailed the construction of multi-use, diverse, non-motorized trail along the San Juan River in Bloomfield, NM. The trail has been constructed on property owned by the City of Bloomfield. The trail is' a continuation and a completion of a project started in 2006. For future development of the trail, all will be included but not or limited to, Russian Olive and Salt Cedar eradication and noxious weed prevention along the riverbanks of the trails. Once completed, the clearing of the invasive species will provide visibility to the waters of the San Juan River, thereby enhancing the natural beauty of the area. The city will continue working on the infrastructure of the natural water way. It will expand opportunities for the public to enjoy the trails natural beauty. Events are held along the riverwalk, such as festivals, benefits, and youth events. It is an extremely popular place for graduations also. Locally and regionally, this project is
City of Gallup	McKinley	15	\$174,990.89	The Gallup YCC program builds on a 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 providing nutritious snacks, physical fitness stretches and yoga, to improve trails, community gardens, park beautifications, conservation, and built environment projects. Work plans also restore, recycle, and regenerate open space for habitat, safe play, community gardens, and recreation areas. The City of Gallup and McKinley County continues to embolden the Gallup Youth Conservation Corp with civic responsibility and environmental stewardship. Communities in these areas, including Cibola National Forests, benefit from trails free of litter, improved trails, kiosks, bike park, and open spaces, fence repairs, masonry, improving wildlife habitat, erosion control, stream restoration, brushing, noxious/invasive weed removal, preservation of hi

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City of Tucumcari	Bernalillo, Quay	8	\$80,598.64	<p>This project contributes to youth career development by giving them experience to fill out an application, go through the interview process and if chosen they are taught to fill out employment paperwork such a w-2. If they are hired they will learn on the job skills, safety and teamwork and leadership skills. The environmental benefits of the project include the revitalization and clean up green spaces around town. The community benefits from the project by having clean and accessible green spaces to utilize and enjoy. By partnering with the Quay County Health Council we learned there was need to improve the existing public walking trail. We plan to purchase and install outdoor exercise equipment, this will benefit the community by providing a safe space for walking, running, exercising etc. The City has received positive feedback from the community every year that we have received the YCC grant and it has lead to new project partners. This year the City of Tucumcari is working with Ma</p>
Commons Center for Food Sustainability & Security	Grant	7	\$20,756.57	<p>The Commons has benefited from Youth Conservation Corps projects over the past several years as a project partner with Aldo Leopold Charter School. We have had YCC crews work in our Educational Gardens, Orchards, and help install new sidewalks. We implemented our first Commons YCC program this summer and learned many lessons and identifies opportunities to strengthen the program and support our corps members. We are applying as a Program Sponsor this round because we feel we can offer meaningful work experiences to our youth participants and address several pressing needs of our organization. We are starting small with a eight person crew for eight weeks to help ensure a successful program and to strengthen our ability to fully manage a YCC program on our own. We are confident we have the capacity and ability to be successful. Our mission is to meet the immediate needs of Grant County residents who are food insecure and strive to build community around the concepts of food justice, loc</p>

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Conservation Legacy	Bernalillo	6	\$61,414.09	Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps (ALCC) and Bernalillo County Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Department (PROSD) will work together to employ local Indigenous youth and young adults from Bernalillo County to improve and restore Major Open Space units in the Middle Rio Grande Valley, including the Sanchez Farm Open Space, Hubbell Open Space, Arenal Open Space, Westside Community Center, Los Padillas Community Center, Mountain View Community Center, and other PROSD sites as mutually agreed upon. ALCC will also work on cultural preservation projects at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House, helping to re-plaster and preserve the structure built in the 1860s. The youth participants will receive valuable training, education, job skills, life skills, connection to career pathways, and personal development while completing important environmental protection projects.
Conservation Legacy	Bernalillo, Catron, Cibola	8	\$61,414.09	At its core, Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps (ALCC) is a collaborative community-driven program of Conservation Legacy that partners with Tribal communities, public land managers, and other nonprofits to create impactful programs designed to meet community-identified needs. The Acoma Traditional Farm Corps began in 2011 in direct response to the desire of community members to protect local agricultural traditions by reconnecting Acoma youth to their rich agricultural heritage. The program uses a multi-faceted approach to facilitate the preservation of traditional farming skills and reconnect Indigenous young people to their traditions, cultures, and heritage while addressing community needs around food sovereignty, seed saving, and health and nutrition.

