National Park Service

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A. Program Description

Authority:
54 U.S.C. § 308105

Assistance Listing:
15.926

Program Background, Objectives, and Goals:
Battlefields and sites of armed conflict are powerful reminders of the shared heritage of all Americans. To learn and heal from the past, the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program (NPS ABPP) promotes the preservation and interpretation of these important places. NPS ABPP supports community-driven stewardship of historic resources through four grant programs: Preservation Planning, Battlefield Restoration, Battlefield Interpretation, and Battlefield Land Acquisition.

NPS ABPP administers the Battlefield Restoration Grant Program to provide assistance for the restoration of day-of-battle conditions of American Revolution, Civil War, and War of 1812 properties that have been acquired and protected with assistance from the NPS's Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant (BLAG) Program established under 54 U.S.C. §308103(b) and are located outside the external boundaries of a unit of the National Park System. These grants are funded from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which invests earnings from offshore oil and gas leasing to help strengthen communities, preserve history and protect the national endowment of lands and waters. Funding will support planning and implementation activities for historic preservation projects at eligible properties and will be awarded competitively. Grants require a dollar-for-dollar non-Federal match.

Two categories of grants are available for activities supporting the restoration of day-of-battle conditions at eligible properties:

- Planning grants are available to fund early stages of project development, such as research, documentation, and evaluation to determine appropriate treatment options that meet the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Landscapes*; consultation with stakeholders; development of comprehensive treatment and management plans, schematic designs, and/or specifications. The federal share for these planning grants should range from $30,000-$100,000 and have a period of performance of 1-2 years.
- Implementation grants are available to applicants who have completed planning activities prior to application. These include evaluation of historic resources, and identification if preservation, rehabilitation, or restoration is the most appropriate and viable option according to the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Landscapes*, prior to application. Proposed treatments may include reconstruction of specific features or elements within a landscape, provided there is adequate documentation and differentiation of new and historical elements. Total reconstructions of buildings or landscapes that no longer retain

any integrity to the period of the battle are not eligible, as they serve purposes of interpretation rather than historic preservation. The applicant must provide planning documentation as part of the application that sufficiently addresses the Standards and Guidelines and evaluation of historic resources (see Section D.7, p. 14, for details). The federal share for these grants should range from $50,000-$500,000 and have a period of performance of 2-5 years.

It is not necessary to receive a scoping grant before applying for an implementation grant, but the application must show that equivalent preparatory work has been completed. On a case-by-case basis, amounts and periods of performance may differ from the above recommendations. Applicants may contact the NPS American Battlefield Protection Program with questions about developing an application.

The objective of NPS ABPP Battlefield Restoration Grant program supports the agency's priorities of enhancing the public's experience with protected lands and large-scale conservation efforts, including state and local battlefield parks. Our goal is to increase investment in protected battlefields and engage a diverse community of preservation partners. As the nation approaches the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, NPS ABPP encourages projects that promote and expand preservation as well as enhance our understanding of the origins of the United States. Special thematic priority will be given to applications that preserve and interpret historic sites associated with the American Revolutionary War as a living part of community life and development.

B. Federal Award Information

B1. Total Funding

Estimated Total Funding
$2,000,000

B2. Expected Award Amount

Maximum Award
$500,000

Minimum Award
$30,000

Amounts are estimates and there are no upper or lower limits to awards.

B3. Anticipated Award Funding and Dates

Anticipated Award Date
September 21, 2023

Projects receiving funding through this Notice of Funding Opportunity will start once funding has been secured and awards have been made. Agreements are not effective until fully executed through Grant Solutions by the NPS Financial Assistance Awarding Officer (FAAO). Do not anticipate a start date sooner than 6 months following the announcement date. Activities with the potential to affect historic properties will not commence until the NPS has completed applicable statutory and regulatory review requirements.

B4. Number of Awards

Expected Number of Awards
4
The actual number of awards will depend on the number of meritorious applications and the availability of appropriated funds.

B5. Type of Award

Funding Instrument Type
G - Grant
A legal instrument of financial assistance between The National Park Service and a non-Federal entity that, consistent with 31 U.S.C. § 6302, 6304:
(1) Is used to enter into a relationship the principal purpose of which is to transfer anything of value from the Federal awarding agency to the non-Federal entity to carry out a public purpose authorized by a law of the United States (see 31 U.S.C. § 6101(3)); and not to acquire property or services for the Federal awarding agency's direct benefit or use;
(2) Is distinguished from a cooperative agreement in that it does not provide for substantial involvement between the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity and the non-Federal entity in carrying out the activity contemplated by the Federal award.

