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Albuquerque Sign Language Academy	Bernalillo	18	\$129,570.20	ASLA proposes to host two Honey Badger Conservation YCC crews that would consist of five crew members, two crew supervisors and two Albuquerque Sign Language Interpreters. 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 with two other youth 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 supports our youth with (and without disabilities in taking classroom instruction and applying their learning into solving real world and hands on conservation projects.
Aldo Leopold Charter School - Fall Project	Grant	107	\$129,989.00	ALCS YCC crews carry out projects in partnership with community organizations to improve public spaces. These improvements have an enduring impact on our residents and natural environment. The projects outlined in this proposal will contribute a wealth of knowledge to be shared locally and nationally, support economic development within the community, and promote community stewardship among crew members, residents of the area, and visitors. ALCS's YCC crews beautify our community, make our outdoor spaces safer and more usable for everyone, and provide valuable data on local environmental conditions. 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. 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.
Aldo Leopold Charter School - Spring Project	Grant	34	\$93,975.00	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. 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. The garden crew works on a number of community garden projects including a pollinator garden and botanical garden. Working knowledge of native plants, gardening strategies, rainwater catchment, and the significance of pollinators promotes ecological awareness for crew members, residents, and visitors via the demonstration gardens and crew presentations. Murals crew adds to the growing collection of colorful murals in our community that highlight the variety of cultures, traditions, events, and features of our region. The crew installs painted and ceramic murals in public spaces that beautify and provide education on
Apprenticeship Leaders in Mosaic Arts (ALMA)	Bernalillo	9	\$76,147.36	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 (VDO) 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. They will deepen the connection of the community to the Refuge by telling the stories of this area and exploring the histories, cultures,
City of Aztec	San Juan	8	\$44,541.10	A dog park has long been desired by the community and has been proposed at Tiger Park. The City has acquired some land that is suitable for the development of a dog park on the west side of an existing park - Tiger Park. The project will include fencing the dog park area, building and installing dog park amenities. The youth will acquire skills of mapping fence line, fence post and chain link installation, concrete work, use of hand tools to construct dog park amenities, and installation of water lines. The City has recently constructed an 18-basket disc golf course located northeast of Tiger Park. Additional t-box locations have been identified to allow the course to be played by beginners or amateurs. As such, the course requires additional permanent tee boxes and connecting trails between baskets and tee boxes. Youth will develop skills for trail building and concrete work. The lake located at Tiger Park is central to the parks use as it provides fishing and a walking/jogging trac

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City of Bloomfield	San Juan	6	\$63,691.32	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 completion of a project started in 2006. For _future development of the trail, will include but not or limited to, Russian Olive and Salt Cedar eradication and noxious weed prevention along the riverbanks of the trails. The city will require at least two of the YCC members to be 18 years old, so they can operate power tools. All members will receive proper orientation and safety training. Once completed, the clearing of the invasive species will provide visibility to the waters of the San Juan River, enhancing the natural beauty of the area. 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 extremel
City of Gallup	McKinley	15	\$149,999.04	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. Work plans also restore, recycle, and regenerate open space for habitat, safe play, community gardens, and recreation areas. 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 States and Nation. The Gallup YCC members are well respected members of the community and many depend on their services. Gallup YCC is one of the most successful programs in building life and job skills, furthering education, empowerment, instilling pride and conservation ethics, providing an equal employm
City of Las Cruces	Dona Ana	5	\$82,301.80	The "Empowering Youth Through Art Cultivation & Community Forestry" program aims to engage 15 youth between the ages of 14 and 25 over a six-month period in the beautification of their community through the cultivation of art and nature. Through these immersive projects, youth will not only participate in the restoration of local murals and planting of native trees and plants, but they will also receive a real world understanding of the foundational expectations and responsibilities required to establish a strong work ethic for future career success. Whether a first-time employee or a bit more seasoned, the initial HR and Life & Career Skills training sessions will set the stage for success in the art or forestry portion of the project.