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County of Bernalillo	Bernalillo	9	\$50,460.28	Bernalillo County Open Space (BCOS) recognizes the need to continue providing opportunities which allow individuals to experience open space lands but even more importantly to connect community members to the natural resources in their backyards. When residents feel a connection and responsibility for public lands, these spaces are more likely to be appreciated and cared for in the long term. BCOS manages a few properties in its inventory that have a history of serving agricultural purposes. We aim to maintain these in arable condition as a practical and educational resource. As we move toward our goals of increasing access, improving educational opportunities, and teaching stewardship, we continuously partner with organizations in the community to help us engage in place-based planning and community development. Our collaborators include Agricultura Cooperative Network, NM2050, and Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District. Past middle school age, there are not many programs for y
East Rio Arriba Soil & Water Conservation District	Rio Arriba	8	\$43,595.32	The goal of this project is to employ local youth and engage them to be to be involved in natural resource conservation by applying technology to the importance of conservation in the local communities within the East Rio Arriba Soil and Water Conservation District (ERASWCD). This project will help youth to develop job skills and will help to form connections with different agencies that will help them pursue their career goals. This project contributes to the youth career development because it provides the youth with experience in the Natural Resource Management field. The ERASWCD has former crew members who now work for Interstate Stream Commission, New Mexico State Forestry, and NM Acequia Association, Los Alamos National Labs, and currently has a former YCC crew members working as full- time employee. The youth involved in this project will learn to use GPS devices to collect data to map Acequias, Riparian Areas, Dam Sites and other Natural Resource areas within ERASWCD.

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EcoServants	Lincoln, Otero	17	\$165,169.29	<p>The Purpose of this EcoServants Lincoln County NMYCC Project will be to improve and maintain the outdoor recreational opportunities and the forest health of Lincoln and Otero Counties' public lands working with local Natural Resource Managers. This project will also recruit, train and employ 24 local youth with competitive wages and an AmeriCorps scholarship. The big projects we have planned for 2023 are building a new 5 mile trail in Sawmill Canyon. restoration of South Fork Trail which was closed in 2012 due to the Little Bear Fire in White Mountain Wilderness Area, creating and implementing a sign plan and trail reroutes in Grindstone Trail System on United States Department of Agriculture -Forest Service (USDA-FS) Smokey Bear District, Extension of the Enchanted Trail on USDA-FSSacramento Ranger District and performing FireWise duties and planting trees on the Mescalero Apache Reservation.</p>
EcoServants	Lincoln, Otero	12	\$165,169.29	<p>The Purpose of this EcoServants Otero County NMYCC Project will be to improve and maintain the outdoor recreational opportunities and the forest health of Lincoln and Otero Counties' public lands working with local Natural Resource Managers. This project will also recruit, train and employ 24 local youth with competitive wages and an AmeriCorps scholarship. The big projects we have planned for 2023 are building a new 5 mile trail in Sawmill Canyon, restoration of South Fork Trail which was closed in 2012 due to the Little Bear Fire in White Mountain Wilderness Area, creating and implementing a sign plan and trail reroutes in Grindstone Trail System on United States Department of Agriculture -Forest Service (USDA-FS) Smokey Bear District, Extension of the Enchanted Trail on USDA-FS Sacramento Ranger District and performing FireWise duties and planting trees on the Mescalero Apache Reservation.</p>

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GEM Environmental NFP	Cibola, Grant, Hidalgo, McKinley	7	\$419,445.71	AML Mine feature inventory of the Gold Hill Mining District.
Harwood Art Center of Escuela del Sol Montessori	Bernalillo	10	\$59,259.79	<p>In 2019 our team installed our first public artwork in Mesa Verde Park, Unidos: a celebration of the diversity and journeys that shape Albuquerque’s International District. In 2020, we installed Cambio, a tiled bench and in 2021, our team designed three Welcome Beacons that connect Cambio and Unidos. Last summer, we created Gathering Point, a sculptured cement seating area covered in tiles created in community workshops. In 2023 we will create an Entrance Arch that continues the art park growing along the Eastern border of the park. This arch will again utilize butterflies and leaves as symbols for journey and survival. We’ll invite community members to co-create tiles in honor of those they’ve lost, and as prayers of hope for those still among us.</p>

