



CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS
CERTIFIED COMMUNITY CONSERVATION CORPS
Corps Consultation Process



Background

The California Conservation Corps (CCC) is a state department within the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA). The CCC program provides young adults 18-25 years old – many of whom come from disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged communities – a year of paid service to work on environmental projects that protect and enhance California's natural resources. Through hard work and education, these adults are empowered and developed to gain skills and experience that lead to meaningful careers.

Certified Local (Community) Conservation Corps (LCCs) are nonprofit or local government entities that operate corps programs similar to the CCC and are typically located in urban communities that may be underserved and/or disadvantaged. LCCs are independent organizations but are accredited (certified) by the State of California to collaborate and partner with CNRA departments and other state agencies. LCCs share the same mission of providing job skills training and educational opportunities to young adults ages 18-26 while preserving and protecting the environment. LCCs are collectively represented by the California Association of Local Conservation Corps (CALCC).

The Corps Consultation Process has been developed to ensure compliance with the following statutes:

- Active Transportation Program: Senate Bill 99, Chapter 359, §2382 (f)(10) – Use of the California Conservation Corps or a certified local community conservation corps, as defined in §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.
- Proposition 1 – Water Bond: Division 26.7 of the Water Code, Chapter 6, §79734 – For restoration and ecosystem protection projects funded pursuant to this chapter, the services of the California Conservation Corps or a local conservation corps certified by the California Conservation Corps *shall* be used whenever feasible.
- Proposition 4 – Climate Bond: Climate Bond §90150 – To the extent feasible, a project whose application includes the use of services of the California Conservation Corps or certified community conservation corps, as defined in Section 14507.5, shall be given preference for receipt of a grant under this division.

- Proposition 68 – Parks, Environment and Water Bond: Public Resources Code §80016 – To the extent feasible, a project whose application includes the use of services of the California Conservation Corps or Certified Community Conservation Corps, as defined in Section 14507.5, shall be given preference for receipt of a grant under this division.

For each of these programs, applicants must consult with the CCC and CALCC (hereafter collectively referred to as Corps) to determine the feasibility of the Corps' participation. **Both CCC and CALCC must be consulted prior to application submission.**

NOTE: The Corps have determined that *projects without hand labor are exempt from the consultation process* and do not need to submit a Corps Consultation Review Document to the department administering the grant. The Corps must be consulted on all other projects, including planning projects and scientific studies with field work such as, but not limited to, baseline studies, invasive plant removal, native plant propagation, mapping, and site maintenance.

Corps Consultation Process

- Step 1: Applicant completes the [Corps Consultation Form](#) available online. Applicants are encouraged to reach out to both Corps early in the process while developing project proposal(s) to determine how the Corps can be included.
- Step 2: Within 14 business days of receiving the completed form, Corps representatives will review the submitted information, contact the applicant for more information if necessary, and respond to the applicant with a Corps Consultation Review Document informing them whether it's feasible for Corps services to be used on the project.
- The Corps cannot guarantee a compliant review process for applicants who submit the required form and attachments fewer than 14 business days before an application deadline.
- If the Corps determine it is feasible for their services to be used on the project, applicant will contact the Corps to discuss costs and coordinate the planning of Corpsmember involvement in the project.
- Step 3: Applicant submits grant application and Corps Consultation Review Documents to administering agency. If the Corps determine their participation is feasible, a description of project components involving Corps and an estimated budget for the component(s) should be included in the grant application. If the grant program

includes multiple phases of application review, please consult the program's guidelines for when to submit the Corps' consultation response.

- Step 4: Administering agency reviews applications. Depending on the program's requirements, applications that do not include documentation indicating the Corps' participation may not be considered for funding and will not receive preference for an award.
- Step 5: If the project receives funding, applicant will contact the Corps to coordinate and schedule Corpsmember involvement in the project.

Tips for Consulting with the Corps

General

- Legislation that requires or encourages the use of the Corps do not require applicants to engage in the competitive bidding process.
- The Corps are exempt from prevailing wages (California Labor Code §1720.4(c)).
- To consult with the corps outside of the consultation process for grant funding described above, applicants should reach out to the CCC and LCC office closest to their project site during project inception and design to identify mutually beneficial project design and work and avoid unexpected delays. [CCC centers](#) and [LCC office locations](#) can be found online.

Application Period

If a Corps determines that it is feasible for Corpsmembers to work on the project, the applicant should reach out to the Corps via the contact information provided in the consultation response to discuss costs and coordinate the planning of Corpsmember involvement in the project. This information will be needed for the grant application.

Post-Award

- If both the CCC and LCC determines that it is feasible for corpsmembers to work on the project, it is the grantee's discretion on which Corps to hire. If there is enough project work for both Corps to complete, the grantee is welcome to hire both Corps. We are always open to collaboration.
- If the project is funded, the grantee must contact the Corps via the contact information provided in the consultation response to schedule crews as soon as possible to ensure statutory compliance and crew availability.
- If the grantee cannot or chooses not to work with the Corps for any reason, the grantee must reach out to the grant administrator and Corps to determine next steps.

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Corps Contact Information

For support, please email one of the addresses below:

Active Transportation Program

- CCC: ATP@ccc.ca.gov
- LCC: Inquiry@ATPCommunityCorps.org

Proposition 1

- CCC: Prop1@ccc.ca.gov
- LCC: Inquiry@Prop1CommunityCorps.org

Proposition 4

- CCC: ClimateBond@ccc.ca.gov
- LCC: Inquiry@Prop4CommunityCorps.org

Proposition 68

- CCC: Prop68@ccc.ca.gov
- LCC: Inquiry@Prop68CommunityCorps.org