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Aldo Leopold Charter School - Fall	Grant	34	\$58,195.00	Each semester Aldo Leopold Charter School students are given the opportunity to earn 0.5 internship credit in one of four crews: garden/landscaping, ecological monitoring, murals, and trail construction. In addition to earning school credit, students gain a wealth of college and career readiness skills and topic focused skills from our highly skilled YCC trainers. Each crew works to improve our region and engages with our community partners helping to build and strengthen relationships between the youth and the greater populace of Grant County. In Fall semester each crew works a total of 17 Fridays. The Aldo Leopold YCC program affords students significant opportunity for experiential learning and community stewardship through meaningful projects that advance lasting social, economic, and ecological change in public spaces. Additionally, students exit the program with enduring professional skills. YCC is transformative.
Aldo Leopold Charter School - Spring	Grant	95	\$94,603.00	Each semester Aldo Leopold Charter School students are given the opportunity to earn 0.5 internship credit in one of four crews: garden/landscaping, ecological monitoring, murals, and trail construction. In addition to earning school credit, students gain a wealth of college and career readiness skills and topic focused skills from our highly skilled YCC trainers. Each crew works to improve our region and engages with our community partners helping to build and strengthen relationships between the youth and the greater populace of Grant County. In spring semester each crew works a total of 17 Fridays and an optional three weeks of full-time work at the end of the semester (into the summer). The Aldo Leopold YCC program affords students significant opportunity for experiential learning and community stewardship through meaningful projects that advance lasting social, economic, and ecological change in public spaces.
ALMA	Bernalillo	8	\$55,521.86	ALMA (Apprenticeships for Leaders in Mosaic Arts) creates large public murals made of handmade ceramic tiles. ALMA Lead Artists collaborate with the community in every step of our process - design, fabrication, and installation - to create stunning mosaics that represent New Mexico's rich and diverse communities. Our mission supports and nurtures artists of all ages in creating artworks of exceptional quality while building entrepreneurial skills. Our paid mosaic arts apprenticeship model develops leaders through a diverse and inclusive program. In 2016 Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge approached us about collaborating with community members in Mountain View Neighborhood, the South Valley, the Pueblo of Isleta, Bernalillo County, and the Albuquerque Metropolitan Area to design mosaic sculptures to welcome visitors at Refuge entrances.

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Audubon New Mexico	Santa Fe	6	\$66,440.28	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, land, water, and wildlife. There are currently over thirty states throughout the nation that have Master Naturalist Programs. The Bernalillo County 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 of representatives from Audubon New Mexico, Santa Fe County, Northern New Mexico College, the Santa Fe Botanical Garden, and the Bernalillo chapter of Master Naturalists.
City of Gallup	McKinley	12	\$144,500.64	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 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 of which are ranked as some of the highest in the State and 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.
Deming Cesar Chavez Charter High School - Fall	Luna	8	\$30,756.52	This application is a companion program to our SPRING 2021 application. Building off our successful 2019 YCC projects we are designing a program that offers an opportunity for many of our students to gain needed job skills and prepare for the workforce. We currently have a successful internship and job placement programs, but many of our students lack basic skills and need a supportive and rigorous program to develop needed skills. Students will receive 1 credit hour (work study) for 65 hours of program participation. Working with current community program partners, we are proposing work projects that help with much needed repairs and improvements to Deming and Luna County public parks and areas. Additionally, we will partner with our sister school, Mimbres Valley High School, to offer some of the YCC positions to their students. Both DCCCHS and Minbres Valley HS support at risk, low income students seeking to enhance their job skills and employability.