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Hermit's Peak Watershed Alliance	Mora, San Miguel	7	\$91,085.75	After the Hermit's Peak-Calf Canyon Fires, Elmo Baca, co-chair of the Mora-San Miguel Long-term Fire Recovery Initiative, spoke to the NM Legislative Interim Committee on Economic Development and Policy. He identified the economic viability of our agricultural lands and forests as a primary challenge to recovery. This YCC crew will play an important role in restoring the vitality of these lands, reducing the on-going flood threat to their neighbors, and filling the gap in trained and employed natural resource professionals that currently strains our work and that of our peers and partners. Over 50% of the burn scar from the fire is on private lands. If we are to recover from the fires and achieve a resilient and sustainable future with cold, clean and abundant water, these private lands must be restored. As a nonprofit, Hermit's Peak Watershed Alliance is nimbler than our government partners, and we can leverage private foundation and donor support, as well as government funding to app
Jemez Mountain Public Schools (JMPS)	Rio Arriba	11	\$79,580.81	There are roughly 3,000 acres owned USAGE government property open to the public for various forms of low or no cost land and water based recreational activities to include fishing, boating, picnicking, camping, hiking, biking, and wildlife viewing. The two work projects that USAGE Abiquiu Lake staff propose for the YCC crew include vegetation debris collection known as the Arroyo Jaspe Project and the Vista Trail Maintenance Project. These particular work projects are both located on land accessible to the public for outdoor recreational activities at no cost. The Arroyo Jaspe Project will provide much needed assistance in achieving improved ecosystem health in that area and appropriately manage increasing newly exposed land and shoreline areas due to drought/water usage. The Abiquiu Lake Vista Trail will help improve and maintain a system built over a twenty-year period for easier access for visitors. These projects promote integrity related to human and natural resources in the are

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Rio Arriba County	Rio Arriba	25	\$174,999.99	<p>The purpose of the Healing Garden is to create a public healing space that the community can have access to. The garden serves as a beautiful open space, helping those in the grieving process find peace in loosing loved ones to negative substance use outcomes. Currently there are memorials for loved ones that have died by suicide or opioid overdose. RAC STOP intensive outpatient treatment program will utilize the healing garden space as an area to provide individual and group counseling. Thus the layout of the healing gardens is intentional to provide private spaces where client confidentiality can be respected.</p>
Rio Arriba County	Rio Arriba	13	\$174,999.00	<p>The purpose of the Rio Arriba County Fairgrounds improvement project is to provide the community with a more enjoyable and clean county fair experience by enhancing the current fairgrounds infrastructure. The goal is to make it year around assessable - currently the road is corroded and only fixed temporarily for the county fair in July. This will save the county maintenance money in the long run and allow the county to have the capacity to rent the RV sites our year around and utilize the Rio Arriba County Rural Event Center for outdoor activities such as concerts.</p>

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RiverSource Inc. (Partners in Education Foundation)	Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Taos	30	\$121,889.52	Riversource builds capacity, rather than create dependency, with an awareness that more work outside of our own capabilities needs to be done to create water resilience. This approach helps us sustain hope in a world with economic opportunities for youth and widespread ecological degradation. Our goal is to advance land, water and wildlife protection. To do this we must build these skills for youth and then assist our partners in achieving success with in managing NM tribal, local, state, and federal lands and water.
Robert F. Kennedy Charter School	Bernalillo	27	\$173,837.00	RFK's Farm to School project goals includes providing experiential learning opportunities for its students in agriculture and nutrition, increasing access to fresh produce to residents in Albuquerque's south valley, and changing how students eat at school. RFK partners with many nonprofits, businesses, and government agencies to provide paid internship and apprenticeship opportunities that lead to expanded career pathways for its students. Those pathways include culinary arts and welding. RFK has added its Farm to School program, including health and science standards, as a permanent part of its curriculum. Shadyside Farm shares space with Shadyside Park in Albuquerque's south valley. The farm side was an abandoned area with a rusty metal fence separating the two spaces. RFK turned the area into a working farm, replaced the fence, and beautified it, making it a safe space for the community. Community members can access fresh produce and honey from the farm. The hoop house will allow fo

