



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

2018

LOCAL CONSERVATION CORPS

CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS

Agenda

- What current law requires (SB 99)
- Conservation Corps overview
- Corps' capabilities
- How to partner with a Corps
- Contact info

State Law

Legislative Intent to Use Corps: Provides the opportunity for young adults to be engaged in entry-level job opportunities on transportation projects.

SB 99 (Chapter 359, Statutes of 2013) requires Caltrans to score projects on various criteria, including use of the California Conservation Corps (CCC) and Certified Community Conservation Corps (Local Corps):

"(10) Use of California Conservation Corps or qualified community conservation corps, as defined in Section 14507.5 of the Public Resources Code, as partners to undertake or construct applicable projects in accordance with Section 1524 of Public Law 112-141."

Who are the Conservation Corps of California?

• Conservation Corps enroll young adults 18-25 to perform important conservation projects through California

 Conservation Corps are rigorous programs that combine work, education, leadership and career development

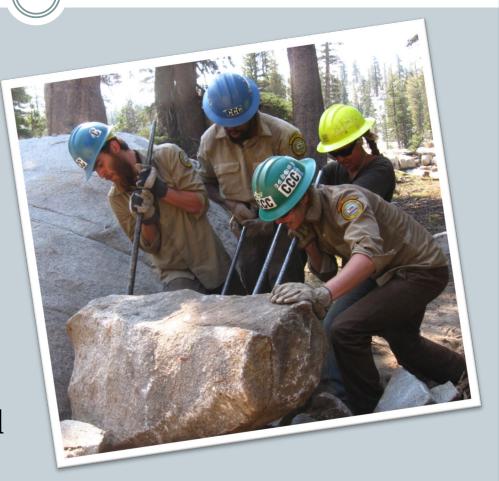


California Conservation Corps

• A state department within the Natural Resources Agency

 Modeled after the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930's

• 27 sites across the state including seven residential centers



Local Conservation Corps

- 14 state-certified independent non-profit organizations located in communities throughout California
- Enroll young adults 18-25 to perform important conservation projects
- State-certified to meet strict requirements for rigorous programs that combine work, education, leadership and career development



What Can CCC and Local Corps Do?

- Supervised crews of 10-15 young adults
- Trained in safety, tool use, landscaping, irrigation and other public works skills
- Labor intensive projects
- Contracting agencies provide some technical supervision & training



Project Examples

• Repair, remove and replace sidewalks

- Sign installation
- Irrigation
- Drought-tolerant landscaping
- Demolition & deconstruction
- Tree planting
- Trail construction
- Urban park construction
- Graffiti removal
- Bike locker and bike rack installation
- Fencing
- Outreach & Education And more...



Benefits of partnering with a corps

- Compliance with the law and program guidelines
- Corps work in and are located in many disadvantaged communities
- Transportation projects become pathways for young adults to successfully enter the workforce
- Avoided point deduction on current project application (o or -5 points)
- Avoided point deduction on future project applications (up to -10 points)

Map of CCC and Local Corps



ATP Guidelines: Scoring use of a corps

An applicant will be scored based on non-use of a conservation corps as a partner by deducting 5 points:

"if an applicant does not seek corps participation or if an applicant intends not to utilize a corps in a project in which the corps can participate"

ATP Application Process

Step 1: Determine if application is for a planning grant (if yes, no need to submit information to corps and no penalty). Tribal governments can utilize a tribal corps, if applicable.

Step 2: Applicant contacts CALCC and CCC simultaneously via email with: Title, description, map, schedule, detailed budget/estimate, and preliminary plan. (CALCC and CCC will respond to applicant w/in 5 business days)

Step 3: After both CALCC and CCC review and assess capacity to partner, applicant marks appropriate box on application indicating that either: (1) neither corps can participate (no penalty); (2) corps can participate and applicant intends to use the CCC or local corps (no penalty); (3) applicant has contacted both corps but intends not to use either corps (penalty applies); (4) applicant has not coordinated with both corps (penalty applies); (5) applicant submitted the application within the 5 day turn-around but did not receive a response from a corps (no penalty).

Step 4: Applicant attaches email correspondence from corps to application; Corps provide a list to Caltrans of all projects submitted.

Step 5: Caltrans reviews applications and assigns points for use of Corps

Corps maintains records and informs Caltrans

Corps maintain:

- List of applications reviewed
- List of projects for which the Corps can & cannot partner

Corps inform Caltrans of review to ensure accurate scoring

Note: There will be no penalty to the applicant if – after the Corps review - a corps cannot partner with an applicant

What Caltrans will do:

- Caltrans ATP review panel assigns points for the use of conservation corps:
 - <u>o points (no penalty):</u>
 - Application is for a planning grant
 - Applicant has coordinated with both corps and intends to use one or both of the corps
 - Applicant has coordinated with both corps and neither corps can participate
 - Applicant submitted application within 5 day time frame but did not receive a response from both corps
 - Minus 5 points (penalty):
 - Applicant has not coordinated with both corps
 - Applicant has contacted the corps but intends not to use corps

Applicant's Performance on Past Grants

If applicant indicated on an ATP application that they intended to use a corps but ultimately failed to use/chose not to use corps after funding was received, the entity will receive negative points (up to minus 10 points) on next ATP application.

Contact Info

California Association of Local Conservation Corps:

ATP contact: Danielle Lynch: 916/426-9170

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www.calocalcorps.org (General Info on Local Corps)

California Conservation Corps:

ATP contact: Nelson Bellesheim: 916/341-3117

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Send application simultaneously to both:

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