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New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps Announces Grants *Thirty-nine Projects Receive \$3.8 Million*

SANTA FE, NM –The New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps announces that it is awarding 39 grants to programs throughout the state totaling \$3.8 million. These grants provide funding to employ young people in public projects that conserve New Mexico's natural resources and provide community benefits of lasting value. Projects are located throughout the state and address forest restoration monitoring, wildlife habitat improvement, historic adobe reconstruction, and more.

"The New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps provides opportunities for youth to improve their work skills, learn environmental stewardship, leadership and self-esteem while serving in their communities," said Governor Susana Martinez.

The Youth Conservation Corps solicited requests for proposals and received 49 grant applications. This year's budget allows the program to fund 39 of these projects. Each project was evaluated and scored by the Youth Conservation Corps Commission.

"Encouraging young people to promote conservation and enhance the state's natural resources through community projects benefits all New Mexicans," said Wendy Kent, Executive Director for Youth Conservation Corps.

Each project is as unique as the community where the work will be conducted. All projects employ youth. Awards went to the 39 projects listed in the following pages:

Applicant Name	Grant Amount	Project Narrative
Aldo Leopold High School - Fall; Grant County	\$38,399.66	Restoration and protection of groundwater recharge zone, forest monitoring, wildlife habitat improvement, archaeological sites, enhance hiking and biking trails.
Aztec, City of; San Juan County	\$116,986.23	City Municipal Complex beautification and enhancement to include two murals along the trail system.
Aldo Leopold High School - Spring; Grant County	\$73,227.15	Raise public awareness of conservation concepts, enhance hiking/biking trails and create catchment bowls to improve the infiltration of rainwater into the soil and upper aquifer.
Aztec High School Army JROTC; San Juan County	\$75,265.63	Create a garden characteristic of ancient ancestral pueblo crops, construct a fence using ponderosa pine for rails and juniper for posts, and convert a field into a wildflower meadow.
Bernalillo, Town of; February to October 2012; Sandoval County	\$149,848.80	Continuation of the reconstruction and new construction phases of two historic adobe structures that will be used as public facilities supporting town programs.
Bernalillo, Town of; November 2012 to April 2013; Sandoval County	\$149,848.80	A continuation of the spring project. This final phase of the reconstruction and new construction of the two historic adobe structures will focus on completing the interiors.
Santa Fe Children's Museum; Santa Fe County	\$57,762.46	Landscaping project to include: installation of drip irrigation system, and tree and vegetable planting. Environmental education and appreciation programs for visitors.
Roswell, City of; Chavez County	\$48,358.70	A zoo signage system to include: direction and explanatory signs in various zoo sections.
New Mexico Wildlife Association; Santa Fe County	\$137,291.55	Construction of a prairie dog habitat, educational kiosk about wildlife and raptors, and a 400' concrete trail.

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Farmington Municipal Schools; San Juan County	\$149,997.45	Multiple projects: noxious weed control, riparian improvement, watershed erosion control, cultural resource improvement, installation of zero impact composting toilets, tree plantings and timber/debris clean-up caused by fire.
Lincoln State Monument; Lincoln County	\$26,208.02	Preserve and renovate portions of the historic Torreon, a two-and-a-half story stone and earthen mortar defensive tower of immense historical importance.
Groundwork Dona Ana County	\$55,140.49	Extend the southern part of the Sierra Vista Trail system on the west side of the Organ Mountains and install signage and information kiosks.
Corrales, Village of; Sandoval County	\$148,107.54	Farm 5.5 acres and prepare the land and infrastructure for the New Mexico Land Link project. Improve fire breaks, and enhance trails to support fire suppression strategies in the Corrales Bosque. Design and construct pedestrian bridges at existing crossings of the Riverside Drain ditch.
Santa Fe County Fire Department	\$149,814.16	Forest thinning projects in Santa Fe County. Each member of the crew will receive basic wildland firefighter and power saw operation training and will be qualified as a wildland firefighter available to fight wild fires in New Mexico.
Forest Guild; Cibola, McKinley, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Taos, and Torrance counties	\$149,994.12	Natural resource conservation projects and natural resource training and educational initiatives involving 36 youths, from nine counties, on six USDA Forest Service Ranger Districts, improving over 1,275 acres of public lands.
Harwood Art Center; Bernalillo County	\$61,169.59	Harwood's Summer Art Institute plans to create an approximately 200 square foot tile mosaic comprising over 10,000 handmade tiles and sculptural pieces with a thematic connection to the culture and history of New Mexico.
Acoma Pueblo; Cibola County	\$142,470.38	Construction of an adobe wall around 1.8 acres of donated tribal land, a Piki Room, baking ovens, a shaded latilla area, and walking paths; build a garden, re-introducing indigenous plants.
Los Lunas, Village of; Valencia County	\$34,306.62	Enhance the trail system on the El Cerro de Los Lunas Preserve by creating new trails, repairing access to existing trails, and identifying and marking the trail throughout the trail system.
Tucumcari, City of; Quay County	\$39,002.03	Building a 2' stem wall, 5' sidewalk, installation of a sprinkler/irrigation system, planting trees and grass, installing decorative rocks and painting the interior of the historic Train Depot in Tucumcari.