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Rocky Mountain Youth Corps	Bernalillo, Santa Fe	16	\$134,138.30	The overall goal of the project is to provide comprehensive life skills and workforce development training to underserved youth and young adults as they gain practical employment experience to inspire them toward a career in conservation and community service. Corps members will complete a variety of community development projects that conserve natural and cultural resources and support the local economy. RMYC will engage two crews from Santa Fe and Albuquerque to help achieve this goal.
Rocky Mountain Youth Corps	Rio Arriba, Taos	10	\$165,065.08	The overall goal of the project is to provide comprehensive life skills and workforce development training to underserved youth and young adults as they gain practical employment experience to inspire them toward a career in conservation and community service. Corps members will complete historic preservation projects to the traditional village of Taos Pueblo while they learn traditional skills that enhance their culture and help preserve a valuable economic resource for the community. Another crew will create visitor walking trails along the Acequia Madre and Orchards at the Los Luceros Historic Sites to increase accessibility and provide new opportunities for the public to experience nature, encounter wildlife, and learn more about the history of the area. A third crew will improve a disc golf course in the Town of Taos to diversity and expand outdoor recreation opportunities in an underserved neighborhood of Taos.

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San Juan College	San Juan	15	\$175,000.00	<p>San Juan College's Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Project goal is to provide corps members an opportunity to become more aware of their outdoor environment and how to maintain it through hands-on learning and classroom training. San Juan College's YCC Project will provide outdoor education and serve as a support in the development of creativity, problem-solving, team-building, making new friends, confidence, and practical skill building. Youth will be able to gain experience of a career outdoors that will have long lasting impacts towards sustainability and environmental awareness. In addition, corps members will learn valuable life skills such as responsibility and accountability, and career skills like resume writing, interviewing, and financial literacy during their training sessions. The removal of noxious weeds and invasive trees will prevent and lower loss of native plants associated with the expansion of noxious weeds and invasive trees. Reclaiming and installing new landsc</p>
Santa Clara Pueblo	Rio Arriba, Sandoval	18	\$120,103.39	<p>Our goal this year is to employ and train unemployed youth to preserve traditional cultural structures and clean and rehabilitate trails, wetland areas, and ponds. Youth will learn how to fix, maintain, and restore Homos (outdoor ovens) for elders within the community. Along with this, the youth will also be working to clear and rehabilitate traditional trails within the upper canyon area of the reservation along with recreational trails at Puye cliffs. A final project consisting of monitoring wild.life within the area and rehabilitating ponds that are on the Santa Clara Pueblo lands. These projects will ensure the opportunity for youth workers to learn the importance of restoration work, game migration and animal habitational patterns. Youth workers are engaging within the community by fixing tribal member's outdoor ovens. This will assist them in getting involved within the community and engaging with tribal members. The 2023 Santa Clara Pueblo Summer Youth Conservation Corps grant p</p>

