

ANCESTRAL LANDS CONSERVATION CORPS



THE ANCESTRAL LANDS model is rooted in the culture and heritage of local tribal communities. The power and impact of the Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps (ALCC) programming is due to tribal and community investment and support for each program locally, combined with the network of operational support from Conservation Legacy. To date there are 17 different Ancestral Lands programs operating both nationally and on the local level.

Conservation Legacy is a national non-profit that is dedicated to supporting locally based conservation service programs that empower individuals to positively impact their lives, their communities and the environment.

Conservation Legacy established a Native American "Ancestral Lands" program model in 2008 based at Pueblo of Acoma, New Mexico, and has since worked with multiple Native American communities to expand and replicate that model.

PARTNERING WITH ALCC

Partnering becomes a win/win situation for the community, ALCC members and land managers by providing meaningful opportunities for young people to complete important conservation projects.

ALCC typically provides approximately 45% match for the projects we work on. The match is a combination of 20% cash (already reflected as a lower weekly rate) and a 25% in kind match which is calculated as the current independent sector value of volunteer service.

Typically ALCC's match is most helpful when ALCC is working on projects that are funded through state, federal, and independent grant programs where a match is required. Other partners simply receive a 20% cost savings from the onset.

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ANCESTRAL LANDS CREW MODELS:

- TRAIL
- INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL
- FUELS MITIGATION
- WILDLIFE FENCE CONSTRUCTION
- TRADITIONAL FARMING
- RIPARIAN RESTORATION
- GPS/GIS INVENTORY/MAPPING
- YOUTH HIKING CLUB

PROJECT TYPES:

- TRAIL CONSTRUCTION
- WATERSHED RESTORATION
- DESERT RESTORATION
- MINING RECLAMATION
- TREE PLANTING AND SEEDING
- ROUTE/ROAD CLOSURE
- INVASIVE/NOXIOUS SPECIES MGMT
- FENCING
- FIRE REHABILITATION
- FIRE FUELS MITIGATION
- HISTORIC PRESERVATION
- INVENTORY AND MAPPING
- SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE
- WEATHERIZATION
- PARKS MAINTENANCE
- DISASTER RESPONSE
- INTERNSHIPS
- WATER CONSERVATION



"The Southwest Conservation Corps has been very beneficial to our BIA natural resource conservation projects which are implemented across the Navajo Nation. The SCC has employed many Native youth to gain experience, land stewardship, valuable "hands-on" job training, and helped to maintain the traditional Native ecological knowledge. The conservation crew has successfully completed approximately 1.5 miles fencing for the western portion of the Navajo Nation boundary. This included disassembling the existing fence line and constructing a new wildlife friendly fence."

The SCC has served as a valuable resource in bridging community involvement by recruiting local Native youth on BIA Natural Resource conservation projects. This is very beneficial by allowing the Native youth to gain higher quality job skills and making them competitive in the job market."

-Sharon Pinto, BIA Navajo Region Regional Director