



FY24 BUDGET REQUEST

The New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps (NMYCC) is funded with a governmental gross receipts tax (GGRT) distribution. The purpose of the agency is to fund local governments, tribes and non-profits who manage employment and career development programs for youth ages 14 to 25. Youth improve the state’s natural, cultural, historical, recreational and agricultural resources, and receive life, career and job training. Returning corps members may qualify for a \$1500 educational voucher or \$500 cash. The nine-member Commission is composed of five governor appointees and four state agency designees. There are two FTEs.

The NMYCC request is \$5,825.80, a 12% increase over the FY23 Operating budget. This figure incorporates \$1,285.3 from the fund balance.

The increase will cover the cost of cooperative agreements with EMNRD, and the State Land Office initiated with a Section 5 appropriation in FY22/23; the project award cap increase from \$150.0 to \$175.0; the personnel pay increase; and increased costs of materials (t-shirts, signs) that support YCC projects. YCC anticipates several projects related to fire recovery and prevention in FY24. YCC’s fee to EMNRD for services is \$125 through FY26 per our MOA.

About 94% of the budget is used to fund youth projects or directly support corps members.



Use	FY22 Actuals	FY23 OPBUD	FY24 Request
200 Personal Services/Employee Benefits (2 FTEs)	\$101	\$198.80	\$205.50
300 Contractual Services (YCC Projects)	\$2,098.50	\$4,805.80	\$5,400.00
400 Operating Costs	\$57.70	\$80.10	\$95.30
500 Other Financing Uses (EMNRD fee)	\$125	\$125.00	\$125
Total Uses	\$2,382.60	\$5,209.70	\$5,825.80



Corps Member Benefits By statute, the YCC offers a \$1,500 educational voucher OR a \$500 cash compensation to corps members who have worked on a YCC project for 48 weeks within a 48-month period.

In FY22, 33 corps members were eligible for benefits and contacted by the YCC. Nineteen youth responded; 12 have been paid and another 7 are in the process. The biggest hurdle to delivering benefits is lack of response from corps members.

Performance Based Budget Measures, FY22

Percent of eligible corps members receiving education voucher or cash benefit

Target: 85% Actual: 57%

Percentage of all award funds used for corps member wages

Target: 77% Actual: 80%

Number of youth employed annually

Target: 840 Actual: 444



Projects at a Glance, FY23

Projects funded: 43
 Accepted: 41
 Youth employed: 610
 Training hours: 15,352
 Total funding: \$4,187,806
 Total match: \$1,461,911

Major Accomplishments

YCC has a Cooperative Agreement for \$600,000 with EMNRD/Mining & Minerals, and one in progress for \$200,000 with the State Land Office. Both agencies will employ youth to perform mapping projects.

YCC is working with partners to develop a career kit for corps members.

YCC hired a new administrator in June 2022, and she is great. The position was vacant for a year.