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Deming Cesar Chavez Charter High School - Spring	Luna	15	\$40,781.41	Building off our successful 2019 YCC projects we are designing a program that offers an opportunity for many of our students to gain needed job skills and prepare for the workforce. We currently have a successful internship and job placement programs, but many of our students lack basic skills and need a supportive and rigorous program to develop needed skills. Students will receive 1 credit hour (work study) for 65 hours of program participation. Working with current community program partners, we are proposing work projects that help with much needed repairs and improvements to Deming and Luna County public parks and areas. Additionally, we will partner with our sister school, Mimbres Valley High School, to offer some of the YCC positions to their students. Both DCCCHS and Mimbres Valley HS support at risk, low income students seeking to enhance their job skills and employability.
East Rio Arriba Soil & Water Conservation District	Rio Arriba	5	\$48,090.23	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 (ERASWCD). This project will provide the youth with experience in the Natural Resource Management field. The youth involved in this project will use GPS devices to map Acequias, Riparian Areas and a variety of Natural Resource areas within ERASWCD. They will learn valuable skills such as GPS data collection, resource inventory, plant classification, extensive conservation techniques, technical writing, and public speaking skills. The youth will learn skills out in the field such as: documenting areas of concern, inventorying irrigation structures, inventorying resources, and taking corresponding photographs. Students will utilize Microsoft Excel to download and create way-point attribute tables and ArcGIS software to create shapefiles and maps.
EcoServants - Lincoln	Lincoln, Otero	18	\$148,900.29	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. 26 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 (SLM), New Mexico Historic Sites, the Village of Ruidoso (VOR), and the County of Lincoln we will be focusing on new and old trails. Crews will also assist with range, wildlife and recreational projects.

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EcoServants - Otero	Lincoln, Otero	19	\$148,900.29	Offer local youth the opportunity for the best summer job experience and training in Otero County. 20 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) - Sacramento Ranger District, Mescalero Apache Reservation (MAR), United States Department of Agriculture - Forest Service (USDA-FS) -Smokey Bear District and the Village of Ruidoso (VOA) we will be focusing on new and old trails. Crews will also assist with range, wildlife and recreation in duties such as wildlife and veg surveys, building and repairing fences, cleaning or creating campsites, painting and staining buildings.
EMNRD - Sugarite Canyon State Park	Colfax	7	\$60,720.31	The Little Horse Tent Camping Area project includes the construction of 11 new tent camping sites at Sugarite Canyon State Park. Over the past few years, Sugarite has seen a significant increase in camping activity. Historically, campgrounds were constructed to allow for vehicles to drive right up to the campsite allowing for motor homes and RVs in the campgrounds. There has been an increased interest in minimalist camping and tent camping. Visitors participating in tent camping often want to be separated from the typical RV campground noise and generators. The development of Little Horse Tent Camping Area will provide well spaced tent sites giving visitors the sense of isolation. The camping area will include 11 tent camping sites each equipped with a tent pad, bear proof food locker, and ground grill. Individual camping sites will be located within trees/brush to provide separation between sites and providing screening. A small parking area will also be created by widening.
Harwood Art Center of Escuela del Sol Montessori	Bernalillo	10	\$41,307.20	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. This past summer, we installed our Cambio bench to address the change this year has brought into our lives and to remember those killed in police violence. Camino will connect Unidos and Cambio through a series of narrative lanterns and a sculpted walkway. This work will span the summer of 2021 and 2022 and we've already received commitments from Instructors at Fuse Maker Space, CABQ 1% for Public Art, CABQ Parks and Recreation and City Forester Joren Viers for their support and partnership on Camino. This application to the New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps will support Corps members' creation a series of narrative steel lanterns and audio artworks that comprise the first year of this project in the summer of 2021. Camino will honor the immigrant journey many of us and our ancestors have taken.

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Rio Arriba County - Precious Age Precious Water	Rio Arriba	11	\$149,606.72	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 - Healing Memorial	Rio Arriba	11	\$149,800.72	The Therapeutic Garden Memorial has three areas of focus 1) to create an environment conducive to the mental, physical and spiritual recovery of persons negatively affected by substance abuse disorders, and their families; 2) to improve a natural environment where all Rio Arriba residents can enjoy reflective, soothing and recreational opportunities from the hustle and bustle of everyday life: and, 3) to provide adjudicated youth and young adults with the opportunity to learn skills of employment, education and responsibility that will serve them well in constructing better choices for their lives. Specifically, the project hopes to contribute to an ongoing effort, partially funded by a legislative capital outlay grant, to complete a multi-phase effort to improve a section of county owned land adjacent to its substance abuse disorder facility .
Rio Grande Return	Bernalillo, Sandoval, Socorro	6	\$88,324.36	In 2021, YCC crew members will work alongside the RGR team to implement riparian restoration projects, fire mitigation efforts, and project monitoring that expand upon previous years of work. Education and career development through hands-on restoration project implementation and monitoring are the foundation of RGR's approach to YCC. YCC crew will assist in harvesting and planting site-appropriate, native riparian vegetation along San Antonio Creek, Rio Cebolla and Redondo Creek, as well as in constructing site-appropriate fencing to protect plantings from livestock and/or elk browse. Additional work along the Rio Cebolla will include thinning of encroaching conifers, and utilizing the thinned trees for in-stream structures, including BDAs, Large Woody Debris (LWD) complexes, and Post Assisted Log Structures (PALS). Crew members will have the opportunity to participate in geomorphology and vegetation monitoring efforts on the Rio Cebolla and Redondo Creek projects.

