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AT A GLANCE

Young adult programs, ages 18-25: all participants are enrolled in AmeriCorps and receive education awards after completing service

- 242 young adults serve in field crews across the state, completing natural resource work restoring and protecting water quality, maintaining state parks, improving trails and restoring habitat
- 60 young adults serve in single placement positions with natural resource agencies and nonprofits and conservation apprenticeships at Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- 58 young adults serve as youth leaders for summer and afterschool programs

Youth programs, ages 15-18: all participants earn a stipend while restoring resources and gaining job and career-planning skills

- 148 youth—about 10 percent of whom are deaf or hard of hearing—unplug from modern intrusions to live, learn, and work outdoors as part of the rural residential Summer Youth Corps
- 120 youth take part in the afterschool Youth Outdoors program, which engages diverse urban high school students from low-income homes—about 90 percent of whom are people of color—in job training, science education, and outdoor service-learning

PURPOSE

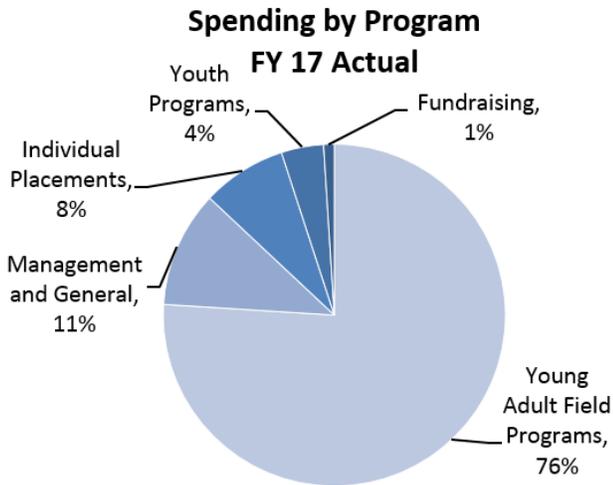
Conservation Corps Minnesota's mission is to provide hands-on environmental stewardship and service-learning opportunities to youth and young adults while accomplishing conservation, natural-resource management and emergency response work.

Conservation Corps Minnesota's goals are to help young people from diverse backgrounds become more connected to the environment, engaged in conservation, involved in the community, and prepared for further education and future employment. Conservation Corps integrates young people from various socio-economic backgrounds and cultural communities, as well as deaf youth, into its programs and lives up to its motto: Resources Restored. Lives Changed.

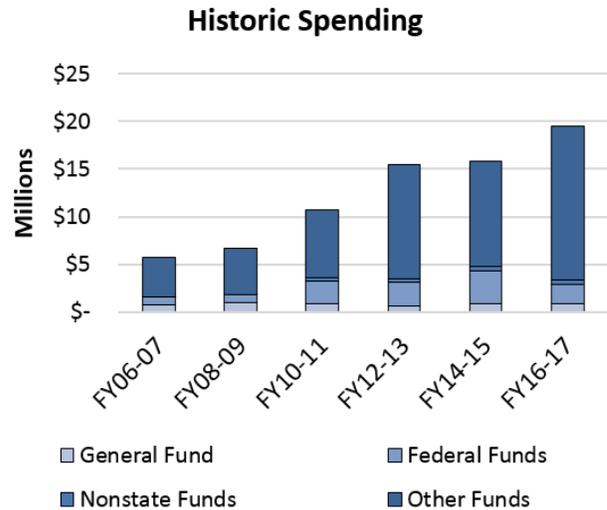
Conservation Corps' mission and goals support these statewide priorities:

- Investing in Kids, Families, and Communities
- Building an Economy that Works for All Minnesotans
- Clean, Affordable Water for All Minnesotans

BUDGET



Source: Conservation Corps' Audited Financial Statements



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Conservation Corps Minnesota has a diverse funding base. Fee-for-service contracts fund more than 55 percent of program costs and are the primary revenue source in the young adult programs, along with government grants. Youth programs also derive revenue from fee-for-service contracts but rely more heavily on individual giving, private/corporate foundation grants, and government grants. Fee-for-service partners include federal, state, local and nonprofit partners and related service activities. Clean water, land, and legacy funds support nearly 20 percent of program costs through partnerships with different agencies.