City of Tucumcari	Quay	8	\$60,487.80	This year's YCC project goal is to hire youth and provide them with an environment where they are able to use and expand their job skills. This year the members will be beautifying and improving various existing City owned properties. The work to be done includes but not limited to: enhancing and/or replacing worn or weathered equipment, painting over graffiti, painting and repairing sidewalks. This work will instill community pride that we hope the members pass on to their peers and will provide safe green spaces that are open for public use. Due to these beautification efforts the town has taken more responsibility for litter clean up in the areas that are improved.
Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District	Bernalillo	13	\$124,083.85	Cuidad Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), in partnership with the CABQ Open Space Division, will collaborate with the RMYC and Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps to employ local youth to improve and restore Major Public Open Space properties in the middle Rio Grande Valley and in the east mountain area of Bernalillo County. Youth will acquire skills in hands-on restoration practices and receive education in job skills, life skills, career skills and cultural issues. The Albuquerque Open Space Division has seen unprecedented increases in trail use within Major Public Open Space since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, with some trail heads experiencing nearly double the number of pre-pandemic visitation. Increased trail use inevitably results in trail impacts such as soil compaction and increases erosion, necessitating increased efforts to maintain and repair the trails. This project will focus trail repair efforts on two MPOS properties, the Rio Grande Bosque Open Space

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Commons Center for Food Sustainability & Security	Grant	7	\$22,941.86	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 test 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, local self-sufficiency and sustainability. Additionally, we are seeking to strengthen the low-income neighborhood we are located in by outreaching to and recruiting youth to participate in the program. A well-paying summer job that helps youth build skills is a wonderful complement to our neighborhood dynamics. It helps us address the often elusive local self-sufficiency section of our mission.
Conservation Legacy - Zuni	Cibola	4	\$85,722.30	The project will protect sacred sites in the Pueblo of Zuni including springs, ancestral dwellings and cultural areas. ALCC Zuni crews will work with the Tribal Council, Zuni religious leaders, Zuni Cultural Resources Advisory Team, Zuni Tourism and the Zuni Planning and Development Office. Crews will construct trails, mitigate erosion, stabilize walls, replace signs.
Conservation Legacy - Acoma	Cibola	7	\$60,005.61	To preserve its legacy of collaboration, ALCC continues to design projects and programs that integrate community input to meet identified needs. The creation of the Acoma Pueblo Traditional Farm Corps in 2011 was in direct response to the desire of the community to protect local agricultural traditions by reconnecting the next generation of farmers to Acoma's rich agriculture heritage. The Farm Corps program facilitates the preservation of traditional farming skills and reconnection of Indigenous young people to their traditions, cultures, and heritage while addressing community needs around food sovereignty, seed saving, and health and nutrition. Through this program, corps members learn how to make a difference in their community by producing healthy, culturally appropriate, and locally grown produce. Participants aid in revitalizing Acoma food systems by continuing the legacy of heirloom seed use and preparing for a career in farming and food production. Youth corps members stud
County of Bernalillo	Bernalillo	4	\$44,108.12	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.
East Rio Arriba Soil & Water Conservation District	Rio Arriba	5	\$46,215.33	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. The East Rio Arriba SWCD YCC program will result in long-lasting value in the community. For example, surveying illegal dumpsites and making reports will help the Forest Service and East Rio Arriba SWCD to make plans for community-wide trash clean-up days. The YCC crew will make conservation plan maps for each area that is inventoried that can be used for conservation planning efforts. Acequias, Riparian Areas, Invasive Plant Species, Illegal Dumpsites, Dam Sites and other Natural Resource areas will be inventoried. The reports, as well as the conservation
EcoServants - Otero	Lincoln, Otero	16	\$146,964.38	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 18 local youth with competitive wages and an AmeriCorps scholarship of \$1,220. The big projects we have planned for 2022 are 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 planting trees on the Mescalero Apache Reservation. Outdoor Recreation is a growing career field in New Mexico and the US, the EcoServants training and projects allows local youth hands on experience woring on

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Mining and Minerals Division Coop Agreement	Sierra, Socorro, Catron	5	\$304,733.14	Perform a mine feature inventory of all mining districts in New Mexico; input newly inventoried and existing mining features; collect all data with an accuracy of 3m; QA/QC all field data.
