U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Indian Youth Service Corps Awards

FISCAL YEAR 2024



State	Name	Award	Description
Arizona	Canyon de Chelly Conservation Crews	\$273,300	A crew of 12 will remove the invasive Russian olives from lands in Canyon de Chelly National Monument.
Arizona	Tuzigoot and Montezuma Castle National Monuments Conservation Crew	\$230,000	A crew of 12 will restore ancient irrigation system (acequia) and preserve and stabilize ancestral dwellings.
Arizona	Grand Canyon National Park Conservation Crew	\$167,000	A crew of 24 will restore habitat, remove invasives and plant native species.
Arizona	Grand Canyon National Park, Petrified Forest National Park, Tuzigoot National Monument, Chiricahua National Monument, Coronado National Memorial, and Tumacacori National Historical Park Conservation Crew	\$101,268	A crew of 12 will restore critical habitat for monarch butterflies across NPS-managed lands.
Arizona	Arizona Climate Corps - Cocopah Tribe and San Carlos Apache Tribe Riparian Restoration	\$102,000	This project will benefit two riparian forest areas on the Cocopah West Reservation at the international border. These areas are in the historic floodplain of the Colorado River and are the last remaining cottonwood and willow groves on the Cocopah's West Reservation. The Tribe will restore culturally sensitive native riparian species, reduce flooding and fire concerns, as well as diversify the river corridor's flora and fauna species for overall riparian health and resilience.
Arizona	Hualapai Nation Community-Based Projects	\$75,000	The crews will work with Hualapai Nation cultural staff to remove invasive species from important Hualapai cultural sites along the Colorado River; plant traditional species like Willow to be harvested later for use in ceremonies and other cultural practices; reestablish individual farm plots that are specifically designed for certain traditional species; design and disseminate healthy eating and traditional farm access information to the community; and boost safety through the replacement of fencing.
Arizona	Flagstaff Area National Monuments Conservation Crew	\$52,500	A crew of six will preserve, stabilize and protect Ancestral Puebloan sites at Wupatki National Monument.
Arizona	Grand Canyon Conservation Crew	\$50,000	A crew of six will build traditional Zuni bread ovens at the Desert View Visitor Center.
Arizona	Petrified Forest National Park, Grand Canyon National Park, and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Conservation Crew	\$39,010	A high school crew of 12 from Hopi and Albuquerque will work alongside NPS staff to explore career pathways, complete meaningful service projects and recreate in 3 national park units.
Arizona and New Mexico	Capacity Builders	\$392,922	Crews and interns will work at Aztec Ruins National Monument, Canyon de Chelly National Monument, Chaco Culture National Historical Park, Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site and Navajo National Monument to provide support for various communications, event and restoration projects.
Arizona and Utah	Grand Canyon National Park, Zion National Park, and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Resource Interns	\$71,400	Six resource interns will participate in professional and leadership skills development. The interns will also be paired with mentors to explore and navigate careers in conservation.

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Arizona and Utah	Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Resource Technician	\$30,742	Technician will work with NPS science and resources staff to complete care and management of a historic orchard, and to complete other resources tasks. The primary job duty will involve upkeep and maintenance of a historic orchard, located in the Lonely Dell Ranch, within the Lees Ferry District at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.
Arizona and Utah	Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Resource Technician	\$30,400	An intern at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area will be involved with efforts to preserve the parks collection, greenhouse plant propagation, invasive plant control, planting and vegetation monitoring, while shadowing and working alongside, NPS biologists, interpreters and educators.
Arizona, Colorado, and New Mexico	Traditional Trades Advancement Program	\$219,000	The program will support historic preservation trade skills for the National Park Service's Historic Preservation Training Center and local park units including El Morro National Monument, Pecos National Monument, Bandelier National Monument, Flagstaff Area Monuments, Aztec Ruins National Monument, Canyon de Chelly National Monument, Tuzigoot National Monument and Mesa Verde National Monument. Crews will help preserve Ancestral Puebloan and Hohokam sites.
Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah	Bureau of Reclamation Tribal Youth Internships	\$721,000	The Bureau of Reclamation's Upper Colorado Basin Regional Office will partner with the Conservancy Legacy to hire eight individual Tribal interns, an eight-member Tribal conservation crew, and a six-member Tribal Conservation crew. The interns and crew members will work on a variety of engineering, conservation and preservation initiatives on Bureau of Reclamation and Tribal lands in Colorado and New Mexico and on the Navajo Gallup Project, Animas La-Plata Project, and Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program.
California	Lomakatsi Restoration Project - Fort Bidwell Indian Reservation	\$400,000	This project will support the development of a forest plan for the 3,500-acre Fort Bidwell Indian Reservation in partnership with the Fort Bidwell Indian Tribe. Funding will also support employment of an inter-Tribal workforce to accomplish strategic ecologically based fuels reduction at priority sites within the Fort Bidwell Indian Reservation to reduce wildfire risk to the community and forest and aquatic resources.
California	Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians Program	\$300,000	Through this program, 25 participants will receive a wide range of training and skills development opportunities, including CPR, first aid, mandatory reporting, ethics, leadership training, safety certifications, as well as proper tool use. These trainings will enhance the participants technical competencies and instill crucial safety practices that will be used on natural resources projects in and outside of the program.
California	Joshua Tree National Park Conservation Crew	\$275,000	A crew of six will work on the maintenance of trails and preservation of historic sites.
California	Tolowa Dee-ni'Nation Program	\$250,000	The program will engage Indigenous youth with natural resource, conservation, and stewardship projects on Tribal lands with a focus on sustainable land management, utilizing traditional ecological knowledge while providing training and educational, career, and personal development opportunities. Over a three-year period, this program will provide opportunities for a Tribal crew of 5 participants.