STRATEGIES

Restoring resources

Throughout Conservation Corps' programs, young people are involved in hands-on, service-learning activities that protect and enhance natural resources.

1. **Restoring and Protecting Water Quality:** Corps members restore and protect waterways and shorelines that are vital to the region's water supply by stabilizing shorelines, installing buffers and rain gardens, and removing debris and other pollutants.
2. **Habitat Restoration:** Corps members restore habitat on public lands throughout Minnesota by removing non-native invasive species, conducting prescribed burns, and planting native trees and plants.
3. **Improving Access to Outdoor Recreation:** Corps members build and maintain motorized and non-motorized trails, boardwalks, campsites, park facilities, and other recreational structures.

Changing Lives

Conservation Corps Minnesota prepares nearly 594 young people for further education and future employment each year with personal development, technical and work-skills training, and education.

1. **Educational curriculum for youth (ages 15-18):** focuses on science and technology and job-search skills. More than 20 percent of program time is devoted to education and skills training. Eighty-five percent of youth participants report in post-program surveys that their work skills have improved.
 - **Summer Youth Corps** – Youth begin at St. Croix State Park base camp, then spike camp throughout the region, working in crews of eight youth and two AmeriCorps leaders each as they restore natural resources and lead volunteers during two four-week summer sessions.
 - **Youth Outdoors** – Diverse urban teens from low-income neighborhoods engage in out-of-school environmental science education, civic leadership, and outdoor service-learning as they complete

neighborhood improvement projects and lead volunteers during 11-week fall and spring school semesters and an eight-week summer session.

2. **Skills training for young adults (ages 18-25):** includes hands-on training in habitat restoration, trail building, prescribed burning, energy conservation, leadership, communication, and other skills. Field crew members receive professional certifications in wildfire suppression, chain-saw safety, and first aid.
 - **Non-residential Field Crews** – Young adults, working in five-member crews, conduct natural resource, conservation, and emergency response work from February to December.
 - **Seasonal crews** – Young adults from diverse ethnic communities, working in six-member crews, receive intensive job training in natural resource management and work in the Superior National Forest “Faces of Tomorrow” initiative from May through August.
 - **Single placements** – Individual corps members are based at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Neighborhood Energy Connection in Saint Paul, government agencies, and nonprofits. During the summer, apprentices serve in soil and water conservation districts throughout Minnesota.

RESULTS

| Type | Performance Measures | 2016 | 2017 |
|-------------------|--|--------|--------|
| Output (quantity) | Number of youth and young adults engaged in job skills training, education and natural resource and conservation work | 586 | 647 |
| Output (quantity) | Hours of education/training provided to young people | 63,771 | 63,264 |
| Output (quantity) | Acres of habitat restored | 48,700 | 38,880 |
| Output (quantity) | Miles of trail restored | 1,714 | 1,360 |
| Outcome (result) | Percent of young people who gained workforce readiness skills including self-confidence, teamwork, and problem solving | 92% | 90% |
| Outcome (result) | Percent of young people who gained an appreciation for nature and protecting the environment | 96% | 96% |

Performance measures follow the calendar year in alignment with Conservation Corps’ program schedule and fiscal year.

The legal authority for the Minnesota Conservation Corps is found in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 84, Section 991 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=84.991>).

(Dollars in Thousands)

| | Actual FY16 | Actual FY17 | Actual FY18 | Estimate FY19 | Forecast Base FY20 FY21 | | Governor's Recommendation FY20 FY21 | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------|---|------------|
| <u>Expenditures by Fund</u> | | | | | | | | |
| 1000 - General | 455 | 455 | 455 | 455 | 455 | 455 | 455 | 455 |
| 2100 - Water Recreation | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| 2101 - Snowmobile | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 |
| 2102 - All-Terrain Vehicle | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| 2103 - Off-Highway Motorcycle | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| 2104 - Off-Road Vehicle | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| 2106 - State Park | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 |
| 2107 - State Pks & Trls Lott In Lieu | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| 2112 - Invasive Species | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| 2113 - Forest Management Investment | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| 2116 - Cross Country Ski | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| 2117 - Natural Resource Misc Statutry | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Total | 945 | 945 | 945 | 945 | 945 | 945 | 945 | 945 |
| Biennial Change | | | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| Biennial % Change | | | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| Governor's Change from Base | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Governor's % Change from Base | | | | | | | | 0 |
| <u>Expenditures by Program</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Conservation Corps Mn | 945 | 945 | 945 | 945 | 945 | 945 | 945 | 945 |
| Total | 945 | 945 | 945 | 945 | 945 | 945 | 945 | 945 |
| <u>Expenditures by Category</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Grants, Aids and Subsidies | 945 | 945 | 945 | 945 | 945 | 945 | 945 | 945 |
| Total | 945 | 945 | 945 | 945 | 945 | 945 | 945 | 945 |

