

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Determination for Issuing a Single Source Financial Assistance Award

Instructions: In accordance with Service policy 516 FW 6, *Issuing Discretionary Grant and Cooperative Agreement Awards without Competition*, complete this form to document the justification for issuing a single source grant or cooperative agreement award. This form must be signed by both a program representative and the employee with signature authority for the award to be issued (see 516 FW 3, *Signature Authority for Grant and Cooperative Agreement Awards*). The completed and signed form must be maintained in the official award file.

Recipient Name: Land Trust Alliance

Project Title: Land Conservation Training and Outreach

Program Contact: Katy Hopper

Select all criteria that apply (from 505 DM 2):

☐	(1) Unsolicited Proposal: The proposed award is the result of an unsolicited application that represents a unique or innovative idea, method, or approach that is not the subject of a current or planned award, but is found to be advantageous to program objectives.
☐	(2) Continuation: The activity to be funded is necessary for the satisfactory completion of, or is a continuation of, an activity we are funding and holding a competition would have a significant adverse effect on continuing or completing the activity.
☐	(3) Legislative Intent: The language in the applicable authorizing legislation or legislative history clearly indicates the intent of Congress to restrict the award to a particular recipient or purpose.
☒	(4) Unique Qualifications: The applicant is uniquely qualified to perform the activity based on a variety of demonstrable factors such as location; property ownership; voluntary support capacity; cost-sharing ability, if applicable; technical expertise; or other such unique qualifications.
☐	(5) Emergencies: Because of a compelling and unusual urgency, or substantial danger to health or safety, there is not enough time to follow adequate competitive procedures.

Explain below why competition for this award is not practical. As applicable, summarize the program legislative history, unique capabilities of the proposed recipient, and any cost-sharing contribution offered by the proposed recipient. Be brief and specific:

The Land Trust Alliance (LTA) is a national land conservation organization that supports local land trusts that focus on voluntary private land conservation to benefit communities and natural systems. LTA represents more than 1,000 land trusts across the country, supported by five million members. LTA is the go-to resource for these organizations to learn the skills required to effectively conserve and steward land in perpetuity. Local land trusts – as organizations with strong relationships to their communities and especially to private landowners and local leaders – are valuable partners to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, especially as the Service works to increase public hunting, fishing, and other recreational opportunities and protect migration corridors. They help USFWS promote the Secretary's goals to create a conservation stewardship legacy second only to Teddy Roosevelt and to be a good neighbor and restore trust with local communities. LTA will match the \$30,000 provided by the Service dollar for dollar.

I have determined that this project meets the requirements for a single source award and recommend that it be awarded to the recipient named above.

**KATHERINE
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Program Representative Sign and Date

Printed Name of Program Representative

I, as the Service employee with signature authority for this award under 516 FW 3, have reviewed this program recommendation and find that it meets the requirements for a single source award.

 7/26/18

Authorized Signator Sign and Date

Janet Bruner

Printed Name of Signator