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CALIFORNIA NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES AWARDED \$10 MILLION FOR YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS PROGRAMS

- *Five Tribes to Establish or Continue Youth Conservation Corps Programs*
 - *From Internships to Hands-on Training in Natural Resource Conservation*
 - *Grants Advance Governors Commitment to Partner with Tribes Through Nature-Based Solutions Actions*
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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The Tribal Nature-Based Solutions Conservation Corps Grant Program awarded five California tribes millions of dollars in funding to establish and maintain tribal youth conservation corps programs across California.

“These grants can make a long-lasting impact on promoting conservation to Native American youth and particularly on their ancestral lands,” said Bruce Saito, Director of the California Conservation Corps. The grants are administered by the California Conservation Corps.

The CCC awarded a total of \$10 million, with the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California receiving the largest grant – \$3 million.

The Washoe Tribe intends to use its award to create A full-time tribal youth conservation corps serving eight youth in the first year of funding, then expand to serve 12 youth in year-two.

Participating youth in all five tribal conservation corps awarded these grants will engage in natural resources conservation projects on tribal land while receiving career training and readiness support.

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Grant proposals were required to include components focused on workforce development and features that implement sustainable land management practices as they relate to climate change and climate adaptation/resiliency.

“The CCC makes such a natural partner for these grants and their goal. We look forward to sharing with the tribes our knowledge that comes from more than 45 years of operating the nation’s oldest and largest conservation corps, and we can’t wait to learn from the tribes more traditional ecological knowledge they have amassed from generations of caring for California’s lands,” said Saito.

The five awardees are:

- Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California - \$3,000,000
 - Establish full-time Washoe Tribe Youth Corps aimed at providing training, career exploration, career readiness through engaging in natural resource projects

- Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians - \$2,400,000
 - Create conservation corps serving 25 youth over three-year period with the goal of creating career pathways through work on tribal lands

- Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians - \$2,161,060
 - Expand existing tribal conservation corps to continue focus on traditional ecological knowledge

- Bishop Paiute Tribe - \$1,636,700
 - Develop seasonal tribal conservation corps program for 10 tribal youth to experience meaningful resource management on tribal and federal lands

- Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation - \$801,117
 - Initiate a seasonal, tribal conservation program serving up to five tribal youth participating in educational and conservation projects on tribal lands

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About the CCC

The California Conservation Corps' mission is to protect and enhance California's natural resources and communities while empowering and developing young adults through hard work and education.

The CCC is a state agency and the nation's oldest and largest conservation corps. The CCC has Corpsmember openings every month for young adults 18 to 25 and U.S. military veterans up to age 29. Call 800-952-5627 or visit ccc.ca.gov to learn more.

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