

# Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (OYCC) Office of Workforce Investments

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#### **OYCC Vision**

Oregon's at-risk youth are successful community members engaged in work, stewardship, and lifelong learning.

## **OYCC Mission**

Empowering youth by providing outdoor work and stewardship experiences throughout Oregon.

# **Grant Programs**

#### SUMMER CONSERVATION CORPS (SCC)

SCC is OYCC's largest state-funded program, with the goal of having a local program in each of Oregon's 36 counties and in Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes. The primary objective of an SCC program is to provide youth an opportunity to develop critical soft/life skills through paid summer employment opportunities where they gain valuable job skills while completing community focused, natural resource and stewardship projects.

#### COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP CORPS (CSC)

CSC programs are comprised of innovative, community-focused, alternative education programs that combine classroom and field-based learning. Youth gain valuable education, employment and leadership skills while learning work ethic and gaining environmental knowledge while working towards their high school diploma or GED.

### Youth Empowerment

#### WORK INDICATORS/SKILL BUILDING

- Work-Ready Skills include: punctuality, professional appearance, appropriate dress, positive attitude, coachability, initiative, problem solving, and work ethic.
- Corpsmembers are taught effective communication skills for the workplace, including professional language, teamwork, active listening, and conflict resolution.
- Programs promote a positive attitude among Corpsmembers.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

- Projects being completed have meaningful impacts on local communities.
- Corpsmembers are exposed to partner connections to continue their community stewardship.
- Programs instill the value of stewardship and community involvement and ensure Corpsmembers understand the impact of their work.

#### EDUCATION/LIFELONG LEARNING

- Programs promote the importance of education.
- Corpsmembers are exposed to experiential, hands-on learning and teachable moments.
- Programs offer the opportunity for Corpsmembers to gain credit(s) toward an educational award (e.g. GED, college degree, or certificate).
- Corpsmembers are made aware of career pathways including further education and occupational opportunities.