Harwood Art Center of Escuela del Sol Montessori	Bernalillo	10	\$50,862.96	For 30 years, Harwood Art Center has worked at the intersection of Art and community development. Our Apprenticeship for Art & Social Justice pays teens a living wage to work with leading artists, architects and engineers on the creation of world-class public artworks that address issues of environmental, economic, gender, and racial justice. For the last four years, Harwood Art Center has worked with Hayes Middle School Students through our free afterschool Youth Mural Program. In this time, weâ€™ve come to know the staff, students and families of the La Mesa neighborhood and have learned about some of the challenges they face. Our staff has assembled a network of partners who will work together with La Mesa residents to improve quality of life for our students.
Institute for Applied Ecology	Bernalillo, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Valencia	5	\$91,773.34	This youth crew will support the work of the Southwest Seed Partnership (SWSP), which is a collaborative effort to increase the availability of native seed for Southwest restoration. Main components of the project include (1) native seed collection, (2) maintenance of native seed production fields, and (3) invasive species treatment and reseeding. The crew would be exposed to a variety of habitat restoration protocols and practices and acquire skills related to many facets of habitat restoration.
Pueblo of Sandia	Mora	4	\$114,024.24	The purpose of this project is to reduce fuel loads for wildfire mitigation and enhance wildfire habitat. This project will not only benefit the Pueblo of Sandia, but also surrounding communities because wildfires are often landscape scale phenomena, so any work to mitigate its spread in one area will benefit adjacent areas. Wildlife, also, do not respect man-made borders and thus projects to improve wildlife habitat in one area will be fore the benefit of the surrounding landscape.
Rio Arriba County - Healing Memorial	Rio Arriba	17	\$129,249.76	Crew will continue construction of the Therapeutic Memorial Garden at the Rio Arriba County STOP office.
Rio Arriba County - Precious Age	Rio Arriba	16	\$138,841.96	Precious Water Precious Age 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 suitable for 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 out door 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 lowÂ- maintenance xeriscape flower and native grasses garden.

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River Source Inc.	Rio Arriba, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Taos	19	\$59,411.62	The Watershed Academy creates water job pathways that includes hydrology, restoration ecology, watershed management, and green infrastructure with a focus on assessment, monitoring and planning work. River Source builds capacity, rather than creates dependency, with an awareness that more work needs to be done to create water resilience, than can be done by us alone. This approach helps us sustain hope in a world with few economic opportunities for youth and widespread ecological degradation. Our overall goal is to advance land, water, and wildlife protection by creating opportunities and building skills for youth to assess watershed conditions and then assisting our partners in achieving success with in 'managing New Mexico tribal, local, state, and federal lands & waters. The youth experiences provide meaningful engagement with forest and water professionals focused on enabling our partnersâ€™ success in assessing, monitoring and stewarding water quality, riparian habitat, forest hea
Robert F Kennedy Charter School	Bernalillo	22	\$147,983.51	RFK's Farm to School project aims to offer experiential learning opportunities for its students in agriculture and nutrition. The partnership between RFK, Southwest Educational Partners for Training (SWEPT) and other organizations encourages community building by bringing individuals together to care for and beautify a public space and help grow and distribute nutritious for the community. The partnership will meet the needs of the entire growing season, from starting the seedlings to harvest and distribution.
Rocky Mountain Youth Corps	Taos	12	\$150,000.00	RMYC will recruit Taos Pueblo youth and surrounding communities. Three crews will work on Taos Pueblo, locations in Taos County, and Taos County roadways.
Rocky Mountain Youth Corps	Bernalillo, Santa Fe	13	\$150,000.00	One crew will work on the SF ASL inclusion project at NM School for the Deaf and the Railyard Park. The second crew will work on the BERNCO open space project to complete several projects on open space projects.
