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Vote for Northwest Youth Corps

I'd like to applaud the Eugene Water & Electric Board for its Green Power Grants program, which makes it possible to launch alternative energy projects in this community that might not otherwise be possible. As a Green Power customer, I get to help choose among the five finalists. I'll be voting to fund a solar array for Northwest Youth Corps, a nonprofit youth development organization not supported by taxpayers. Every year NYC employs more than 1,000 teenagers to do trail work and other projects, enhancing conservation and recreation on public lands throughout the Northwest.

It operates out of the old Laurel Hill Elementary School on Augusta Street in Eugene, where it also runs an alternative high school and employs a year-round staff of 28. The solar array would save the corps thousands of dollars in energy costs in this recycled building, allowing it to direct more resources toward its core mission of serving youth. And it would further NYC's ongoing efforts to turn this old school into a demonstration site for energy conservation.

I hope others join me in voting for this not-well-known but worthy organization offering kids a life-changing experience and enhancing our environment.

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