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MANO PROJECT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The My Access to Network Opportunities (MANO) Project, launched by the Hispanic Access Foundation works to connect and build young leaders of color to protect public lands and create equitable and just climate change strategies. By partnering with agencies like the Bureau of Reclamation, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and the USDA Forest Service, the MANO Project provides paid fellowships and internships to train the next generation of conservation professionals, providing many with hands-on experience in implementing climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies.

OBJECTIVES

- Build a diverse conservation workforce by training the next generation of climate leaders.
- Develop climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies at National Wildlife Refuges, helping to keep the 17 gigatons of carbon sequestered and out of the atmosphere.

PATHWAYS FOR SCALING



The Civilian Climate Corps Fellowship Program created by MANO Project and USFWS creates a scalable model for enlisting young professionals in efforts to develop climate mitigation and adaptation strategies for National Wildlife Refuges and other public lands.



The Resource Assistant Program is another scalable program that helps young professionals build land management and restoration skills, aiding reforestation and wildfire prevention efforts in National Forests.



Expansion of MANO Project into private and NGO sectors.

LOCATION

Nationwide

FUNDING AMOUNT

\$6 million for 2022

PROGRAM PARTNERS AND FUNDERS

Hispanic Access Foundation, USDA Forest Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, National Credit Union Administration. Additional funding provided by Apple and Patagonia.

SUCCESSES TO DATE



450+ alumni

have partnered in the internship program to date.



9 National Wildlife Refuges

with climate adaptation and mitigation plans completed or in development.

For more information about this and other innovative and scalable projects implementing Natural Climate Solutions in the U.S., please visit www.usnature4climate.org/building-ambition/.