The Partnership for the 21CSC

The Partnership (P-21CSC) supports the development and implementation of the 21CSC to reach its goal of engaging 100,000 young people and veterans per year in conservation service. The P-21CSC has an open membership that includes federal, state, local, and nonprofit leaders and stakeholders of the 21CSC. Focus areas of the Partnership include:

a. Raising non-federal funding to support 21CSC
b. Bolstering federal support for 21CSC
c. Identifying 21CSC programs
d. Creating a national 21CSC brand

The National Council

The members of the National Council include representatives from the Corporation for National and Community Service (AmeriCorps); the Council on Environmental Quality; the Environmental Protection Agency; the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and the Departments of the Interior, Agriculture, Commerce, and Labor.

The National Council provides leadership and commitment within its agencies and throughout the federal government to help build and promote the 21CSC.

Program Operators

21CSC Programs – operated by nonprofit organizations and local, state, and tribal governments – recruit young people (age 15 – 25) and veterans (up to age 35) to undertake 21CSC Projects.

Examples of 21CSC projects include:
- trail construction
- tree planting
- stream restoration
- park construction
- wildfire prevention
- invasive species removal
- GIS Inventory

Land / Water Managers

Federal, state, tribal, local & nonprofit land and water managers engage 21CSC programs to complete projects. Land and water managers typically contribute to the cost of engaging 21CSC programs. Money for these contributions come from regular maintenance and operational funds.

Land / Water Managers include:
- U.S. Department of the Interior
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Army Corps of Engineers
- State Parks
- local parks
- State Division of Wildlife
- tribal offices

Funders

Funding for the 21CSC includes support from private companies, federal resources, and state and local appropriations.

Funding supports 21CSC program operators, allowing them to enroll 21CSC participants to complete 21CSC projects.

Examples of Fund Sources:
- American Eagle Outfitters pledged $1 million to support the 21CSC
- CamelBak pledged $100,000 to support the 21CSC
- AmeriCorps
- Work-Study
- Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

Supporters

Numerous nonprofit organizations, government bodies, and companies support the 21CSC by providing funding, collecting data, marketing 21CSC programs, guiding policy development, creating partnerships and facilitating the accreditation of 21CSC programs.

Examples of Supporters:
- The Corps Network
- Conservation Legacy
- Public Lands Service Coalition
- Sierra Club
- The Wilderness Society
- Conservation Lands Foundation
- Backcountry Horsemen of America