NOAA WDVA
Veterans Conservation Corps Internship Program

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NOAA Restoration Center
Vision of Veterans Conservation Corps

John Beal: “I've seen remarkable things happen to people who connect with Mother Earth”
Origin of NOAA Internships

• In 2016, NOAA & VCC teamed up
• Marine science focus
• Helps NOAA with capacity
• Helps veteran intern with employment, education and ecotherapy
• Funded by NOAA with VCC match
Internship Monitoring Locations
Intern Selection Process

Marine Scientists

NOAA Coordinator

VCC Coordinator

Candidates
How Internships Work

• 5-6 months
• $1,800 per month stipend
• Part time and full time
• Preferred skills and experience, and passion counts as well!
Internships Benefits

- Liability Insurance
- Boat and vehicle operation
- Travel: field and conference
- Networking
- Equipment: waders, boots, floating coat, etc.
Internships Benefits
Seaweed Internships

- Seaweed aquaculture interns
- Kelp divers

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ENTERPRISE FOR EQUITY

~ HELPING PEOPLE START AND SUSTAIN SMALL BUSINESSES SINCE 1999

~ FOCUS ON THOSE IN RURAL AREAS AND THOSE WITH LIMITED INCOMES

~ OVER 300 BUSINESSES LAUNCHED
ENTERPRISE FOR EQUITY’S GOALS

- To build our local economies
- To build confident, informed entrepreneurs who become business and community leaders
- Supporting those with limited incomes to start or strengthen microbusinesses
- Promoting a Triple Bottom Line (People, Profit, Planet)
BUSINESS TRAINING PATH

- Information Sessions
- Business Readiness Workshop
- Information gathering/research
- Business Planning Program
- Graduation/Showcase
- Microloan Program
BUSINESS READINESS WORKSHOP

Two-days

Fun, interactive and helpful!

Give participants direction about next steps

Help participants decide if their idea or business is feasible and if not, help them explore alternatives
BUSINESS PLANNING PROGRAM
✔ In class training ✔ One-on-one coaching ✔ Buddy system

Grows entrepreneurs with a success mindset
Develop a well-researched plan which moves business ahead
Entrepreneurs have a professional business plan for financing
They are connected to each other and community resources
GRADUATION: MICROBUSINESS SHOWCASE
MICROLOAN PROGRAM

Loan amounts: $1,000-$25,000

Eligible uses: Startup, Expansion

Available to E4E Entrepreneurs
GINA VITALE - SYRJA

RECIPIENTS OF OUR MICRO-LOANS

Gina Vitale-Syrja
Fair Portia Jewelry

Tom & Jessica Ellis (Veterans)
Freedom Acres Dog Boarding

Rachel Cook
New Day Midwifery

Evan Mulvaney
Hidden River Farm
LUCAS HOWE

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Lucas Howe
Root Cellar Farm

Jesse Foss
Foss Stump Grinding

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