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Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

| | Actual FY16 | Actual FY17 | Actual FY18 | Estimate FY19 | Forecast Base FY20 FY21 | | Governor's Recommendation FY20 FY21 | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------|---|------------|
| 1000 - General | | | | | | | | |
| Direct Appropriation | 455 | 455 | 455 | 455 | 455 | 455 | 455 | 455 |
| Expenditures | 455 | 455 | 455 | 455 | 455 | 455 | 455 | 455 |
| Biennial Change in Expenditures | | | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| Biennial % Change in Expenditures | | | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| Governor's Change from Base | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Governor's % Change from Base | | | | | | | | 0 |

2100 - Water Recreation

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Direct Appropriation | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| Expenditures | 50 |
| Biennial Change in Expenditures | | | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| Biennial % Change in Expenditures | | | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| Governor's Change from Base | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Governor's % Change from Base | | | | | | | | 0 |

2101 - Snowmobile

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Direct Appropriation | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 |
| Expenditures | 75 |
| Biennial Change in Expenditures | | | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| Biennial % Change in Expenditures | | | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| Governor's Change from Base | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Governor's % Change from Base | | | | | | | | 0 |

2102 - All-Terrain Vehicle

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Direct Appropriation | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| Expenditures | 50 |
| Biennial Change in Expenditures | | | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| Biennial % Change in Expenditures | | | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| Governor's Change from Base | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Governor's % Change from Base | | | | | | | | 0 |

2103 - Off-Highway Motorcycle

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Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

| | Actual | Actual | Actual | Estimate | Forecast Base | | Governor's Recommendation | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|
| | FY16 | FY17 | FY18 | FY19 | FY20 | FY21 | FY20 | FY21 |
| Direct Appropriation | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Expenditures | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Biennial Change in Expenditures | | | | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Biennial % Change in Expenditures | | | | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Governor's Change from Base | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Governor's % Change from Base | | | | | | | | 0 |

2104 - Off-Road Vehicle

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Direct Appropriation | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Expenditures | 30 |
| Biennial Change in Expenditures | | | | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Biennial % Change in Expenditures | | | | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Governor's Change from Base | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Governor's % Change from Base | | | | | | | | 0 |

2106 - State Park

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Direct Appropriation | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 |
| Expenditures | 150 |
| Biennial Change in Expenditures | | | | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Biennial % Change in Expenditures | | | | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Governor's Change from Base | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Governor's % Change from Base | | | | | | | | 0 |

2107 - State Pks & Trls Lott In Lieu

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Direct Appropriation | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| Expenditures | 25 |
| Biennial Change in Expenditures | | | | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Biennial % Change in Expenditures | | | | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Governor's Change from Base | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Governor's % Change from Base | | | | | | | | 0 |

2112 - Invasive Species

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|----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Direct Appropriation | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
|----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|

(Dollars in Thousands)

| | Actual | Actual | Actual | Estimate | Forecast Base | | Governor's Recommendation | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|
| | FY16 | FY17 | FY18 | FY19 | FY20 | FY21 | FY20 | FY21 |
| Expenditures | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| Biennial Change in Expenditures | | | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| Biennial % Change in Expenditures | | | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| Governor's Change from Base | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Governor's % Change from Base | | | | | | | | 0 |

2113 - Forest Management Investment

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Direct Appropriation | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| Expenditures | 50 |
| Biennial Change in Expenditures | | | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| Biennial % Change in Expenditures | | | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| Governor's Change from Base | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Governor's % Change from Base | | | | | | | | 0 |

