State of Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Youth Recreation Corps Program – FY2014 Grant Application

GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant: Cosley Zoo Foundation	EAV: \$2,080,958,943	
Project Title: Visitor Engagement Guides	Minority Percentage: 16.4%	
City where program is located: Wheaton	County: DuPage	
Senate District: 21 House District:	42	
US Congressional District: 6		
Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN): 36-	-3461739	
LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION		
Chief Officer Name: Art Pape	Title: President	
Chief Officer Name: Betty Bradshaw	Title: Vice President	
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GRANT REQUEST SPECIFICS		
	(\$9/hour for youth or \$12/hour supervisors) See chart on next page.	
Does Applicant have sufficient funds to pay youth ur	ntil such time as payment is forthcoming from the State? Yes 🗵 No 🔲	
Potential youth employment categories and proposed	I number of youth hired using Grant Funds:	
Youth Supervisors: yes I no 🗵 # Youth I	Instructors: yes no □ #2 Managing Supervisors: yes □ no ##	
Instructional Aides: yes 🔲 no 🗵 # Mainte	enance Personnel: yes 🔲 no 🗵 # Total Hires: 2	
Does Applicant currently operate a summer youth co	onservation or recreation program: yes 🗵 no 🔲	
If yes, number of youth between ages of 14 to 18 cur		
If no, has the Applicant operated a similar program v	vithin the past 18 months: yes no	
Population served by the Applicant: 150,000		
Acres managed by the Applicant for youth conservat		
Number of programs operated for youth conservation	n or recreation: 1181	
Does Applicant have sufficient supervision and oper-	ational capacity to support youth workers hired under this Grant: yes 🗵 no	
	1 sup: 2 youths (1 supervisor per 10 workers maximum). Example: 8 hire	S
may have 1 supervisor, 13 hires may have 2 supervis	ors, 20 hires may have 2 supervisors)	
Provide complete and concise responses to the follow	ving questions:	
1. Scope of Work – describe how proposed fu	ands will be used for the recreational project and the role of the eligible youth.	
	outh instructors to help facilitate the zoo's casual interpretation	
programming made available for the gener	al public. Casual interpretation programming includes nature play related	
activities for families focusing on wildlife an	d conservation education. The youth instructors will regularly interact with	
the public in their position and they will be	under the direct guidance and supervision of a regular full-time Cosley Zoo	
staff member.		
Is project for recreational programs only?	Yes ☑ No ☑ Maintenance only? Yes ☑ No ☒ OR Both? Yes ☑ No	×
2. Describe the local resources available to suc	ccessfully operate the program – describe facilities, materials and management	t:
As an accredited member of the Association	n of Zoos and Aquariums, the staff members of Cosley Zoo maintain a high	
	animals housed on-site and coordination of services for the 140,000 annual	
	ublic enjoyment and engagement, Cosley Zoo is equipped with the	
	programs that include, but are not limited to emergency action plans, anima	l
care procedures, general operation policies	, budget documents, maintenance logs, and annual reports.	

- 3. Describe the demographics of the community and the youth to be served by the recreational project: The youth instructors hired through this grant program would have regular interaction with the general public, recreation program participants, volunteers, and other staff members of Cosley Zoo. This includes the over 34,360 families that visit Cosley Zoo annually. Of this number, 74% of the families are residents of the DuPage County community and the remaining 26% of visitors are from 52 other counties in Illinois, all 50 states in the US, and eight countries from around the world.
- 4. Describe the need for youth employment in the community:

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 24.1% of persons between the ages of 16-19 years of age are considered unemployed. Considering Cosley Zoo generally draws visitation and employment from the DuPage County area, this could account for 15,741 youths seeking employment.

5. Describe how this grant will enhance recreational activities for facilities in the community:

The awarded funds will increase the opportunity to engage with the general public visiting Cosley Zoo by nearly 178%.

Exhibit A: Detailed Budget Estimate for Grant Amount Requested

Work Item/Project_Location	# of Workers	Estimated Hours	Wage Rate	Estimated Expenditure
Youth Casual Interpretation Instructe	-2	304	\$9.00	\$5,472.00
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Totals	2	304		\$5,472.00
Managing Supervisors (ratio 1:10)			\$12.00	\$0.00
Totals	2	304		\$5,472.00

Anticipated Expenditures by Month:				
_{June:} \$1,656.00	_{July:} \$2,376.00	August:\$1,440.00		

Certification of Hires under Illinois Youth Recreation Corps

All enrollees under the Illinois Youth Recreation Corps Program shall be new hires of the Applicant. No enrollee funded through this grant shall be currently employed in any manner by the Applicant. By signature on the line below, the Applicant certifies that this provision of the grant shall be fully enforced. Per the Illinois Grant Funds Recovery Act (30 ILCS 705), failure to comply with this provision will result in immediate termination of any grant agreement and require immediate reimbursement of all funds provided to the Applicant for this program.

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Signature of Authorized Official Art Pape	
Signator Name (printed) President	4/14/2014
Signator Title (printed)	Date

- [/] I have read and understand the Grant Instructions and will comply with all terms and provisions listed therein.
- [\] I understand that employer taxes are not covered by the grant funds.
- [] All information in the application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.