



California Conservation Corps Proposition 84 Partnership Opportunities 2010/2011 Fiscal Year

**Help the CCC Improve California's Watersheds!
Make a Difference in the Lives of California's Youth!**

Funding Opportunity! The California Conservation Corps (CCC) seeks project partners to work on over \$ 5.35 million dollars of watershed restoration projects in Fiscal Year 2010/2011 with funding available through Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006.

Established in 1976, the CCC is the nation's largest conservation corps. Modeled after President Roosevelt's Civilian Conservation Corps, the California Conservation Corps has over 1,300 corpsmembers located throughout the state performing resource conservation and other public works projects.



Project Requirements

- All projects must meet one of the following statutory conditions:
 - Improve public safety, pertaining to a watershed;
 - Improve and restore watersheds including regional and community fuel load reduction projects on public land; or
 - Restore streams and rivers.
- All projects must ALSO meet one of the following criteria:
 - Address unmet needs through significant projects in underserved geographic areas;
 - Expand corpsmember opportunities (teach new skills);
 - Leverage additional funding; or
 - Develop a long term, sustainable "legacy" project.
- Projects must provide public benefit. Work on public land preferred.
- Projects must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- CCC Proposition 84 funding will be available for corpsmember labor only. A CCC crew includes corpsmembers, direct supervision, basic tools & training, and transportation, as applicable. Partners shall provide materials, technical supervision, spike expenses, etc.
- The CCC seeks project work that will provide corpsmembers with opportunities for training in marketable skills.
- Projects must meet the definition of a Capital Asset, with the exception of fuel load reduction work. A Capital Asset includes:
 - Physical property with an expected useful life of 10 – 15 years;
 - Major maintenance, reconstruction, demolition for the purpose of reconstruction of public resources or facilities, and retrofitting work that is ordinarily done no more than once every 5 – 15 years; and
 - Work that continues/enhances the useful life of the capital asset.



Following completion, the project partner, land owner or property manager shall maintain the improvement for:

- At least 10 years for funding amounts up to \$ 100,000,
- At least 20 years for funding amounts up to \$ 1 million, or
- At least 25 years for funding amounts exceeding \$ 1 million.

Eligible Activities

Examples of projects which meet the requirements (Note: this is **not** a comprehensive list):

- Construction of new trails / restoring unsafe trails for erosion control
- Invasive plant removal/native habitat restoration/tree planting
- Placement of in-stream structures
- Daylighting of streams
- Installation of livestock exclusion fencing for erosion control
- Construction and placement of fish ladders
- Fuel load reduction on public land

Ineligible Activities

Examples of activities which do not meet project criteria (Note: this is **not** a comprehensive list):

- Mitigation – Legally required mitigation is not an allowable project or activity for Proposition 84 bond funds.
- Maintenance/Landscaping – Funds from these bonds cannot be used for routine maintenance, weed removal, lot clearing, trash pick-up or landscaping, which is ordinarily conducted less than every 5 years. Any such activity must be incidental and clearly described in the project application.
- Education – Public education, environmental studies, and outreach are not eligible project activities.

Who is eligible? The CCC is looking to work with federal, state and local agencies and departments; land trusts; conservancies; and other non-profit organizations on California land.