Substantial Involvement:
No substantial involvement on the part of the National Park Service is anticipated.

Other Information:
Projects funded under this program constitute "undertakings" as defined by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (54 U.S.C. 306108). See Section F2. of this NOFO for more information.

C. Eligibility Information

C1. Eligible Applicants

Eligible Applicants

00 – State governments
01 – County governments
02 – City or township governments
06 – Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
07 – Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
11 – Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
12 – Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
13 – Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
20 – Private institutions of higher education

Additional Information on Eligibility

C2. Cost Sharing or Matching

Cost Sharing / Matching Requirement

Yes

In accordance with 54 U.S.C. § 308103(d), non-Federal cost share in the amount of 50%, or a ratio of 1:1, is required to be eligible for an award under this NOFO. The non-Federal entity must contribute at least 50% of the total project cost, meaning one dollar for every Federal dollar requested, from non-Federal sources as evidenced by a letter of commitment, addressed to the applicant, from the funding source(s) or awarding entity. Eligible non-Federal sources of contributions must be allowable under 2 C.F.R. § 200.306 and may include: cash, loans, and/or in-kind contributions. Non-Federal entity cost share contributions shall be annotated within the SF-424A (reference section D, Application and Submission Information) and Detailed Budget Narrative submitted by the applicant.

C3. Other

Multiple applications from the same applicant will be accepted. In order to support the largest number of possible projects, an applicant may only receive one grant from the FY23 funding cycle per property.

Eligible activities are limited to planning and implementation activities for the treatment of American Revolution, Civil War, and War of 1812 properties that have been acquired (fee-simple or less-than-fee easement) and protected with assistance from the NPS's Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant Program established under 54 U.S.C. §308103(b) and are located outside the external boundaries of a unit of the National Park System.

Proposed activities must address and satisfy all applicable terms of executed preservation easements or, where applicable, preservation letters of agreement that have been reviewed and approved by the NPS ABPP and recorded with the deed to the property. Projects must occur on properties protected by an executed preservation easement or preservation letter of agreement. Activities intended to mitigate easement violations or adverse effects (identified through Section 106 or relevant state cultural and environmental review processes) are not eligible for funding.

Projects funded under this program constitute "undertakings" as defined by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (54 U.S.C. 306108). Accordingly, after the grant is awarded, the National Park Service will work with the recipient to complete the consultation process prior to the start of work and associated drawdown of funds for any activities with the potential to affect historic properties. Projects selected for award may require modification of proposed activities that will cause adverse effects on historic properties prior to commencement of funded work. Depending on the project, additional federal reviews may be required under other laws such as the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (ARPA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). Costs associated with activities related to evaluation of historic properties, environmental impacts, and outreach to stakeholders are eligible for Scoping grants, and as part of appropriate planning for Implementation grants.

Excluded Parties:
NPSconducts a review of the SAM.gov Exclusions database for all applicant entities and their key project personnel prior to award. The NPS cannot award funds to entities or their key project personnel identified in the SAM.gov Exclusions database as ineligible, prohibited/restricted or otherwise excluded from receiving Federal contracts, certain subcontracts, and certain Federal assistance and benefits, as their ineligibility condition applies to this Federal program.

Foreign Entities or Projects
This program does not provide funding to foreign entities or for projects conducted outside the United States.

D. Application and Submission Information

D1. Address to Request Application Package

An application package is included on Grants.gov for this NOFO. The Application Package contains mandatory forms that must be submitted with your proposal: SF-424 (Application for Financial Assistance), SF-424A and SF-424C (Budget Information), SF-424B and SF-424D (Assurances), Project Narrative Attachment, Budget Narrative Attachment, and Project Abstract. The Other Attachments form must be used to attach additional supporting documents, as applicable. The Application Package can be accessed and downloaded from the "Package" tab of this announcement on Grants.gov. Applicants may also request paper copies of application materials by contacting NPS using the information provided in Section G of this NOFO.

