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YCC seeks 2026 project proposals – grants up to \$225,000

SANTA FE — The New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps is now accepting applications for grants up to \$225,000 to fund projects that improve public spaces statewide while providing job training to young New Mexicans ages of 14 to 25.

"We're looking for creative projects that make a real difference in communities across New Mexico," said **David Chené**, executive director. "These grants provide a win-win opportunity – improving our state while giving young people hands-on work experience and job skills."

Who can apply: State and federal agencies, public colleges and universities, governments (counties, cities, towns, villages), land grants, soil and water conservation districts, acequia associations, public school districts, charter schools, federally recognized Tribes, and 501(c) non-profit organizations.

What projects qualify: Any initiative that employs youth to conserve, improve or beautify New Mexico's public lands and facilities while creating lasting community benefits. Grant funds cover corps member wages, training, and project supplies.

How to apply: Complete details and deadline applications are available at:

<https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/about-ycc/yccrfp/><https://www.generalservices.state.nm.us/statepurchasing/active-procurements.aspx>. Free preproposal conferences will be held July 31 and August 21 to help applicants through the process.

Deadline: October 8, at 4 p.m.

The YCC has funded community improvement projects on public lands and facilities throughout New Mexico since 1992.

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