

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

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GRANT REQUEST SPECIFICS

Grant Amount Requested: \$\$\$5,472.00 (\$9/hour for youth or \$12/hour supervisors) See chart on next page.
Does Applicant have sufficient funds to pay youth until such time as payment is forthcoming from the State? Yes No

Potential youth employment categories and proposed number of youth hired using Grant Funds:
Youth Supervisors: yes no # Youth Instructors: yes no # 2 Managing Supervisors: yes no #
Instructional Aides: yes no # Maintenance Personnel: yes no # Total Hires: 2

Does Applicant currently operate a summer youth conservation or recreation program: yes no
If yes, number of youth between ages of 14 to 18 currently employed: 2
If no, has the Applicant operated a similar program within the past 18 months: yes no

Population served by the Applicant: 150,000
Acres managed by the Applicant for youth conservation or recreation activities: 5
Number of programs operated for youth conservation or recreation: 1181

Does Applicant have sufficient supervision and operational capacity to support youth workers hired under this Grant: yes no
If YES, proposed ratio of supervisors to youth hires: 1 sup : 2 youths (1 supervisor per 10 workers maximum). Example: 8 hires may have 1 supervisor, 13 hires may have 2 supervisors, 20 hires may have 2 supervisors)

Provide complete and concise responses to the following questions:

1. Scope of Work – describe how proposed funds will be used for the recreational project and the role of the eligible youth.
Cosley Zoo Foundation seeks to hire two youth instructors to help facilitate the zoo's casual interpretation programming made available for the general public. Casual interpretation programming includes nature play related activities for families focusing on wildlife and 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 successfully operate the program – describe facilities, materials and management:
As an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, the staff members of Cosley Zoo maintain a high level of commitment to the more than 300 animals housed on-site and coordination of services for the 140,000 annual visitors. Regularly operating programs for public enjoyment and engagement, Cosley Zoo is equipped with the necessary structures for executing quality programs that include, but are not limited to emergency action plans, animal care procedures, general operation policies, budget documents, maintenance logs, and annual reports.

