

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

This announcement is not a request for applications.

This announcement is to provide public notice of the National Park Service's intention to award a modification to a previously single source justified master cooperative agreement.

ABSTRACT	
Funding Announcement Number	NPS-17-NEO-0121
Project Title	Eightmile Wild and Scenic River Management Plan Implementation
Recipient	Lyme Land Conservation Trust
Anticipated Federal Funding	\$125,000
Non-federal Cost Share	No
Anticipated Period of Performance	Through September 30, 2019
Award Instrument	Cooperative Agreement
Statutory Authority	54 USC 101702a; 16 U.S.C. Section 1282 (b) (1) Wild and Scenic Rivers Act; PL 110 – 229 Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008
CFDA # and Title	15.962 National Wild and Scenic Rivers System
Single Source Justification Criteria	(2) Continuation
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BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

In 2008, 25.3 miles of the Eightmile River and its tributaries were designated as a National Wild and Scenic River (WSR), and this designation specifies that the NPS is to manage the Eightmile WSR in accordance with the Eightmile River Watershed Management Plan which calls for partnership based management through the Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Coordinating Committee (ERWSCC).

STATEMENT OF WORK

RECIPIENT AGREES TO:

The Lyme Land Conservation Trust is responsible for the following:
Act as fiscal agent to the ERWSCC for management of funds and implementation of projects selected to advance the Plan through partnership with NPS and the Committee. Participate in the meetings of the ERWSCC and its subcommittees as necessary to ensure that LLCT can effectively execute its duties and responsibilities. Provide technical assistance to the ERWSCC. Implement the following Workplan projects: hire staff to support the ERWSCC in its work to implement the Watershed Management Plan; provide for necessary travel and miscellaneous expenses to support hired staff; provide for small contract support to ERWSCC.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AGREES TO:

NPS will be responsible for the following:
Provide technical assistance in the development and implementation of work undertaken to ensure that the purposes of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act are being met and adhered to. Participate in the ERWSCC and its subcommittees which shall oversee and direct the projects undertaken in implementing the Watershed Management Plan.

SINGLE-SOURCE JUSTIFICATION

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE SINGLE SOURCE POLICY REQUIREMENTS
Department of the Interior Policy (505 DM 2) and National Park Service Policy FAP&P 1443-2015-06 requires a written justification which explains why competition is not practicable for each single-source award. The justification must address one or more of the following criteria as well as discussion of the program legislative history, unique capabilities of the proposed recipient, and cost-sharing contribution offered by the proposed recipient, as applicable.
In order for an assistance award to be made without competition, the award must satisfy one or more of the following criteria: (1) Unsolicited Proposal – The proposed award is the result of an unsolicited assistance application which represents a unique or innovative idea, method, or approach which is not the subject of a current or planned contract or assistance award, but which is deemed advantageous to the program objectives; (2) Continuation – The activity to be funded is necessary to the satisfactory completion of, or is a continuation of, an activity presently being funded, for which competition would have a significant adverse effect on the continuity or completion of the activity. A single source on the basis of continuation must demonstrate that competition would result in a substantial duplicate cost to the government that cannot be recovered through competition.; (3) Legislative intent – The language in the applicable authorizing legislation or legislative history clearly indicates Congress’ intent to restrict the award to a particular recipient of purpose; (4) Unique Qualifications – The applicant is uniquely qualified to perform the activity based upon 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 – Program/award where there is insufficient time available (due to a compelling and unusual urgency, or substantial danger to health or safety) for adequate competitive procedures to be followed.

NPS did not solicit full and open competition for this award based the following criteria:

(2) CONTINUATION

The activity to be funded is necessary to the satisfactory completion of, or is a continuation of an activity presently being funded, and for which competition would have a significant adverse effect on the continuity or completion of the activity. The activity is a modification to existing Cooperative Agreement P14AC01424. Also, competition was not considered because the Lyme Land Conservation Trust (LLCT) has been designated by the Eightmile Wild and Scenic River Coordinating Committee (ERWSCC) as its fiscal agent. NPS has been directed by Congress to manage the Eightmile Wild and Scenic River through cooperative arrangements, including written cooperative agreements, with the ERWSCC and its member institutions. Since LLCT has been nominated by the other members of the ERWSCC to enter into a cooperative agreement with NPS and has agreed to serve in this capacity on behalf of the ERWSCC, no other organization or entity could be reasonably considered to compete for this agreement.