D2. Content and Form of Application Submission

Project Narrative

The program-specific components of this application consist of the Project Narrative and additional documents listed below. Do not include any proprietary or personally identifiable information. A complete application includes:

- SF-424 Application for Financial Assistance
- SF-424A Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs (required for all proposals)
- SF-424B Assurances for Non-Construction Programs (required for all proposals)
- SF-424C Budget Information for Construction Programs (required for Implementation proposals)
- SF-424D Assurances for Construction Programs (required for Implementation proposals)
- Project Narrative (via the Project Narrative Attachment Form)
- Budget Detail Narrative (via the Budget Narrative Attachment Form)
- Project Abstract Summary (via Project Abstract Summary Form)
- Letter of commitment from the non-Federal awarding entity for cost matching (via the Other Attachments Form)
- Copy of Executed and Recorded Preservation Easement or Preservation Letter of Agreement (via the Other Attachments Form)
- Letter of Landowner Consent as applicable (via the Other Attachments Form)
- Project Team CVs, resumes, or selection criteria (via the Other Attachments Form)
- Detailed research and design documents such as cultural landscape reports, archeological surveys, and other evidence of identification of historic properties (required for Implementation proposals via the Other Attachments Form)
- Maps and GIS data files
- Project Images Worksheet
- Letter of acknowledgement from easement holder and SHPO required for Implementation proposals (via the Other Attachments Form)
- Supporting Documents, including letters of support, as applicable to the specific project (via the Other Attachments Form)

Proposal Submission Format: The Project Narrative **must identify the category for consideration as either a Scoping Grant or an Implementation Grant.** Individual awards will fund only one phase of work. Project Narratives must address all elements of each of the evaluation criteria. Be concise but provide enough detail that members of the merit review panel will be able to rank the proposed project according to the review criteria provided in Section E, Paragraph 1 of this NOFO: historical significance and integrity, technical merits, feasibility, and sustainability. The work you propose in the project narraticve should be supported by costs identified in the budget justification worksheet.

Limit the narrative to 10 numbered pages, including all text and references. Use at least 1-inch margins on all sides and a font size of at least eleven points. Other supporting documents may be submitted as separate attachments via the Other Attachments Form. Submit the Project Narrative as a single .pdf via the Project Narrative Attachment Form available through the funding opportunity announcement on www.Grants.gov.

See D.7. Other Submission Requirements below for detailed instructions for required and supporting documentation.

SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance

Applicants must submit the appropriate Standard Form (SF)-424, Application for Federal Assistance. Individuals applying as a private citizen (i.e., unrelated to any business or nonprofit organization you may own or operate in your name), must complete the SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance-Individual form. All other applicants must complete the standard SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance. The required application forms are available with this announcement on Grants.gov. The SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance must be complete, signed, and dated. Do not include any proprietary or personally identifiable information. Please note: Enter only the amount requested from this Federal program in the "Federal" funding box on the SF-424 Application form. Include any other Federal sources of funding in the "Other" box and provide details on those Federal source(s) and funding amount(s) in the required Budget Narrative (see the "Budget Narrative" section below).

Applicants must submit the appropriate SF-424 Budget Information form and Budget Narrative. For non-construction programs or projects, applicants must complete and submit the SF-424A, "Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs" form. All of the required application forms are available with this announcement on Grants.gov. Federal award recipients and subrecipients are subject to Federal award cost principles in 2 CFR 200.

Required for all applicants. Scoping proposals should indicate "0.00" in field g. Constuction. Implementation proposals should provide a total of construction cost in field g. Construction and include a detail of construction costs on a SF-424C.

Applicants must submit the appropriate SF-424 Budget Information form and Budget Narrative. For construction programs or projects, applicants must complete and submit the SF-424C, "Budget Information for Construction Programs". All of the required application forms are available with this announcement on Grants.gov. Federal award recipients and subrecipients are subject to Federal award cost principles in 2 CFR 200.

Implementation proposals must include the SF-424C, Budget Information for Construction Programs. The detail provided on SF-424C should correspond to the amount entered in line g. Construction on the SF-424A.

Any applicant organization that has not completed the financial assistance certifications and representations within their SAM.gov registration must submit the appropriate signed and dated Assurances form. All of the required application forms are available with this announcement on Grants.gov.

Required for all applicants.

Any applicant organization that has not completed the financial assistance certifications and representations within their SAM.gov registration must submit the appropriate signed and dated Assurances form. All required application forms are available with this announcement on Grants.gov.

Implementation proposals must complete the SF-424D, Assurances for Construction Programs.

Detailed Budget Narrative

The project budget shall include detailed information on all cost categories and must clearly identify all estimated project costs. Unit costs shall be provided for all budget items including the cost of work to be provided by contractors or sub-recipients. In addition, applicants shall include a narrative description of the items included in the project budget, including the value of in-kind contributions of goods and services provided to complete the project when cost share is identified to be included (reference section C of this announcement). Cost categories can include, but are not limited to, those costs items included on the SF424A or SF424C.

