



YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS FY26 BUDGET REQUEST



Summary of Operations: The New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps (NMYCC) annually receives a governmental gross receipts tax (GGRT) distribution. The Agency funds local government units, tribes and non-profits who provide job and career development programming for youth ages 14 to 25 in public service projects. Funding primarily pays corps member wages (70% of award); and secondarily covers other project-related expenses.

Returning Corps members qualify for a \$1500 educational voucher or \$500 cash.

YCC is supervised by a nine-member Commission and there are two full-time employees.

YCC requests \$6.651K for FY26, a 10% increase over FY25. This includes \$700K from the fund balance.

Justification:

- An additional FTE to provide business operations support. YCC is currently staffed by an executive director and a program coordinator.
- An award cap increase from \$225K to \$250K
- \$300K for a pilot “Climate Corps” program, initiated by the Executive branch and now in the planning stages.
- Software for funds application and project management => increased program efficiency & accuracy; constituent accessibility award management.

FY26 Projections: Proposals received October 8, 2024
 Total funding requested from responsive proposals: \$6.7M
 Number of youth to be hired: 687

FY26 BUDGET REQUEST SUMMARY:

Use	FY24 Actuals	FY25 OPBUD	FY26 Request
200 Personal Services/Employee Benefits (3 FTEs)	\$ 220.30	\$ 239.20	\$ 366.30
300 Contractual Services (about 50 YCC Projects)	\$ 3,844.00	\$ 5,545.00	\$ 6,000.00
400 Operating Costs (software is biggest increase)	\$ 67.90	\$ 97.60	\$ 159.70
500 Other Financing Uses (EMNRD fee)	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
Total Uses	\$ 4,257.20	\$ 6,006.80	\$ 6,651.00

PERFORMANCE BASED BUDGET MEASURES, FY24

Percent of eligible corps members receiving education voucher or cash benefit: Target: 85% Actual: 75%

This benefit is for returning corps members and is in addition to wages. Fifty-eight youth qualified; forty-four responded and received benefits. YCC used a multi-pronged approach to reach corps members.

Percentage of all award funds used for corps member wages: Target: 77% Actual: 78%

Each project must allocate at least 70% of funds to wages.

Number of youth employed: Target: 840 Actual: 542

Projects in FY24 pledged to hire 640 youth but struggled to recruit and hired only 542.

Projects in **FY25** pledged to hire **640** youth, but due to the number of applicants and interest, hired over **691** young people, a significant improvement.



EcoServants - Otero County



*Forest Stewards Guild and
Hermits Peak Watershed
Alliance Crews*



*Mine inventory - co-op with
Mining & Minerals Division*



Village of Columbus crew



*Valencia County Fire
Department YCC trainees*

What Corps Members say...

My goal is making the world a better place and that is what we did with YCC.

To work in a team, thinking about others, not being afraid to offer my idea or opinion when working on a project.

I am proud to help out after the fire and during the floods.

The mental and physical grit required for this job have instilled in me a resolve that will help me in future difficult endeavors.