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Colorado	Bureau of Land Management Colorado Communications Intern	\$65,750	A communications intern will work with the Bureau of Land Management's Colorado Public Communications Office, helping develop editorials and narratives on how BLM works with the public, with a focus on Indigenous communities.
Colorado	Canyon of the Ancients National Monument Interpretative Intern	\$66,350	An intern will help tell the stories of Indigenous lands that cross and connect with tribal lands.
Colorado	Canyon of the Ancients National Monuments Conservation Crew	\$29,820	A crew of 12 will help reduce fuels near sensitive archeological sites, including Sand Canyon Pueblo and Lowry Pueblo.
Colorado	Canyon of the Ancients National Monuments Conservation Crew	\$27,000	A crew of six will perform historic preservation on Ancestral Puebloan sites.
Colorado	Bureau of Reclamation Technical Service Center Intern	\$17,000	The Bureau of Reclamation's Native American and International Affairs Office selected a Technical Service Center intern to serve in Summer 2024. The Bureau is working to create more pathways for resource assistant intern participants to be hired to permanent Bureau of Reclamation positions.
Colorado	Canyon of the Ancients National Monument Visitor Services Intern	\$12,835	An intern will support visitor services, welcome guests, provide hikes and tours and serves as a docent in the museum.
Colorado and Utah	Hovenweep National Monument Conservation Crew	\$167,647	A crew of six will preserve and stabilize ancestral dwellings at Hovenweep National Monument.
District of Columbia	Native American Affairs Liaison Interns	\$100,000	Two interns will work within the NPS Washington Office, helping update the Tribal Leader directory, support regional NPS Tribal liaisons as they work on Tribal consultations across the country, conduct primary research in support of Tribal projects initiated by the NPS Tribal liaison and support NPS Tribal reporting requirements.
District of Columbia	National Park Service - Washington Office Communications Intern	\$28,500	Hiring of an intern to research traditional ecological knowledge, Indigenous history, and Indigenous significance of NPS sites and topics for NPS communications.
Florida	Big Cypress Conservation Crew	\$75,000	A crew will perform natural resource conservation work at Big Cypress National Park.
Minnesota	Pipestone National Monument Resource Interns	\$61,480	Support of local youth conservation corps working with Tribal youth through the hiring of two resource interns.
New Mexico	Bandelier National Monument Hazardous Fuels Crew	\$285,000	A crew of 12 will help support the removal of hazardous fuels at Bandelier National Monument.
New Mexico	Chaco Culture National Historic Site and Aztec Ruins National Monument Conservation Crews	\$136,703	A crew of 12 will preserve, stabilize and protect Ancestral Puebloan sites at Chaco Culture National Historic Site and Aztec Ruins National Monument.
New Mexico	Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps - Zuni Pueblo Protecting Sacred Springs, Cultural Sites and Trails	\$125,000	The crews will construct and maintain trails to improve access to important cultural sites, develop economic development and tourism opportunities and provide recreational and healthy living activities for community members at the Dowa Yallane and Hawiku sites and help install picnic tables at Nutria Lake. Crews will also help reclaim traditional farmlands at Nutria Farming Village and Ojo Caliente Farming Village, cleaning the area and reclaiming stones for future restoration projects while also expanding traditional farmlands. Additional cultural preservation projects include rebuilding retaining walls near the Middle Village, restoring stone facades at the Zuni Wellness Center, and restoring cultural sites in the Middle Village.

