ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

PARTNERING WITH THE CORPS

CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS

LOCAL CONSERVATION CORPS

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Legislative Requirements

Legislative intent to use corps: provides the opportunity for young adults who are participating in workforce development programs, to be engaged in entry-level job opportunities on transportation projects.

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

> *"(f) In developing the guidelines with regard to project selection, the commission shall include, but need not be limited to, the following criteria: ...*
>
> *(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."*

Conservation Corps of California

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

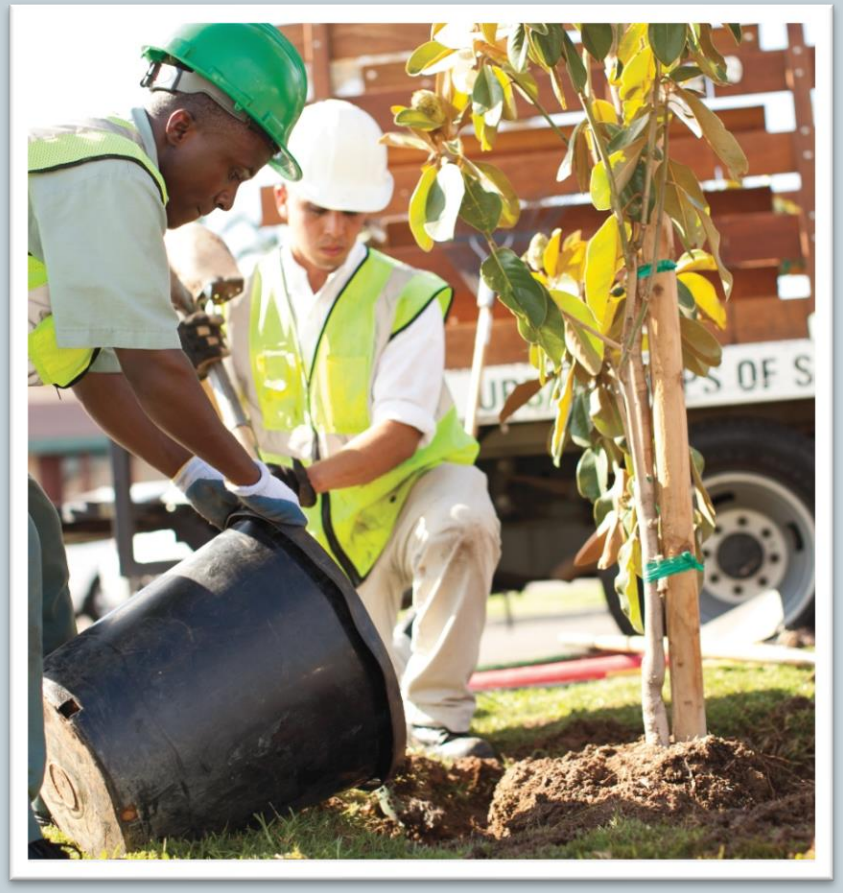
Conservation Corps are rigorous programs that combine work, education, leadership and career development