YCC Projects FY24

Project	Counties	Youth Employed	YCC Funded	Funds Disbursed	In-Kind Contribution
Alamo Navajo School Board, Inc.	Socorro	10	\$109,111.38	\$89,909.96	\$20,617.75
Albuquerque Sign Language Academy	Bernalillo	35	\$174,664.48	\$122,989.17	\$28,870.50
Aldo Leopold Charter School	Grant	40	\$107,216.00	\$52,505.01	\$13,875.11
ALMA Summer Institute at Valle de Oro National Wildlife	Bernalillo	7	\$79,559.33	\$79,559.33	\$24,343.36
Aztec Municipal School District	San Juan	19	\$146,387.50	\$54,555.74	\$15,734.32
City of Aztec	San Juan	5	\$42,923.97	\$14,684.16	\$49,043.03
City of Bloomfield	San Juan	10	\$82,233.12	\$65,551.77	\$118,517.37
City of Gallup	McKinley	15	\$174,990.89	\$133,395.23	\$36,761.76
City of Tucumcari	Bernalillo, Quay	8	\$80,598.64	\$74,282.41	\$16,425.73
Commons Center for Food Sustainability & Security	Grant	7	\$20,756.57	\$13,020.00	\$4,344.26
Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps Bernalillo County	Bernalillo	6	\$61,414.09	\$13,986.80	\$8,237.28
Ancestral Lands Acoma Traditional Farm Corps	Bernalillo, Catron, Cibola	7	\$61,414.09	\$51,790.36	\$30,005.28
County of Bernalillo	Bernalillo	9	\$50,460.28	\$48,565.78	\$29,668.93
East Rio Arriba Soil & Water Conservation District	Rio Arriba	8	\$43,595.32	\$41,570.04	\$12,438.89
EcoServants - Lincoln County	Lincoln, Otero	17	\$165,169.29	\$146,292.58	\$36,408.38
EcoServants - Otero County	Lincoln, Otero	12	\$165,169.29	\$91,004.65	\$27,354.41
GEM Environmental	Cibola, Grant, Hidalgo, McKinley	8	\$419,445.71	\$196,130.65	\$48,852.92
Harwood Art Center of Escuela del Sol Montessori	Bernalillo	10	\$59,259.79	\$57,164.72	\$33,047.51
Hermits Peak Watershed Alliance	Mora, San Miguel	7	\$91,085.75	\$91,085.40	\$20,864.01
Jemez Mountain Public Schools (JMPS)	Rio Arriba	11	\$79,580.81	\$58,421.13	\$14,844.75
Rio Arriba County Healing Memorial Garden	Rio Arriba	25	\$174,999.99	\$158,259.09	\$65,883.10
Rio Arriba County Fairgrounds Improvements	Rio Arriba	13	\$174,999.00	\$156,544.00	\$51,625.92
RiverSource Inc. (Partners in Education Foundation)	Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Taos	30	\$121,889.52	\$121,889.52	\$30,415.50
Robert F. Kennedy Charter School	Bernalillo	27	\$173,837.00	\$133,284.71	\$23,487.85
Rocky Mountain Youth Corps - Middle Rio Grande	Bernalillo, Santa Fe	16	\$134,138.30	\$84,232.68	\$37,728.29
Rocky Mountain Youth Corps - Upper Rio Grande	Rio Arriba, Taos	10	\$165,065.08	\$79,246.90	\$69,820.99
San Juan College	San Juan	15	\$175,000.00	\$131,388.91	\$60,455.50
Santa Clara Pueblo	Rio Arriba, Sandoval	18	\$120,103.39	\$104,584.94	\$37,484.64
Santa Fe Children's Museum	Bernalillo, Santa Fe	5	\$74,298.92	\$27,917.92	\$16,245.25
Spirit of Hidalgo	Hidalgo	10	\$60,140.00	\$60,140.00	\$20,678.31
Talking Talons Youth Leadership	Bernalillo	7	\$58,046.05	\$57,668.43	\$18,523.50
Taos Land Trust	Taos	11	\$135,206.64	\$89,647.13	\$18,544.66
The Family YMCA	Los Alamos	12	\$76,169.88	\$59,407.07	\$14,708.68
The Forest Stewards Guild - Summer 2023	Cibola, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Torrance	24	\$174,842.39	\$174,842.39	\$41,657.70
The Forest Stewards Guild - Fall 2023	Bernalillo, McKinley, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Taos,	14	\$174,667.32	\$172,184.03	\$70,056.60
Town of Estancia	Torrance	5	\$87,794.44	\$27,243.84	\$5,514.13
Town of Mountainair	Torrance	9	\$46,032.99	\$45,351.61	\$10,568.33
Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District	Valencia	5	\$61,678.91	\$50,260.52	\$14,049.12
Village of Santa Clara	Grant	8	\$31,301.06	\$31,301.06	\$6,260.18
YouthWorks	San Miguel, Santa Fe	27	\$174,998.89	\$174,703.44	\$54,123.11
Grand Total:		542	\$4,610,246.07	\$3,436,563.08	\$1,258,086.91

YCC Projects FY25 (in progress)