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Rocky Mountain Youth Corps - Taos Co. Programs; Taos County	\$136,112.33	Forest monitoring, trail restoration work and restoration due to public damage to two recreational areas. Improvements will include parking area, trail development, picnic grounds, and overhaul of basketball courts.
Rio Rancho, City of; Sandoval County	\$28,506.29	Bosque ecosystem and protection project to include: erosion control and protective measures, water bars, armoring and soil retention methods related to trails in the Bosque, monitoring well sampling, native grass reseeding, fence mending, sign installations, and wildlife habitat improvements.
Rocky Mountain Youth Corps - Satellite; Colfax, Mora, and Rio Arriba counties	\$141,655.48	Re-open the Slide Trail in the Orilla Verde Recreational Area. Tread work and erosion control on the Black Rock Springs near the Posi Trail located above Ojo Caliente Springs, and create safe walking paths across the Taos UNM campus.
Fort Selden State Monument; Dona Ana County	\$59,834.33	Minimize the damaging effects of wind and rain erosion on the adobe fort walls located at Fort Selden State Monument by installing new mud plaster, stabilizing wall basal erosion areas and wall tops, and repair cracks.
Santa Rosa, City of; Guadalupe	\$89,239.52	Remove non-native trees and debris, construct walking trail, install park benches, bike racks and trash cans, and construct pedestrian-friendly bridge.
Santa Fe, City of; Cerro Gordo Fuel Reduction; Santa Fe County	\$150,000.00	Reduce the threat from wildland fire to the communities surrounding the Cerro Gordo Fuels Reduction Project while providing for a wildland firefighting crew.
Coronado State Monument; Sandoval County	\$47,843.71	Minimize the damaging effects of wind and rain erosion on the adobe surface ruins. Install new mud plaster on several ruin features, including the painted kiva, two circular kiva wall footprints, a small adobe surface room, an historic adobe wall surrounding the former residence building, and a small historic adobe shed.
Mountainair Public Schools; Torrance County	\$45,370.40	Beautification and improvement of public lands in three locations: Mountainair Public Schools, Salinas National Monuments, and Claunch-Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District.
Santa Fe Community College; Santa Fe County	\$145,929.87	Construction of an amphitheater bordered by an adobe wall, and construction of four brush arbors and picnic tables.
Family YMCA; Rio Arriba and	\$149,953.42	Trail construction. Various trails throughout Los Alamos and Rio Arriba counties will be improved and problematic erosion will be treated. The Quemazon Trail was used as a

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Los Alamos counties		Fire break for the Las Conchas fire. The trail needs significant restoration to bring it back to its original condition.
Gallup, City of; McKinley County	\$149,999.94	Several trails will be constructed or improved throughout McKinley County. Additional projects include soil erosion control, removal of noxious weeds and community gardens.
Leasburg State Park; Dona Ana County	\$87,499.94	Removal of invasive salt cedar and re-vegetating with native shrubs and trees.
Southwest Conservation Corps - Farming Project; Cibola County	\$69,215.29	A 24-week agricultural program preparing farming plots for planting, and the rehabilitation of three of the 300 springs on Acoma Pueblo.
Alamo Navajo School Board, Inc.; Socorro County	\$126,908.50	Beautification and landscaping project at the Alamo Navajo School campus.
Wellness Coalition, Grant Co.; Grant County	\$114,071.93	Trail repair and trail building for the U.S. Forest Service, trail building and erosion control for Grant County's Bataan Memorial Park, Boston Hill Trail System and The Big Ditch Park.
Roy, Village of; Harding County	\$120,363.15	Rehabilitation and improvement of parks and trail system by the construction of a walking trail along the creek and installation of a pedestrian friendly bridge across El Rito creek, which will join together two city parks.
EcoServants; Lincoln, Otero, and Chavez counties	\$130,345.68	Expansion and rehabilitation of trail systems on at least 15 miles of trail throughout Lincoln, Otero, and Chavez counties.
Southwest Conservation Corps - Water Cons./Trails; Cibola County	\$148,372.39	Removal of invasive elm, Russian olive and tamarisk along the San Jose River located within Pueblo of Acoma lands. Improvements to the Skyline Trail and Acomita Lake Trail and removal of an old fence and installation of new wildlife specific fencing at the Horace Mesa; and preservation work and stabilization of the Sky City Trail, a publicly used trail connecting the top of Old Sky City to Lonesome Rock.
Wellness Coalition; Catron County	\$44,995.80	Build and maintain trails, revamping infrastructure, planting cottonwoods and willows, reducing sedimentation, and improving water quality; landscaping at several local organizations and local governmental agencies.

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Future Foundations Family Center; Cibola County	\$51,698.54	Plant 50 trees along the main streets, near the golf course and in local parks; build and install four canopies over picnic tables at parks, and over a set of bleachers at the baseball fields to provide protection from sun and weather. Begin Phase II of a sidewalk and install a fence to keep children from entering the street at a new, developing small playground at the Community Center along with a cement slab for one of the shade canopies.
Total	\$3,841,115.89	

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