



Office: Color Contry District Office (CCDO)

Notice of Funding Opportunity Number: L22AS00216

Project Submission Dates and Times: April 12, 2022 by 5:00pm ET

Project Title: Color Country District Office (CCDO) Youth Internship Opportunity

Maximum Available Funding in FY22: \$250,000

BLM has determined \$600 weekly stipend equal to \$15.00 per hour (to include Fringe and benefits) is reasonable.

Project Background Information: The Color Country District Office (CCDO) is located in southwestern Utah and includes the Cedar City, Richfield and St. George Field Offices. The Color Country District Office is comprised of diverse landscapes in the Great Basin, Mojave and Colorado Plateaus. The Cedar City Office consists of 2,093,832 acres of public land, the Richfield Field Office consists of 2,125,466 acres and the St. George Field Office consists of 629,422 acres of public land. A wide suite of internship opportunities across multiple resource disciplines including Archaeology, Cadastral, Engineering, GIS, Lands & Realty, Range, Recreation, Wild Horses and Wildlife are available through this opportunity. Internships would be available within the Cedar City, Richfield and St. George Field Offices. Student interns would have the opportunity to work alongside resource specialist staff who would provide mentorship and opportunities for youth to build meaning leadership and educational skills while gaining knowledge and experience of public land management.

Project Objective The Color Country District Office has opportunities to introduce youth to careers in the BLM under multiple resource management programs including Archaeology, Cadastral, Engineering, GIS, Range, Recreation, Wild Horses and Wildlilfe. The CCDO has resource specialists that would like to provide work experience to youth for their career and educational benefit. This would be accomplished by providing them opportunities to gain work experience, learn about public lands, further their understanding and appreciation of natural resources and gain knowledge of public land management. From this experience they would gain an increased appreciation and understanding of public lands and the value of public service and would likely become life-long advocates for those values.

Work Schedule: Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm with a flexible start/end date in April-May/August-September.

Qualification Requirements: This opportunity is suitable for youth working towards an undergraduate or graduate degree in field related to the resource management disciplines identified in the project background. This opportunity would require time outdoors and field work that is often under somewhat rigorous physical conditions. Student interns must also be able to pass a DOI security background check.

Housing: The agency cannot provide housing but may be able to assist in locating appropriate housing for interns in each of the locations (Cedar City, Richfield and St. George).

Vehicle Needs: A personal vehicle is NOT required for the position, but is strongly encouraged as it makes the interns days off much more enjoyable. Four-wheel drive vehicles would be provided by CCDO for the purpose of completing project work associated with the internship.

Other Project Considerations:

Each intern would be responsible to provide their own meals and field gear on a daily basis.

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BLM would supply four-wheel drive vehicles, GPS units and any specialized monitoring equipment for fieldwork. BLM would also supply laptop computers and a workspace for interns to complete office work.

Training Requirements including computer (FISSA IT Security), Defensive Driving, CPR/First Aid, Sexual Harassment and Diversity and Inclusion would be provided by the applicant.

Travel: No camping is expected to occur during the internship; however, some interns may be required to travel and stay in a hotel at night. This would be based on the distance that project work is from the office and other special events (i.e. conferences/workshops). The Cadastral intern may be expected to stay in a hotel up to 3 nights/week throughout the duration of the internship. The hotel costs would be the responsibility of the applicant.

Duties:

Fifteen to twenty (15-20) interns would work with BLM staff throughout the Color Country District (Cedar City Field Office, Richfield Fiel Office and St. George Field Office) to complete a variety of tasks in multiple programs on an annual basis. Projects and duties including the following would be completed throughout the internship on an annual basis.

1. Archaeology

- Two interns would complete cultural clearances so that on-the-ground projects can be implemented
 - 30 miles livestock pipeline
 - 10 miles livestock fence
 - 10 grazing permit renewals

2. Cadastral

- One intern would preserve and maintain Section corners/monuments
 - Survey 30,000 acres to support implementation of habitat improvement projects

3. Engineering

- One intern would survey water sources, design livestock pipeline and fences
 - 10 water right applications
 - 30 miles of livestock pipeline
 - 10 miles of livestock fence

4. GIS

- One intern would assist with map making, GIS analysis and post process GPS field data
 - 100 maps
 - 5 projects complete GIS analysis
 - 50 post process GPS field data projects

5. Land and Realty

- One intern would complete compliance inspections

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- 50 compliance inspections

6. Range

- Four interns would collect vegetative monitoring data and inspect Range Improvement Projects
 - 100 livestock grazing allotments
 - 50 Range Improvement Project Inspections
- Two interns would assist with noxious weed program
 - 250 acres of weed eradication

7. Recreation

- Two interns would design and layout new trails, complete maintenance on existing trails and monitor recreation sites
 - 5 miles new trail construction
 - 10 miles trail maintenance
 - 8 recreation site monitoring

8. Wild Horses

- One intern would monitor wild horse populations and Herd Management Areas
 - 10 Herd Management Areas monitored

9. Wildlife

- Four interns would complete wildlife clearances
 - 30,000 acres of wildlife clearances to support implementation of habitat improvement projects

BLM's Involvement: There will be substantive BLM programmatic involvement by BLM professionals that will work daily side by side with interns on all projects and also be providing project orientation and hands-on training. BLM will have the right to intervene by modifying the project management plan, if project is not staying on schedule, technical issues arise, etc. In addition, BLM and applicant will meet periodically to discuss progress and track project outcomes; review any training needs; and then make a decision what direction to take in finalizing project or move to the next phase.

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