



# OREGON CONSERVATION CORPS

Oregon Conservation Corps (OCC) utilizes public funding through Senate Bill 762 to create fire resilient communities while providing workforce development and career building opportunities to Oregon young adults age 19-26.

## FUNDING

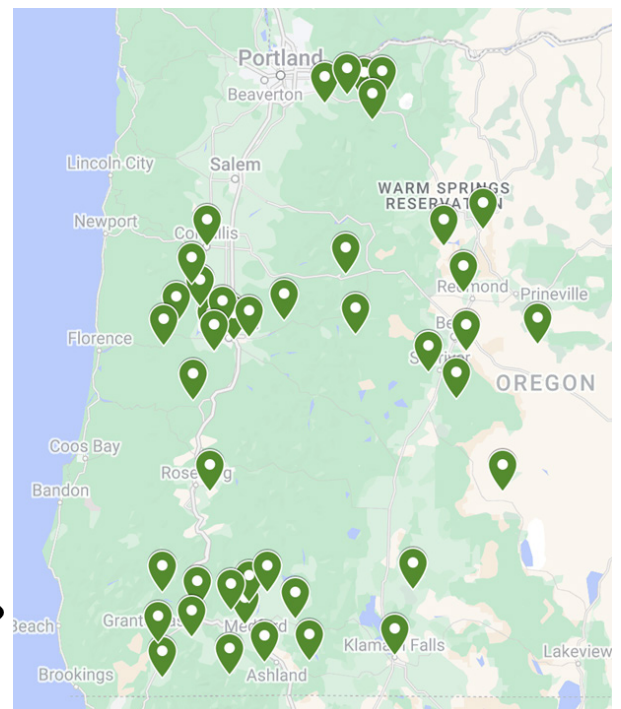
- State funds are awarded to local workforce development organizations like Northwest Youth Corps, Heart of Oregon, and Lomakatsi to train crews to complete the work.

## PROJECT SITES

- OCC grant applications designate the geographic area of their proposed work. Applications reference the Oregon Explorer Risk Map to identify the risk associated with the region they will be conducting OCC fire protection work.
- OCC grantees work in partnership with state or local fire management authority to determine the specific communities needs. The HECC Equity lens which supports populations with greater vulnerability including communities of color, indigenous, those with limited proficiency in English and communities with lower-income members is used to determine individual property eligibility.
- Properties and infrastructure installations are assessed to determine the prescription of work to be performed. Property owners and facility managers receive fire risk education as an important part of the assessment process.
- Collectively, OCC grantees work on as many properties as possible in their specified treatment areas because each property treated strengthens the community resilience.



## LOCATIONS



## OUTCOMES

- In 2022, OCC provided training, practicum, and credentials for 279 young adult participants, now ready to join the wildfire workforce
- Completed 36,709 hours of priority community wildfire protection work
- Protected hundreds of structures and thousands of acres across 41 different zip codes (approximately 9.7% of Oregon zip codes)



**Supporting OCC creates safer Oregon communities and a competent young workforce**

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