Santa Clara Pueblo	Rio Arriba, Sandoval	25	\$142,057.09	Our goal this year is to employ and train unemployed youth to preserve cultural sites and make riparian repairs to tribal creeks and streams many of which sustained massive environmental damage. The 2022 Santa Clara Pueblo Summer Youth Conservation Corps grant project will employ twenty-four (24) tribal youth to carry out various restoration and preservation projects within the boundaries of Pueblo. Crew members will be separated into (4) groups including (1) crew boss and (5) crew members to carry-out a variety of work plans. Due to the current coronavirus pandemic, the Rights Protection office will stress the ideas of social-distancing and hygiene etiquette as directed by the CDC, and state health officials. The Rights Protection office is pleased to report that last summer's program in 2021 had zero cases of coronavirus with majority of the youth interns receiving both doses of the vaccine while participating in the program.
Santa Fe Children's Museum	Santa Fe	7	\$86,940.27	In 2022, the crew will focus on the Outdoor Space and Sustainable Garden where Corps members will learn organic maintenance of healthy ecosystems using xeriscape and permaculture principles. Training and support will be provided to corps members.
Southwest Educational Partners in Training	Bernalillo	24	\$149,957.99	By partnering with the Farm to School project, SWEPT aims to offer experiential learning opportunities for its students in agriculture and nutrition. The partnership between SWEPT, RFK, and other organizations encourages community building by bringing individuals together to care for and beautify a public space and help grow and distribute nutritious for the community. The partnership will meet the needs of the entire growing season, from starting the seedlings to harvest and distribution. Shadyside Farm shares space with Shadyside Park. The farm side used to be an abandoned area with a rusty metal fence separating the two spaces. By turning that abandoned field into a working farm and replacing the fence, previous YCC programs have beautified this area in the South Valley, making it safe and instilling a sense of pride in the Corps members and community. Corps members will gain an understanding of environmental responsibility and conservation issues through their work on the farm
Taos Land Trust	Taos	29	\$149,313.35	TLT will hire 3 YCC crews in the spring, summer and fall to support ongoing and new agricultural projects, ecological monitoring, land management and park infrastructure at Rio Fernando Park, a 20 acre conservation easement property in the center of Taos.

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The Family YMCA	Los Alamos	14	\$67,861.56	The purpose of the YCC program is to provide school-age youth with entry-level employable job skills, to foster in youth the belief that they can contribute to the community, and that they can work with and befriend neighboring youth while making local improvements. The YCC has helped our community and local environment through the YMCA since 2009, by helping Los Alamos recover from wildfires in 2000 and 2011, and by providing crew to address the destruction of community footpaths (and fire crews noted that trails made by the YCC helped them to fight fires in 2011!). The community has 58 miles of network trails, and the YCC crew has provided major work on those damaged. The YCC has also enabled The Family YMCA to partner with and address many miles of USDA Forest Service, Española Ranger District trails bordering Los Alamos County. For 2022, YCC crew members will address building new sustainable trails, continue work on connecting existing trails, and improve other exist
The Forest Stewards Guild - Fall Program	Bernalillo, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Taos, Torrance	13	\$149,957.04	The 2022 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 weeks (13 for Crew Leaders and Trainers) between August and November. Crew Leaders and Trainers will work one week longer than Corps Members to provide time for training and to help wrap up the program. 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. 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 crews will support Shared Stewardship projects in collaboration with our state and federal partners.
The Forest Stewards Guild - Summer Program	Cibola, Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Torrance	25	\$149,962.82	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 for protection, removing noxious weeds, constructing fire-line, slash piling, and ecological monitoring. Range and watershed management projects include erosion control, spring and water resource revitalization, trick tank construction, and fence repair and construction. All projects are in full compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and other related laws and regulations. The FSYC training program provides a critical foundation of group dynamics and team-building skills and serves the youth during their YCC experience and beyond as they grow into adults. FSYC training begins with a 3-day orientation at
Town of Mountainair	Torrance	6	\$32,693.40	Remodel the town's rodeo concession, bathrooms, bleachers, park bathrooms and patio to make each place more safety compliant and be able to get both locations where they can be used properly. The changes will get the community out of their houses and outside into the sunshine.
