



May 30, 2024

Nick Mueller, Director
Greater Valley Conservation Corps
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Local Conservation Corps Nature-Based Solutions Grant Program – GVCC Stockton NBS Initiative

Dear Nick:

Congratulations! Greater Valley Conservation Corps has been awarded \$1,785,714.00 in funding for the GVCC Stockton NBS Initiative program under Grant Agreement #: G-NBS-22-78661. The project performance period for this program is May 31, 2024 – September 30, 2027. You may begin incurring expenses from that date.

Enclosed you will find your approved Program Description and Deliverables, Estimated Timeline, CCC Form 510 – Budget Estimate, and CCC Form 509 – Hourly Rate Justification Form.

You have a remaining balance of \$785,714.00 that can be applied to a separate program-level initiative or project by March 31, 2027.

The California Conservation Corps is committed to the success of your program and is available to provide grant management support and technical assistance throughout the grant period. Please reach out to Andrea Gabriel at 916-341-3272 or via email at Andrea.Gabriel@ccc.ca.gov for questions and support.

Best Regards,

Ka-Ryn Escovedo

Ka-Ryn Escovedo
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Program Description: Greater Valley Conservation Corps (GVCC) will establish one Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) crew of four corpsmembers who will receive workforce education, skill development, job training, and career pathway opportunities while working on projects with the City of Stockton that meet NBS objectives:

1. Supporting sustainable land management practices to tackle environmental, social, and economic challenges.
2. Promoting biodiversity protection, habitat restoration, wildfire resilient, sustainably managed landscapes and other conservation outcomes.
3. Accelerating the natural removal of carbon and building climate resilience in our local forests, wetlands, urban greenspaces, and land conservation activities in ways that serve all communities and in particular disadvantaged and climate
4. Expanding equitable outdoor access and recreation for all.

Project examples include but are not limited to:

- Habitat conservation and restoration through invasive plant removal and native plant and tree planting
- Forest health and wildfire resilience through vegetation management, removal of dead and dying trees, and construction of fuel breaks
- Urban and community greening through the construction of urban and community gardens and removing asphalt to restore natural areas
- Expanding equitable outdoor access and recreation through the construction of pedestrian, bike, and/or trail pathways and installation of park infrastructure and features

Program Deliverables:

- Establish one NBS crew of four corpsmembers
- Employ the NBS crew for 728 days
- Crew completion of 15 NBS-eligible projects
- Provide 42 months of workforce development training to the NBS crew
- Provide 42 months of wraparound services and support to the NBS crew

Timeline:

- May 2024 – July 2024: Program launch; Corpsmember recruitment, selection, and onboarding
 - Release corpsmember applications and select corpsmembers for the NBS crew
 - Identify NBS-eligible projects with the City of Stockton
- July 2024 – June 2027: Project implementation; corpsmember training and development
 - Complete NBS-eligible projects with the City of Stockton
 - Corpsmembers to complete trainings that include, but are not limited to, S-212 chainsaw training, OSHA 10, CPR/First Aid, arboriculture, landscape management, and other training opportunities from the City of Stockton such as safe operation and use of aerial lifts and cranes
 - Provide to corpsmembers educational and career pathway support, such as career exploration, field trips to community colleges and job fairs, and hosting career-focused presentations from guest speakers

Budget:

	Quantity	Unit	Cost Per Unit	Total Cost
A. Direct Project or Program Staff				
Corpsmember Hours	19,584	Hours	\$ 46.44	\$ 909,480.96
Corps to Career Liaison	3,886	Hours	\$ 16.46	\$ 63,963.56
			Sub-total	\$ 973,444.52
B. Direct Operating Expenses & Equipment				
Barrier Removal/Food & Transportation				\$ 190,861.00
Materials/Supplies				\$ 197,000.00
Acknowledgment Signage				\$ 26,500.00
Trainings				\$ 65,000.00
Equipment/Rental				\$ 83,000.00
Community Enagement				\$ 17,000.00
			Sub-total	\$ 579,361.00
C. Indirect Costs				\$ 232,908.48
Grant Grand Total				\$ 1,785,714.00