

Youth Program Funding Opportunity Announcement Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is the difference between Reclamation's Youth Intern FOA and the Youth Conservation FOA?

A. The youth internship FOA focuses on individuals in conservation internships. Eligible entities are 501(c)(3) Non-profit organizations. The youth conservation FOA focuses on crew work accomplished in groups through eligible entities non-profit organizations. Both FOAs provide for the recruitment and placement of Youth to: 1) build an understanding and appreciation of natural and cultural resources; 2) further the development and maintenance of these resources by America's youth; 3) prepare the next generation for the ultimate responsibility of maintaining and managing these resources for the American people; and 4) provide relevant work experience in Reclamation's mission-critical occupations.

Q. Where can I find the FOA for the Youth Intern Programs?

A. Please visit www.grants.gov and search for FOA number R16-FOA-DO-001.

Q. Where can I find the FOA for Youth Conservation projects?

A. Please visit www.grants.gov and search for FOA number R16-FOA-DO-002.

Q. When will the funding opportunities close?

A. The deadline for applicants to submit proposals under the FOAs will be October 30, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

Q. How do Master Cooperative Agreements (MCAs) work?

A. Recipients are selected using a competitive process, recipients may seek, and enter into, task agreements with Reclamation without competing again for the next (5) five years. MCAs are not tied to any funding and do not obligate Reclamation to enter into any financial assistance agreements with any recipient. Recipients must seek-out and build relationships and ultimately enter into a task agreement in order to received funding assistance.

Q. Is a non-Federal cost share required for projects or internships?

A. Yes, a 25% non-Federal cost share contribution is required (including non-Federal funds, donations, contributions, and/or in-kind services).

Q. How is the process different from Reclamation's previous youth FOA?

A. Five years ago Reclamation sought a single National youth organization to fulfill all crew and internship opportunities with the 17 western states. This year MCAs will be

awarded to all qualified and eligible entities that apply. By awarding multiple agreements and approving sample budget of the awardee, task agreements and funding of projects will be more efficient.

Q. Will funding for Youth projects be allocated?

A. The Master Cooperative Agreements (MCAs) are not attached to funding and do not guarantee funding for tasks agreements.

Q. How will MCAs be awarded?

A. Applications will be reviewed by Reclamation and MCAs will be awarded to all qualified and eligible applicants.

Q. How long will we have to develop a Youth project proposal if we receive a MCA?

A. MCAs will remain in effect for five years under which task agreements may be made. Task agreements may be made for projects to be completed within two years.

Q. What is a task agreement?

A. A task agreement is the order for individual tasks for work within the scope of a MCA. Projects will be funded, subject to the availability of funds, by issuance of task agreements placed against the MCA.

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