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Santa Fe Children's Museum	Bernalillo, Santa Fe	5	\$74,298.92	Our outdoor space has served as a sustainable educational model for our community since the early 1990s. It has served nationally as an Exhibit Case Study for the Association of Children's Museums in partnership with GreenExhibits.org. Encompassing more than an acre of exhibits and natural habitat, this naturalized space features a water catchment tank, exhibits, a community garden, fruit and nut trees, herbs, flowers, and pollinating plants where children and adults can connect with the natural world. In relation to New Mexico and our unique landscape, our outdoor space has served as a learning laboratory for our crew members, and as a model of sustainable southwest gardening and conservation techniques. In 2023 we will focus the majority of our efforts on the outdoor space and sustainable garden where corps members will learn about adobe restoration, painting, planting and food distribution, garden maintenance, and organic maintenance of healthy ecosystems using xeriscape and perma
Spirit of Hidalgo	Hidalgo	10	\$60,140.00	Explore Hidalgo County Outdoors (EHCO) seeks to increase economic opportunities and community wellness around outdoor recreation in Lordsburg and Hidalgo County. The Shakespeare Hub project is the development of a web of trails from the intersection of Shakespeare Ghost Town, Shakespeare Cemetery, and Shakespeare CDT Trailhead. From this Hub, there is access to miles of the CDT, interesting gravesites at the cemetery, walking tours at the ghost town, offshoot roads and trails that go through old mines and ranch land, Veterans Park with overnight camping and picnic areas, the archery range, and the water towers to see for miles around. Youth involved in this project will be tasked with designing the City Trail, a CDT Loop, and the Cemetery Walk. They will consider natural obstacles, low-profile signage, interesting facts to share, accessibility, and land-use regulations, create marketing videos, and present their plans to City Council, the health council, and other groups for feedback a

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Talking Talons Youth Leadership	Bernalillo	7	\$58,046.05	<p>The overall goal of this project is three-fold: 1.) To engage young New Mexicans in an entry level conservation employment experience resulting in completed, hands-on, management plan-driven work tasks that benefit the community and the land and would otherwise go undone; 2.) To support the personal and professional development of the youth YCC crew members by providing mentorship and training in life skills, job skills, career skills, cultural awareness and conservation practices; and 3.) To support local workforce development by supporting the training of the next generation of conservation professionals. This project contributes to youth career development by hiring and training young crew members who will learn basic job skills such as: showing up ready to work with a good attitude; understanding daily and longer term goals of the project; crew, project, partner, and jobsite management; jobsite and tool safety; technical job skill such as trail restoration, invasive removal, etc</p>
Taos Land Trust	Taos	11	\$135,206.64	<p>The Taos Land Trust (TLT) intends to hire 3 different NM YCC crews in the spring, summer, and fall of 2023 to engage in ongoing and new agricultural, ecological monitoring, land management, and park infrastructure work at Rio Fernando Park (RFP), a 20-acre public park protected with a conservation easement in the center of Taos. The primary purpose of the project is to provide education for our local community youth that will support their varied interests and inspire them to develop their skills and talents in pursuit of their career and life dreams. We have developed sustainable agriculture, ecological monitoring and restoration programs for the purpose of providing educational opportunities for the community, as well as addressing food insecurity and improving climate resilience. This project provides education and training opportunities for a broad range of career paths, for example carpentry, land management, agriculture, natural resource technicians and professionals. Corps M</p>

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The Family YMCA	Los Alamos	12	\$76,169.88	The purpose of the project when it first started in 2009 was to repair fire-damaged community trails that meander 58 miles throughout the Los Alamos community, as well as perimeter trails on USDA Forest Service land. This purpose has evolved in to providing service to any number of projects for overall community benefit (such as park repairs and minor building projects), often times addressing or creating new community trails for sustainability and supporting fire line trails. Another goal is to employ youth in relevant outdoor work where they can contribute to their community, and gain an understanding of how they personally have made a difference, as well as provide youth with an entry level job opportunity where they can learn valuable team-work and life skills. A final goal is to help youth build friendships among youth from other communities so that can gain an open perspective on others from different communities.
The Forest Stewards Guild	Cibola, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Torrance	24	\$174,842.39	The summer 2023 Forest Stewards Youth Corps (FSYC) program will implement a comprehensive set of natural resource conservation projects and training and educational initiatives involving 23 youth, from up to 7 different counties, on 4 different USDA Forest Service Ranger Districts and one Pueblo. The youth will be hired across 4 5 person crews and one 4 person crew. Crews will be located at: Jemez Pueblo (JP), Mt. Taylor Ranger District (MTRD); Coyote Ranger District (CRD); Las Vegas/Pecos Ranger District (LVRD); and Mountainair Ranger District (MRD). Crews are hired and trained by the Forest Stewards Guild and work day to day at their host units. This structure provides corps members with work experience with the Forest Service and at Jemez Pueblo Natural Resource department while also providing a valuable workforce to those agencies to help them accomplish important projects. Projects will improve thousands of acres of public and ancestral Pueblo land and the visitor experience for t

