

**POSITION TITLE:** The Beaver Solution – Project Assistant

**SPONSORING ORGANIZATION:** The Lands Council, [www.landscouncil.org](http://www.landscouncil.org)

**SPONSORING ORGANIZATION’S MISSION:**

The Lands Council preserves and revitalizes our Inland Northwest forests, water and wildlife through advocacy, education, effective action and community engagement.

**LOCATION:** 25 W Main Ave Ste 222, Spokane, WA 99201

**POSITION SUMMARY:**

Help protect the forests, water and wildlife of the Inland Northwest! The Lands Council seeks a Project Assistant for our Beaver Solution project to help plan and implement beaver relocation activities in Eastern Washington, as well as educate landowners on the benefits of beaver restoration efforts. The Beaver Solution project aims to relocate “nuisance” beavers into locations that are more suitable to their natural activities of dam construction; proper relocations can result in positive results for beavers and man. This full time, 11- month AmeriCorps position requires excellent organization and communication skills, creativity, and a passion for the environment. The Project Assistant will help the Watershed Program Director to select relocation sites, manage relocation efforts, assist with monitoring and help develop and present education components to community members. The Project Assistant will interface with hundreds of landowners and agency personnel throughout the year and build the grassroots movement for beaver restoration.

**GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Desire to serve with people to promote education, environmental stewardship and an ethic of service.
- Assist the Watershed Program Director in planning and implementing watershed restoration projects (native plant re-vegetation) near potential beaver relocation sites.
- Assist with development of relocation plans for nuisance beaver.
- Coordinate the monitoring of relocation sites throughout the year.
- Build new relationships in the community to improve involvement in The Lands Council beaver relocation and restoration projects.
- Assist with general office duties related to position.
- Serve some evenings and weekends.
- Complete and submit all necessary PCEI/AmeriCorps paperwork and reports in a timely manner.
- Attend and complete all PCEI/AmeriCorps training and service requirements including orientation, trainings, and national service days.
- Wear a PCEI uniform and/or appropriate identifiers and required safety gear while performing service or attending official events.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- Desire to serve with people to promote education, environmental stewardship and an ethic of service.
- Excellent communication and personal skills.

- Good computer skills and writing skills.
- Willingness to work a flexible schedule, including some evenings and weekends, especially during summer months.
- 18 years of age or older; U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident; and possess a high school diploma or equivalent, or commit to earning one prior to receiving an education award.
- Communicate and interact in a positive, professional manner with various populations such as: project partner(s), colleagues, community volunteers, students and the general public.
- Ability to complete a criminal history check through the ID/WA State Patrol.
- Ability to commit to the full term of service for which they are applying.
- Regular and reliable attendance.

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- A background in biology, environmental science, hydrology, and GIS/GPS.
- An independent, self-motivated, creative and resourceful individual who enjoys working with diverse people of all age groups.
- Willingness to “get your hands dirty”.
- Access to a vehicle for local transportation.

**MEMBER BENEFITS INCLUDE:**

- A taxable, monthly living allowance of approximately \$1000. (\$11,400 annually upon completion of entire term of service.)
- Upon successful completion of a full term of service, eligible members receive an education award of \$4,725. The education award can be used to repay qualified student loans, for further education in an accredited institution of higher learning, vocational, or for trade schools. The education award is taxed in the year that it is used.
- Loan forbearance (after successful completion of a term of service, AmeriCorps will pay the accrued interest on qualified loans, which is taxable).
- Basic medical insurance (covers members only, not dependants; vision and dental not included).
- Childcare allowance for those who qualify.
- Training in ecology, biology restoration, volunteer management, and education methods.

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