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State of California provides almost \$2 million dollar grant to Monterey County Workforce Development Board for Green CADRE program

Thursday, July 10, 2025 – Salinas, CA – The Monterey County Workforce Development Board (MCWDB) has received a second round of funding from the California Volunteers, Office of the Governor, for the Youth Service Corps employment program. “The Youth Service Corps funding, of almost \$2 million dollars, will help MCWDB in addressing local challenges around climate change and food insecurity while providing youth adults with the opportunity to make an impact in Monterey County through the Green CADRE program,” said Monterey County Workforce Development Board, Executive Director, Christopher Donnelly.

The Green CADRE program will provide up to ninety young adults, between the ages of 18-30 over an 18-month period, with paid job training, work experience and community service projects in Monterey County. The MCWDB Green Cadre program works closely with the California State parks, the City of Monterey and the Food Bank for Monterey County.

Green CADRE projects include:

- Park and trail maintenance
- Wildfire mitigation and protection
- Food banks/ community gardens

The MCWDB Green CADRE program will start August 11th, 2025. In the first three weeks of the program, participants will focus on team building, communication skills, and obtaining certifications such as OSHA 10, Safety, and Food Handlers. Job training will start in week four with a focus on addressing key areas of climate and food insecurity.

The Green CADRE program is designed for out of school young adults between the ages of 18-30 and they will earn \$19.00 hourly. Young adults interested in being considered for the program must apply at <https://montereycountyworks.com/Cal4AllGreenCadre> Questions may be emailed to MCWDB-greencadre@countyofmonterey.gov The Green CADRE online application deadline is July 25th

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The Monterey County Workforce Development Board integrates public and private partnerships to train and place individuals with the skills that local employers need. This project is funded 100% with Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Federal Funds made available to the State of California Employment Development Department by the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration as the Grantor. This WIOA, Title 1-financially assisted program/activity is an equal opportunity employer/program, and auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities or limited English.