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Santa Clara Pueblo	Rio Arriba, Sandoval	27	\$132,663.62	Our YCC funded goal is to restore and preserve important tribal sites while crews learn important job skills in the fields of environmental and cultural preservation. Damage caused to these sites by fires and floods in the last fifteen years continue to plague Santa Clara canyon and the Puye cultural sites. However we'll use this tragedy to provide our youth job training and life coping skills. To accomplish these goals crews will be divided into small groups alternating at different work sites and locations on a weekly basis to meet objectives. Project locations will be in the Santa Clara Canyon and at the Puye Cliff Dwellings where six crews consisting of of 4 members each including one crew leader and a tribal staff, will complete their assigned tasks. Tribal staff will enforce safety procedures and accountability. We will abide by all federal.state and traibl health policies and guidelines at all work locations. The primary task of the Puye crews will be the restoration and preservation.
Santa Fe Children's Museum	Santa Fe	6	\$71,942.83	In 2021 we will focus the majority of our efforts in the Outdoor Space and Earthworks Sustainable Garden where Corps members will learn organic maintenance of healthy ecosystems using xeriscape and permaculture principles, which provides a more complex understanding of the environment and how to effect positive change. An expert on worms and vermicomposting will provide training to members, sharing the environmental benefits of diverting organic materials from the waste stream and the commercial-business aspect of vermicomposting operations. The blending of one-on-one mentorship with experts in a variety of fields, tutorials, training, classes, and projects provides a broad set of life skills that constitute a strong foundation for professional advancement. Learning about the unique NM culture, history, and how that relates to their own lives builds on Corps members sense of belonging and pride. Corps members also gain the satisfaction of contributing to the community.
Talking Talons Youth Leadership	Bernalillo, Sandoval, Torrance	7	\$69,560.81	TTYL will field a Crew of (5) youth, including (1) Crew Lead, over (18) weeks in 2021. This Crew will complete hands-on, management plan-driven restoration, enhancement, and conservation work tasks as defined in the Work Plans supplied by our project partners: Village of Tijeras, Bernalillo County, Friends of the Sandia Mountains/Cibola National Forest, and Edgewood Soil and Water Conservation District. This TTYL Crew will receive hands-on training during at least 10% of their employment time. Planned training sessions include each topic area of job skills, career, life skills, cultural, conservation and education. This TTYL Crew will also participate in community outreach and education activities reaching up to (45) community members. The Crew will design, promote and host up to (2)community education and stewardship events (such as trash pick-up, invasive species removal, mulching) at Bernalillo County sites and be trained for and provide up to (2) "Nature Therapy Walk" sessions.