Project	Counties	Youth Employed	YCC Funded	Funds Disbursed	In-Kind Contribution
Alamo Navajo School Board, Inc.	Socorro	13	\$107,391.76	\$37,537.17	\$0.00
Albuquerque Sign Language Academy	Bernalillo	32	\$187,346.56	\$71,887.58	\$0.00
Aldo Leopold Charter School - Fall 2024	Grant	47	\$85,580.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Aldo Leopold Charter School - Spring 2024	Grant	60	\$121,230.00	\$111,611.21	\$23,528.59
ALMA (Apprenticeships for Leaders in Mosaic Arts)	Bernalillo	13	\$143,176.21	\$105,736.96	\$34,913.00
City of Aztec	San Juan	8	\$23,408.79	\$23,246.36	\$22,714.06
City of Bloomfield	San Juan	7	\$115,647.79	\$42,855.58	\$8,945.23
City of Gallup	McKinley	19	\$176,245.09	\$28,196.90	\$7,566.56
City of Tucumcari	Quay	10	\$77,393.23	\$12,373.75	\$5,634.12
Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District	Bernalillo	27	\$183,389.61	\$0.00	\$0.00
Commons Center for Food Sustainability & Security	Grant	7	\$19,511.72	\$8,560.81	\$2,153.00
Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps	Bernalillo, Cibola, McKinley	6	\$144,133.45	\$48,597.38	\$21,844.40
County of Bernalillo	Bernalillo	7	\$89,915.75	\$0.00	\$0.00
East Rio Arriba Soil & Water Conservation District	Rio Arriba, Santa Fe	7	\$65,497.67	\$30,369.27	\$3,840.74
EcoServants - Lincoln County	Lincoln, Otero	19	\$180,415.27	\$180,144.92	\$38,856.14
EcoServants - Otero County	Lincoln, Otero	26	\$180,415.27	\$146,524.83	\$42,166.80
GEM Environmental (EMNRD Coop Agreement)	Cibola, Grant, Hidalgo, McKinley	7	\$294,765.78	\$79,192.29	\$22,263.02
Harwood Art Center of Escuela del Sol Montessori	Bernalillo	11	\$64,703.65	\$29,788.65	\$13,203.02
Hermits Peak Watershed Alliance	Mora, San Miguel	9	\$136,787.40	\$106,145.81	\$27,658.04
Institute for Applied Ecology	Bernalillo, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Taos,	6	\$98,173.83	\$38,857.93	\$5,151.10
James Mountain Public Schools (JMPS)	Rio Arriba	7	\$56,722.11	\$50,072.73	\$15,300.18
Mark Armijo Academy Charter School	Bernalillo	23	\$162,499.20	\$47,666.94	\$13,180.30
New Mexico Acequia Association	Mora	10	\$57,997.39	\$8,790.58	\$4,253.69
Rio Arriba County Fairgrounds Improvements 2024	Rio Arriba	15	\$199,999.97	\$66,390.18	\$33,030.78
Rio Arriba County Healing Gardens 2024	Rio Arriba	16	\$199,999.81	\$46,817.80	\$26,754.94
RiverSource Inc. (Partners in Education Fdn) - Sun	Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Taos	31	\$143,115.24	\$133,658.47	\$39,351.35
RiverSource Inc. (Partners in Education Fdn) - Fall	Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Taos	0	\$34,529.60	\$0.00	\$0.00
Robert F. Kennedy Charter School	Bernalillo	16	\$160,415.50	\$54,722.20	\$11,472.22
Rocky Mountain Youth Corps - Middle Rio Grande	Bernalillo, Santa Fe	18	\$196,333.09	\$134,243.11	\$51,707.72
Rocky Mountain Youth Corps - Upper Rio Grande	Taos	14	\$196,537.42	\$96,737.27	\$95,057.71
Rocky Mountain Youth Corps - Urban Forestry	Bernalillo, Sandoval, Taos	10	\$106,902.00	\$31,352.93	\$16,220.05
San Juan College	San Juan	14	\$169,518.40	\$70,293.16	\$0.00
Santa Clara Pueblo	Rio Arriba, Sandoval	18	\$112,644.01	\$32,793.50	\$13,836.61
Santa Fe County Fire Department	Bernalillo, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Taos	0	\$198,345.86	\$0.00	\$0.00
State Land Office - Coop Agreement	Bernalillo	3	\$200,000.00	\$5,038.25	\$5,965.50
Southwest Educational Partners in Training	Bernalillo	8	\$40,109.81	\$17,694.60	\$4,563.48
Spirit of Hidalgo	Hidalgo	10	\$41,558.32	\$41,558.32	\$8,928.47
Talking Talons Youth Leadership	Bernalillo	8	\$52,434.52	\$52,434.52	\$13,753.50
Taos Land Trust	Taos	11	\$148,719.85	\$94,217.04	\$16,754.93
The Family YMCA	Los Alamos	13	\$77,181.07	\$65,830.38	\$12,294.02
Forest Stewards Guild - Summer 2024	Cibola, Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Sandoval, Santa	23	\$199,928.74	\$190,620.18	\$76,244.67
Forest Stewards Youth - Fall 2024	Bernalillo, McKinley, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Taos, Torrance	14	\$198,055.85	\$28,166.75	\$3,828.12
Town of Mountainair	Torrance	10	\$58,373.02	\$27,032.42	\$6,867.00
Valencia County Fire Department	Valencia	6	\$104,528.97	\$104,528.97	\$29,548.73
Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District	Valencia	7	\$112,873.24	\$51,526.49	\$5,279.39
Village of Columbus	Luna	6	\$25,765.92	\$8,130.63	\$1,227.71
Village of Corrales Wildland Crew	Sandoval	6	\$90,132.30	\$5,732.41	\$2,182.78
Village of Corrales Bosque Fire Prevention and	Sandoval	0	\$115,512.80	\$0.00	\$0.00
Working Classroom	Bernalillo	10	\$108,738.01	\$89,590.00	\$83,584.48
YouthWorks Santa Fe	San Miguel, Santa Fe	23	\$199,997.84	\$51,998.12	\$0.00
Grand Total:		691	\$6,264,598.69	\$2,709,265.35	\$871,626.15