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New Mexico	Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge Wildlife Refuge Vegetation Crew	\$87,500	A crew of 12 will support the Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge's Vegetation Team by helping remove noxious weeds, irrigate restoration sites and plant native plants.
New Mexico	Bureau of Land Management Las Cruces Field Office Resource Interns	\$84,785	Two interns will assist the BLM Las Cruces Field Office with populating a geodatabase of all backlogged sites and surveys completed for compliance related activities as well as organizing and scanning sets of backlogged site forms and survey report files.
New Mexico	Bureau of Land Management Education Intern	\$65,322	The BLM New Mexico State Office will hire an education intern to support cultural reconnection, environmental education, and recreation with Acoma youth.
New Mexico	Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge Environmental Justice Air Monitoring Coordinator	\$61,340	The Environmental Justice Air Monitoring Coordinator will support the Valle De Oro National Wildlife Refuge Environmental and Economic Justice Leadership team in the implementation of its Strategic Plan by coordinating Environmental Justice Air Network related community-based environmental remediation, monitoring and mitigation activities that will help protect local health.
New Mexico	Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge Environmental Justice Air Monitoring Specialist	\$57,500	The Air Monitoring Specialist will support the Valle De Oro National Wildlife Refuge Environmental and Economic Justice Strategic Plan by working on community- based environmental remediation, monitoring and mitigation activities that will help protect local health. The Air Monitoring Specialist will work closely with the Environmental Justice Air Steering Committee members consisting of the Pueblo of Isleta, Mountain View Coalition, Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps, Friends of Valle de Oro, Los Jardines Institute, Bosque Ecosystem Monitoring Program, and the Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge.
New Mexico	Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge Biological Technician	\$49,800	The Biological Technician will provide information, planning, and on the ground observation and management of wildlife and habitat restoration in addition to enhancement and monitoring of the refuge.
New Mexico	Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Services Intern	\$46,980	An intern will help support general visitor services, education, and volunteers at Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge.
New Mexico	Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge Administrative Intern	\$46,000	An intern will support general administrative functions and needs for the Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge.
New Mexico	Bureau of Land Management Rio Puerco Resource Intern	\$58,544	The BLM Rio Puerco Field Office will hire an intern who will provide a variety of support to BLM's range, timber, recreation and other programs.
New Mexico	Bureau of Land Management Rio Puerco Conservation Crew	\$58,540	A crew of 12 will perform trail maintenance, resource improvement and protection projects at the BLM Rio Puerco Field Office.
New Mexico	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service New Mexico Ecological Services Outreach Interns	\$40,942	Two interns will help create environmental education programs for local elementary students, focusing on the Rio Grande and the endangered silvery minnow.
New Mexico	Migratory Birds Program Administrative Support Intern	\$40,250	An intern will provide general administrative support and answer questions from the public related to migratory bird permitting.
New Mexico	El Malpais National Monument Conservation Crew	\$39,900	Six people will help with the preservation work of settler colonial sites at El Malpais National Monument.
New Mexico	Petroglyph National Monument Museum Technicians	\$33,515	Two museum technicians will assist with the processing, cataloging, and preparation of archival records to meet NPS archival standards and help document the history of the Petroglyph National Monument.

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New Mexico	NPS Santa Fe Office Vanishing Treasures Historic Preservation Program Assistant	\$24,990	Assistant will provide conservation, archaeological, engineering and architectural consultation to parks and monuments with urgent and technical preservation issues.
New Mexico	Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge Maintenance Technician	\$24,600	Support overall maintenance and facilities management at Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge.
Oklahoma	Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge Native American Program Intern	\$28,400	An intern will partner up with a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Regional Office Native American Program Assistant to strengthen relationships and support affiliated tribes at Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge.
Oklahoma	Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge Salt Plains Evasive Species Technicians	\$21,300	Two interns will support through the control of salt cedar around the periphery of the salt flats in the Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge.
Oklahoma	Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge Intern	\$17,200	An intern will engage Indigenous communities and offer culturally relevant stories and histories at Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge.
Oregon	Lomakatsi Restoration Project - Tribal Youth Ecological Stewardship Training and Employment	\$300,000	This program will employ a crew of 12 Tribal youth, recruited from seven different Tribal communities within and adjacent to Oregon, to accomplish 400 acres of forest and watershed restoration planning and implementation on Bureau of Land Management Medford District lands, in southern Oregon. Tribal crew members will receive professional certifications that equip them for natural resource careers and will gain hands-on experience in a range of ecological stewardship activities.
South Dakota	Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program South Dakota Office Assistance Fellow	\$214,800	Support Tribal communities by providing technical assistance on community-development projects.
South Dakota	Wind Cave National Park - Cultural Events Coordinator	\$21,875	The coordinator will help support Wind Cave National Park with coordination of cultural events with local Tribes and serving as a liaison.
Texas	Bureau of Reclamation Tribal Youth Scholarships	\$40,000	The Bureau of California-Great Basin Region will provide more than 10 scholarships for Tribal youth to attend the 2024 AESIS National Conference in San Antonio, Texas. The Conference is a 3-day event for Indigenous STEM professionals and students that focuses on educational, professional and workforce development. The annual conference hosts over 3,500 members and attendees from the United States and Canada.
Utah	Bryce Canyon National Park Conservation Crew	\$108,532	A crew of six will support Bryce Canyon National Park with reduction of hazardous fuels.
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Washington	Yakama Nation Salmon Corps	\$106,446	The Bureau of Reclamation's Columbia Pacific Northwest's Regional Office is partnering with the Yakama Nation on restoration work to be performed through Yakama Nation's Salmon Corps.
Wyoming	Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps - Wind River Conservation Efforts	\$125,000	Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps will collaborate with the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone Tribes on the Wind River Indian Reservation to address critical environmental challenges while honoring traditional landscape management practices on ancestral Shoshone and Arapaho lands. Projects include a diverse range of conservation efforts, including stream and lake restoration, forest thinning, wild horse management, fence and sign installation and bison management.