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Taos Land Trust	Taos	17	\$139,347.04	The Taos Land Trust (TL T) intends to engage 4 NM YCC crews in the spring, summer and fall of 2021 to support ongoing and new agricultural, ecological monitoring, land management and park infrastructure work at Rio Fernando Park (RFP), a 20-acre property in the center of the Town of Taos and adjacent to the Town-owned Fred Baca Park. In 2018 we completed a community-sourced master plan which helped identify where walking trails, food gardens, discovery play spaces and structures would be placed on the property; in 2019 our YCC crew began this work with support from TL T and community volunteers. In 2020, our smaller YCC crews re-focused their efforts on improving food security by growing more food on the property and distributing that food to needy families in the community affected by the strains caused by the pandemic. In 2021 the YCC crews will continue to build out and manage this multi-use green space and farm in the heart of Taos, with projects focusing on long-term benefits.
The Forest Stewards Guild - Fall	Bernalillo, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Taos, Torrance	15	\$149,994.06	The 2021 FSYC Fire & Fuels program will employ 13 youth (ages 18-25) and 2 Crew Trainers on 2 U.S. Forest Service ranger districts and the Pueblo of Jemez for 12-14 weeks between August and November. Crews will be hosted by the Jemez Pueblo Natural Resources Department (JP) Espanola ranger district (ERD) in the Santa Fe National Forest and the Mountainair ranger district (MRD) in the Cibola National Forest. The JP crew will last 14 weeks while the ERD and MRD will last 12 weeks. The Guild is pursuing funding from the National Forest Foundation (NFF) to extend the season of the ERD and MRD crews to 14 weeks. Projects will reduce the wildfire risk to communities, restore degraded ecosystems by reducing erosion and the spread of noxious weeds, help protect archaeological resources, and improve recreational opportunities for local communities. FSYC Fire & Fuels crews will be certified wildland firefighters and wildland fire chainsaw operators and be available to participate in prescribed burns.
The Forest Stewards Guild - Spring	Cibola, Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Torrance	25	\$149,975.76	The summer 2021 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 5 crews: Jemez Pueblo (JP), 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 and ancestral Pueblo 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, construction.

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Village of Columbus - Fall	Luna	13	\$29,344.91	The Village of Columbus 2021 YCC project offers an opportunity for many of our young people, ages 14 to 24, to gain basic job skills as they help make much needed improvements and beautify municipal property. YCC Crew Members will help design and install demonstration gardens, plant trees, install irrigation systems and other landscaping tasks at several Village Public Parks. This SPRING 2021 proposal runs for 13 weeks with Crew Members working 7.5 hours on Saturdays and for two weeks in May for 35 hours each week, after school is concluded for the year. It is complementary to the 18 week Village of Columbus FALL 2021 proposal that, again, has Crew Members working on Saturdays during the fall semester. We offer work projects on Saturdays and on non school days in the spring and fall semesters. This program format allows both in-school and out of school youth to participate and helps us avoid the very hot weather of the summer. We are purposely keeping our YCC Program small.
Village of Columbus - Spring	Luna	11	\$23,989.28	The Village of Columbus 2021 YCC project offers an opportunity for many of our young people, ages 14 to 24, to gain basic job skills as they help make much needed improvements and beautify municipal property. YCC Crew Members will help design and install demonstration gardens, plant trees, install irrigation systems and other landscaping tasks at several Village Public Parks. This SPRING 2021 proposal runs for 13 weeks with Crew Members working 7.5 hours on Saturdays and for two weeks in May for 35 hours each week, after school is concluded for the year. It is complementary to the 18 week Village of Columbus FALL 2021 proposal that, again, has Crew Members working on Saturdays during the fall semester. We offer work projects on Saturdays and on non school days in the spring and fall semesters. This program format allows both in-school and out of school youth to participate and helps us avoid the very hot weather of the summer. We are purposely keeping our YCC Program small.
Village of Santa Clara	Grant	16	\$94,120.99	We will build upon our successful 2019 and 2020 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 residents' activity levels. We have experience implementing YCC projects that follow all State COVID 19 safety guidelines.



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YouthWorks	San Miguel, Santa Fe	42	\$149,998.91	YouthWorks SFYCC 2021 project scope is designed for four distinct work areas. Partners are the City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, and nonprofit partners, WildFire Network, Reunity Resources, Alas de Agua and the Mother Nature Center. YouthWorks SFYCC work projects will be undertaken to maximize technical training and education while creating environmental impact to benefit the public in a variety of ways. 1) Wildfire Network: Participation as a hand thinning crew for Collaborative Forest Restoration Program on Rowe Mesa. YWs SFYCC will deliver mitigation and restoration projects, participate in education programming that introduces basic wildland firefighting and forestry principals that will build participant skills for a mitigation/suppression type crew to boost workforce capacity in Wildland Urban Interface mitigation industry. Crew members will accomplish this while working on Rowe Mesa under the supervision of professional wildland firefighters while conducting hand-thinning.