2116 - Cross Country Ski

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Direct Appropriation | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Expenditures | 15 |
| Biennial Change in Expenditures | | | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| Biennial % Change in Expenditures | | | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| Governor's Change from Base | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Governor's % Change from Base | | | | | | | | 0 |

2117 - Natural Resource Misc Statutory

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Direct Appropriation | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Expenditures | 10 |
| Biennial Change in Expenditures | | | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| Biennial % Change in Expenditures | | | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| Governor's Change from Base | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Governor's % Change from Base | | | | | | | | 0 |

(Dollars in Thousands)

| | FY19 | FY20 | FY21 | Biennium 2020-21 |
|---|------|------|------|---------------------|
| Direct | | | | |
| Fund: 1000 - General | | | | |
| FY2019 Appropriations | 455 | 455 | 455 | 910 |
| Forecast Base | 455 | 455 | 455 | 910 |
| Total Governor's Recommendations | 455 | 455 | 455 | 910 |
| Fund: 2100 - Water Recreation | | | | |
| FY2019 Appropriations | 50 | 50 | 50 | 100 |
| Forecast Base | 50 | 50 | 50 | 100 |
| Total Governor's Recommendations | 50 | 50 | 50 | 100 |
| Fund: 2101 - Snowmobile | | | | |
| FY2019 Appropriations | 75 | 75 | 75 | 150 |
| Forecast Base | 75 | 75 | 75 | 150 |
| Total Governor's Recommendations | 75 | 75 | 75 | 150 |
| Fund: 2102 - All-Terrain Vehicle | | | | |
| FY2019 Appropriations | 50 | 50 | 50 | 100 |
| Forecast Base | 50 | 50 | 50 | 100 |
| Total Governor's Recommendations | 50 | 50 | 50 | 100 |
| Fund: 2103 - Off-Highway Motorcycle | | | | |
| FY2019 Appropriations | 10 | 10 | 10 | 20 |
| Forecast Base | 10 | 10 | 10 | 20 |
| Total Governor's Recommendations | 10 | 10 | 10 | 20 |
| Fund: 2104 - Off-Road Vehicle | | | | |
| FY2019 Appropriations | 30 | 30 | 30 | 60 |
| Forecast Base | 30 | 30 | 30 | 60 |
| Total Governor's Recommendations | 30 | 30 | 30 | 60 |
| Fund: 2106 - State Park | | | | |
| FY2019 Appropriations | 150 | 150 | 150 | 300 |
| Forecast Base | 150 | 150 | 150 | 300 |
| Total Governor's Recommendations | 150 | 150 | 150 | 300 |
| Fund: 2107 - State Pks & Trls Lott In Lieu | | | | |
| FY2019 Appropriations | 25 | 25 | 25 | 50 |
| Forecast Base | 25 | 25 | 25 | 50 |
| Total Governor's Recommendations | 25 | 25 | 25 | 50 |

(Dollars in Thousands)

| | FY19 | FY20 | FY21 | Biennium 2020-21 |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|
| Fund: 2112 - Invasive Species | | | | |
| FY2019 Appropriations | 25 | 25 | 25 | 50 |
| Forecast Base | 25 | 25 | 25 | 50 |
| Total Governor's Recommendations | 25 | 25 | 25 | 50 |
| Fund: 2113 - Forest Management Investment | | | | |
| FY2019 Appropriations | 50 | 50 | 50 | 100 |
| Forecast Base | 50 | 50 | 50 | 100 |
| Total Governor's Recommendations | 50 | 50 | 50 | 100 |
| Fund: 2116 - Cross Country Ski | | | | |
| FY2019 Appropriations | 15 | 15 | 15 | 30 |
| Forecast Base | 15 | 15 | 15 | 30 |
| Total Governor's Recommendations | 15 | 15 | 15 | 30 |
| Fund: 2117 - Natural Resource Misc Statutry | | | | |
| FY2019 Appropriations | 10 | 10 | 10 | 20 |
| Forecast Base | 10 | 10 | 10 | 20 |
| Total Governor's Recommendations | 10 | 10 | 10 | 20 |