



Community Planning & Permitting

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To: Boulder County Board of County Commissioners

From: Jim Webster, Wildfire Mitigation Program Manager

RE: Grant Application for Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network (FAC Net)

We are seeking approval to submit a grant application to FAC Net for a new Wildfire Partners program: Youth Helping Vulnerable Individuals and Communities. Grant applications are due November 10, 2023. Awards will be made in December 2023. The grant project period runs from December 2023 to May 2025. If funding is received, mitigation work by youth corps crews will run from June – November 2024.

Proposal: Provide 20 weeks of free wildfire mitigation work for vulnerable individuals and communities. We have been working with TEENS, Inc. and Mile High Youth Corps (MHYC) for several years for up to four weeks a year. Some of this work has supported vulnerable individuals and communities. All three organizations would like to increase the quantity of work performed and focus these efforts on historically underrepresented and underserved members of our community. This program will increase the accessibility and equity of our efforts and broaden the diversity of engagement and collaboration with community members and groups.

We would like to apply for the grant to secure additional financial resources and for the opportunity to share the lesson of this program with our national network of practitioners.

Funding: FAC Net: 75,000; Wildfire Mitigation Tax Budget: \$250,000

We would like use the FAC Net funds to hire an FTE employee to work with youth crew members when they are on site, and coordinate training, recruitment and project development efforts. We will work to recruit a former TEENS, Inc. or MHYC team member who is bilingual for this FTE. The mitigation tax budget will be used as matching funds to pay for equipment and supplies and to hire the TEENS, Inc. and MHYC crews that cost between \$1,000 and \$3,500 per day depending on crew size, age and capabilities.

Grant Opportunity: FAC Net is requesting proposals from network members to support their wildfire resilience work. FAC Net is one of the Fire Networks administered as part of a partnership among the USDA Forest Service (USFS), the Department of the Interior Agencies (Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service), The Nature Conservancy, the Watershed Center and the many local and regional practitioners who make up the Networks' memberships. Grantees will be required to participate in network activities designed to increase learning and sharing among FAC practitioners.

Matt Jones County Commissioner **Claire Levy** County Commissioner **Marta Loachamin** County Commissioner

BOCC Signature if Approved:

Signature

Date