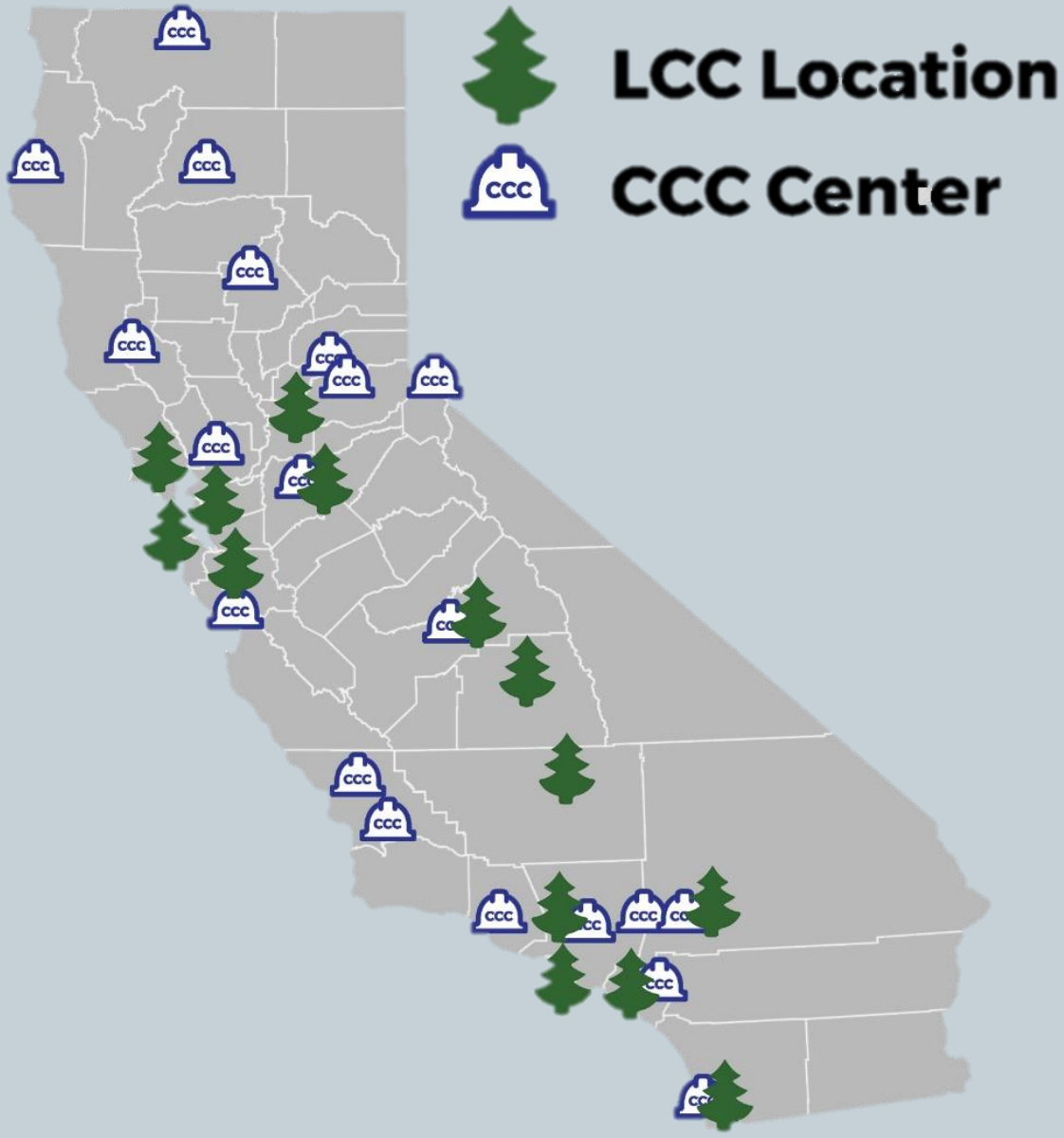
California Conservation Corps

- A state department within the Natural Resources Agency
- Modeled after the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930's
- 24 sites across the state including 9 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





CCC & Local Corps Locations

What Can CCC & 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 may provide some technical supervision and training

ATP Project Examples

- Repair, remove & replace sidewalks
- Sign installation
- Irrigation
- Drought-tolerant landscaping
- Demolition & deconstruction
- Tree planting
- Trail construction
- Urban park construction
- Graffiti removal
- Bike locker & bike rack installation
- Fencing
- Outreach & Education

And more. . .

Benefits of Partnering with Corps

- Compliance with legislation and ATP guidelines
- Transportation projects are pathways for corpsmembers to successfully enter the workforce
- Corps often work in and are located in underserved communities
- Avoid point deduction on project application (0 or -5 points)
- Avoid point deduction on future project applications (up to -10 points)

ATP Application Process

(How to Partner with the Corps)

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

Step 2: Applicant completes and submits the ATP Corps Consultation Form (found on Corps websites) to both CALCC and CCC simultaneously via email. The form collects data such as project title, description, location map, schedule, and site plans. CALCC and CCC will respond to applicant w/in 10 business days

Step 3: Once both CALCC and CCC respond with their capacity to partner, the applicant marks appropriate box on the application indicating one of the following:

- neither corps can participate (no penalty)
- corps can participate and applicant intends to use the CCC or local corps (no penalty)
- applicant has contacted both corps but intends not to use either corps (penalty applies)
- applicant has not coordinated with both corps (penalty applies)
- applicant submitted all required consultation documents to both corps within the 10 business day turn-around but did not receive a response from a corps (no penalty)

Step 4: Applicant attaches email correspondence from both 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 Report Consultation Records to Caltrans

Corps maintain:

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

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

Caltrans Applies Corps-Use Score

Caltrans assigns points for the use of Conservation Corps:

- 0 points (no penalty):

- Application is for a planning only 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 10 day time frame but did not receive a response from either corps

- 5 points (penalty):

- Applicant has not coordinated with both corps
- Applicant has contacted the corps but intends not to use corps

ATP Guidelines: Scoring

Applications will be scored based on non-use of a conservation corps as a partner by deducting 5 points from any project:

“Points will be deducted 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”

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.

Contacting the Corps

California Association of Local Conservation Corps
ATP Analyst
(916) 426-9170 ext. 2
inquiry@atpcommunitycorps.org
http://mylocalcorps.org (General information about Local Corps)

California Conservation Corps
ATP Analyst
(916) 341-3117
atp@ccc.ca.gov
www.ccc.ca.gov (General information about CCC)

Send consultation documentation simultaneously to both:
atp@ccc.ca.gov
inquiry@mylocalsorps.org