

(5) -- AUTHORIZE -- UTILIZATION OF THE CORPS FOR EMERGENCY PROJECTS OCCASIONED BY NATURAL DISASTERS, FIRE PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION, RESCUE OF LOST OR ENDANGERED PERSONS, OR ANY OTHER ACTIVITY OR PROJECT NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(6) -- APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANTS OR CONTRIBUTIONS OF FUNDS FROM ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOURCE;

(7) -- PURCHASE, RENT, OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRE OR OBTAIN NECESSARY PROPERTY, SUPPLIES, INSTRUMENTS, TOOLS, EQUIPMENT, OR CONVENIENCES;

(8) -- EXECUTE CONTRACTS TO FURNISH THE SERVICES OF THE CORPS TO ANY FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY OR ANY LOCAL OR STATEWIDE PRIVATE ORGANIZATION CONCERNED WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CORPS PROGRAM;

(9) -- PROCURE INSURANCE; AND

(10) -- PURSUE REIMBURSEMENT BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, ANY STATE OR LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY, OR ANY PRIVATE ORGANIZATION FOR ACTUAL EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE CORPS FOR ANY PROJECT UNDERTAKEN FOR THAT ENTITY.

(C) -- THE DIRECTOR MAY EMPLOY A STAFF AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

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(A) -- CORPS PROJECTS SHALL CONSERVE, IMPROVE, OR DEVELOP NATURAL RESOURCES OR ENHANCE, PRESERVE, AND MAINTAIN ENVIRONMENTALLY IMPORTANT PUBLIC LANDS AND WATERS, WHILE PROVIDING YOUTHS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT IN A VARIETY OF BASIC SKILLS.

(B) -- THE DIRECTOR SHALL UNDERTAKE CORPS PROJECTS IN BOTH URBAN AND RURAL AREAS. THE DIRECTOR SHALL SELECT PROJECTS ON THE BASIS OF -

(1) -- THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCE BENEFITS THE PROJECT OFFERS;

(2) -- THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC USE THE PROJECT OFFERS; AND

(3) -- THE ON-THE-JOB TRAINING VALUE OF THE PROJECT.

(C) -- YOUTHS PARTICIPATING IN THE CORPS SHALL WORK IN PROJECTS WHICH DO THE FOLLOWING:

(1) -- PRESERVE, MAINTAIN, AND ENHANCE ENVIRONMENTALLY IMPORTANT LANDS AND WATERS;