Valencia County Fire Department	Valencia	5	\$86,843.84	Valencia County completed their updated Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) in 2018 and identified a number priorities and plans to mitigate fire hazards throughout the county. Valencia County and partners including local, state, and federal agencies, outlined the need and importance of hiring Youth Conservation Corps members to facilitate and complete identified priorities within the CWPP. The goals of the Valencia County Fire Department's Youth Conservation Corps grant proposal are to provide youth the opportunity for personal and professional growth through multiple job and life skills training while conducting beautification and fire mitigation projects throughout Valencia County. Work conducted by Corps members will provide long lasting value to the communities and corps members themselves. Work completed through this funding source will include fire mitigation efforts that protect community assets, emergency response location detection along levees, and community fuels
Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District	Valencia	4	\$52,653.90	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. The 2022 Whitfield Conservation Area Complex fire mitigation, trail, and habitat enhancement project is focused on improving riparian health, habitat-carrying capacity and, fire mitigation of the Whitfield Complex lands. The main objectives for this project are: (1) to create riparian improvements, (2) to decrease fire danger, and (3) provide improved wildlife habitat, all geared towards enhancing community access.

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Village of Angel Fire	Colfax	4	\$149,894.15	The purpose of this project will be to hire youth within the Moreno Valley and teach them a strong work ethic, how to be a part of a team, and introduce them to a career in fire and EMS. The benefit to the community would be a trained workforce for fire and EMS, and projects being completed such as burning of slash piles in accordance with the Village of Angel Fire's slash management plan, community service projects such as painting of the village hall and fire stations, and installation of smoke detectors in the homes of elderly or disabled citizens of Angel Fire. We enjoy a strong working partnership with the Moreno Valley High School, as well as all EMS and Fire agencies within the Enchanted Circle and believe an apprentice Firefighter Program would be an ideal fit.
Village of Columbus	Luna	13	\$22,813.76	The Village of Columbus 2022 YCC project offers an opportunity for many of our young people, ages 14 to 25, to gain basic job skills as they help make much needed improvements and beautify historic property. YCC crew members will help restore historic sites by landscaping, weeding, painting, planting trees and shrubs, and building concrete bases for tables and benches around the Train Depot Museum and Camp Furlong around the Train Depot Museum and other tasks at several Village Public Parks and the Village Hoover Hotel. The 1,700 Village of Columbus residents and visitors will benefit from beautification and landscaping projects conducted on historic properties. The general look and feel of the community is sometimes described as "bleak" and more greenery, increased plantings and garden areas will help brighten the area. The low water use demonstration gardens will help inform residents about the benefits and practicality of native plantings and intentional low water use. We offer
Village of Santa Clara	Grant	8	\$31,301.06	The Village of Santa Clara will direct most of the YCC program efforts to the design and installation of an 18 Hole Disk Golf Course at historic Fort Bayard.
Western New Mexico University	Grant	5	\$149,999.99	Through this project, young adults will develop valuable job skills in public land management and stewardship that will conserve State Trust Land and improve facilities to provide long-term community benefit. This project fosters career laddering and civic engagement by providing workforce skills through a place-based project that serves the local community. This project will construct a disc (frisbee) golf course at Maudes Canyon in Silver City, Grant County, New Mexico. Youth will 1) develop a disc golf course working with the community stakeholders, 2) learn to design and build sustainable recreation areas, 3) install tee boxes and disc baskets for the disc golf course, 4) receive academic credit in environmental interpretation and leadership, 5) design interpretive signage, 6) learn to use a global positioning system (GPS) to collect point location data, navigate and 7) earn wilderness first aid and defensive driving certification (the latter, if old enough to drive and licenced
YouthWorks	Santa Fe	22	\$149,999.40	YouthWorks (YW) Santa Fe Youth Conservation Corps (SFYCC) will work on projects with four distinct public/nonprofit property owners/partners that will improve and restore those properties for the benefit of the public and teach and train youth for the 2022 seasonal work period. The SFYCC 2022 project will rotate 15 crew members between projects in conjunction with partners and training opportunities to 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/Mentor and Supervisor 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 community for career development and exposure to a variety of outdoor occupations.