Collaborating with Local Conservation Corps



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Mission

Certified Local Conservation Corps are individual, regional, nonprofit organizations. The mission of each Local Conservation Corps is to preserve and protect the environment and provide job skills training and educational opportunities to young men and women, primarily ages 18-25.

Who Corps Serve

- Young women & men
- Ages 18-26
- 95% live in poverty
- 95% people of color
- 100% high school drop outs

What Corps Provide

Local Conservation Corps provide an alternative to youth unemployment, incarceration, and substance abuse, and help young men and women get their lives on a healthy track.

Upon entering a Local Conservation Corps, corpsmembers receive educational opportunities and on-the-job skills training.

Most corpsmembers enter our programs without a high school degree, but all corps members are required to participate in a structured academic program.

Local Corps Locations

- Long Beach
- East Bay
- Fresno
- Los Angeles
- North Bay
- Orange County
- Sacramento
- San Francisco
- San Joaquin
- San Jose
- Sequoia
- San Diego
- Inland Empire



Charter High Schools

Young adults who were unsuccessful in a traditional high school have the opportunity to reclaim their academic futures and earn a high school diploma. Most Corps have an independent charter school authorized by the Nevada County (CA) Office of Education, to offer a high school diploma program accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).



Environmental Projects









With Bottle Bill funding, this is what the local corps typically accomplish in a single fiscal year:

- Service to nearly 3,000 businesses, special event venues, schools and offices
- Collect more than 6.2 million pounds of CRV bottles and cans
- Reduce more than 3.6 million pounds of trash through litter abatement projects
- Collect more than 4.3 million pounds of mixed recycling (cardboard, paper, non-CRV plastics, metal)

Funding Sources

- Unfortunately, the Bottle Bill program is currently operating under an approximate \$100 million annual structural deficit, and CalRecycle was proposing to make across-the-board funding cuts by necessity.
- Under the Governor's proposed budget for FY 14/15,
 Governor Brown diversified the local corps' funding by
 replacing our Bottle Bill funds with alternative recycling
 program revenues such as e-waste, used tires and used oil.
- The local corps are working with CalRecycle to ensure that these new funds can continue to support our current recycling programs for coming years.

Future Partnerships

 With the new recycling revenues, we have this FY 14-15 to transition in using the new recycling funding sources. This involves implementing new projects that will fulfill niches that are not currently being filled.

Why are we here today?

We need your help...

Local Corps are currently seeking to partner up with local jurisdictions to increase recycling knowledge for your communities in e-waste, used oil and used tires.

What can we do for your local jurisdiction in regards to E-waste?

- We can provide crews to do educational outreach in your community for upcoming recycling collections events.
- Most Corps are certified by CalRecycle to handle and collect e-waste material.



What can we do for your local jurisdiction in regards to used oil?

- We can provide crews to do educational outreach in your community for upcoming recycling collections events.
- We can perform Certified Collection Center (CCC) signage inspections.
- Supplement a tailored program you may already have in place.

What can we do for your local jurisdiction in regards to used

tires?

 Most Corps are certified tire haulers and we can provide collection of illegally dumped tires in public roads.



Please contact us at http://calocalcorps.org



Corps are ready and willing to work with local jurisdictions.