

## Grant Proposal Report to Commission from Task Force

**PROGRAM:** White Pine & AmeriCorps Nature-Based Intervention Initiative

**SPONSOR:** White Pine Programs

**GRANT FUNDING:** Formula

**GRANT TYPE:** Fixed Amount

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** White Pine Programs proposes to have 5 AmeriCorps members who will deliver nature-based programming for youth and seniors in Kittery, York, Eliot, South/North Berwick, Sanford, Wells and the Kennebunks. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps program will have meaningfully impacted the mental well-being of youth and seniors in these communities through boosted self confidence, building new relationships, and gathering in community outdoors. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 100 community volunteers who will be engaged in providing nature-based programming such as facilitated recess and workshops that build naturalist skills, focused on reducing loneliness, sadness and feelings of isolation. The AmeriCorps investment of \$130,900 will leverage \$305,000 comprised of \$0 in public funding and \$305,000 in private funding. *(NOTE: This is the original Executive Summary from their year one grant proposal. For approved grant funding levels see below).*

### GRANT FUNDING HISTORY FOR CURRENT AWARD:

- \$ 94,500 Year 1 CNCS Award
- \$ 27,000 Year 1 Cost per MSY (3.5 MSY)
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- \$ 88,200 Year 2 CNCS Award
- \$ 25,200 Year 2 Cost per MSY (3.5 MSY)

### CONTINUATION REQUEST:

- \$ 88,200 Year 3 CNCS Award
- \$ 25,200 Year 3 Cost per MSY (3.5 MSY)

### Final Assessment of Application:

- Forward or fund with no corrections/modifications
- Forward or fund with corrections/modifications
- Do Not Forward or fund

### Referenced Conditions/Corrections

2.0 MSY and \$50,400.

### **Task Force Review Notes and Appraisal Summary:**

Reviewers acknowledged that White Pine continues to face significant recruitment and retention challenges, particularly those associated with the limited housing market in York County. Several reviewers noted that the program has historically struggled to recruit members at the level envisioned and expressed concern about expanding beyond the program's demonstrated recruitment capacity. At the same time, reviewers were encouraged by the program's efforts to develop partnerships and innovative strategies to address these barriers and improve member recruitment and acceptance rates.