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The Forest Stewards Guild	Bernalillo, McKinley, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Taos, Torrance	14	\$174,667.32	The 2023 FSYC fire and fuels program will provide a suite of benefits to the communities in which it serves. Work projects will help reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire by helping to prepare fire control lines in advance of prescribed fire and by rehabilitating areas previously burned to reduce post-fire flooding effects. The Mountainair and Espanola Ranger Districts and Jemez Pueblo have experienced wildfires in recent years that require rehabilitation work which FSYC crews will be engaged in.
Town of Estancia	Torrance	5	\$87,794.44	The Punkin Chunkin Field is located in the heart of Torrance County and is used for the annual Punkin Chunkin event. This event has been going on for the past 26+ years and consists of hurling a pumpkin by mechanical means for distance and in come contest, accuracy. The devices used include sling shots, catapults, centrifugal, trebuchets and pneumatic air cannons. The event is sponsored by the Estancia Rotary Club. All money raised at the event funds local scholarships, including the Youth Scholarship Fund. The Town of Estancia proposes to construct several covered areas for the enjoyment of its citizens and visitors to its Punkin Chunkin Field. The field is utilized for many events including the annual Rotary Club Punkin Chunkin event, which raises money for scholarships. Currently, there are no covered areas for protection from the elements (sun, rain etc.) for the spectators. The goal/purpose of this project is to construct covered areas (concrete slabs with pro-panel roofing) allow

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Town of Mountainair	Torrance	9	\$46,032.99	Our purpose of this project is to continue to revitalize our outdoor space within Mountainair. This project will have additional work done at the JP Helms Rodeo Arena; plus work on our Mustang drive-in and Chavez Memorial park. The work to the Mustang Drive-In will completely revolutionize how our drive-in is utilized.
Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District	Valencia	5	\$61,678.91	The overall purpose of this project is twofold: to give New Mexican youth a career-building opportunity in line with President Biden's vision for building back better in the 2021 America The Beautiful initiative, which aims to conserve and restore the lands and waters that support and sustain us and to give every child in America the chance to experience the wonders of nature. Access to natural areas by underserved groups improves public health overall. When a community reconnects with nature, that community will protect, conserve and enhance its natural treasures, which is a core outcome of this project.

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Village of Santa Clara	Grant	8	\$31,301.06	<p>The Village of Santa Clara will direct most of the YCC program efforts to the design, repair, and installation of the Fort Bayard Golf Course. In historic Fort Bayard. The golf course has a wonderful history and was a active and vibrant outdoor recreation activity in years past. Built in 1933 the course boasts of many pro players coming out to Grant County to play the course. The land, markings, and original layout are in place waiting for repair and restoration. Disc Golf is currently one of the fastest growing sports in the U.S. There are now courses all over New Mexico in Las Cruces, T or C, Cloudcroft, Ruidoso, Roswell, Farmington, Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Taos, Sipapu Ski Area, and other towns. Fort Bayard offers a scenic and challenging landscape to develop one of the best tournament disc golf courses in the state. Fort Bayard offers the best potential for a high quality course with the least amount of labor and expense.</p>
YouthWorks	San Miguel, Santa Fe	27	\$174,998.89	<p>YouthWorks (YW) Santa Fe Youth Conservation Corps (SFYCC) will deliver projects with public/nonprofit property owners and key partners that will improve and restore lands for the benefit of the public and teach and train youth for the 2023 seasonal work period. Our 2023 project will rotate 15 crew members between projects throughout the 6-month seasonal project duration in conjunction with partners and training opportunities to impart critical work skills and education and maintain work activity variety while striving to meet each project’s goals. Transportation and crew work team-size will be facilitated by YouthWorks training personnel and scheduled professional technical trainers. Corps Members will work under the supervision of YouthWorks’ on the Job Trainer, Life Skills/Mentors and Supervisor (s) on a daily basis to gain work skills, learn teamwork, form responsible habits, receive technical training from volunteers and paid trainers and partners from various sectors of the commu</p>