Using the section headings provided below (Items A-L), write a narrative budget justification that addresses both grant funds requested, and any cost share provided and is aligned with the Budget Categories in Section B of the SF-424A. **Provide unit costs for all budget items including any contracts or sub-awards.** For each line item, explain how you arrived at the figures provided and why these items are necessary to accomplish the grant objectives. There is no page limit or required format for the budget narrative. Indicate "$0.00" if any cost categories are not applicable to your project. Check that the amounts listed in the Budget Narrative match those on Section B of the SF-424A before submitting.

A. Personnel: Provide the title, unit of time, quantity, cost per unit of time and resultant dollar amount for each of the personnel included in the total line-item dollar amount. Personnel are part of your organization. Consultants and independent contractors should be listed under F. Contractual. (Example: J. Smith, Curator, 40 hours/week for 50 weeks at $20.00/hr = $40,000).

B. Fringe Benefits: For each position description included above, provide the fringe benefits rate and dollar amount.

C. Travel: Provide the unit of measure, quantity, cost per unit and resultant dollar amount for each of the following travel details: airfare, lodging, per diem, ground transportation, housing stipend and/or transportation stipend. Also provide a statement that the proposed travel and per diem costs do not exceed current maximum Federal rates (found at https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates), or that the proposed travel and per diem costs are in line with the applicant's written travel policy.

1. Under GSA requirements, the first and last travel days of any trip must be calculated at 75% of the full per diem rate (Example: For a 3-day trip to a location with a GSA per diem rate of $100.00, the total allowable per diem is $75 (Day 1) + $100 (Day 2) + $75 (Day 3) = $250).
2. The Federal allowable mileage rate of 58.5 cents per mile should be applied to any personally owned vehicle use.

All travel costs must adhere to applicable regulations and conditions including 2 CFR Part 200.474.

D. Equipment: Equipment is defined in 2 CFR Part 200.33 as "tangible personal property (including information technology systems) having a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost which equals or exceeds $5,000." List any equipment being purchased with Federal funds, provide quotes or estimates obtained to support the cost amount, and include a written justification as to why this equipment is necessary for the proposed project. Applicants must demonstrate how purchasing permanent equipment is less expensive than renting. If funded, applicants are required to maintain records demonstrating that a competitive bidding process was used to purchase such services or equipment. Recipients who purchase equipment must adhere to applicable regulations and conditions including 2 CFR Part 200.313 and 2 CFR Part 200.439.

E. Supplies: Provide a description, quantity, cost per unit, and resultant dollar amount for any consumable supplies, raw materials, and expendable equipment (items costing less than $5,000 and/or having an estimated useful life of less than 1 year). “General office supplies” or “miscellaneous supplies” are not acceptable line items.
F. Contractual: Describe market research undertaken to determine an accurate budgetary estimate. Provide the contract/sub-award description, unit of time, quantity, cost per unit of time and resultant dollar amount for each contract/sub-award. Describe how contract services will be obtained. Award recipients will be required to submit documentation showing that a competitive selection process or other appropriate method of procurement allowable under 2 CFR 200.320 was used for contracts over $10,000, as well as any sub-awards.
G. Construction: For a Scoping grant, construction costs are unallowable under this NOFO and "0.00" should be indicated. For an Implementation grant, the total amount from the required SF-424C should be entered in this cell. The SF-424C must be completed for the cost categories indicated and is submitted as a detail support for the SF-424A. Construction-related costs must not be double counted in the F. Contractual line above or anywhere else on the SF-424A.
H. Other Costs: Provide the description, quantity, cost per unit and resultant dollar amount for each item that does not fit within one of the other budget categories. “Miscellaneous,” “overhead,” and “contingency” are not acceptable line items.
I. Total Direct Charges: Auto-calculates.
J. Indirect Costs: Provide the indirect cost rate percentage, type (negotiated or 10% de minimis), associated base (modified total direct costs), and resultant indirect amount. If indirect costs are included, applicants must include a copy of the current negotiated indirect cost rate agreement, or elect the 10% de minimis rate, and apply the approved rate accordingly. Provide an explanation if the associated base differs from budget category I (Total Direct Charges). Proposals that fail to document their indirect costs may have those costs disallowed.
K. Total Federal Funding Request: List the total amount of Federal funds being requested. Check that this amount matches those listed on the SF-424 and SF-424A before submitting the application.
L. Non-Federal Share of Budget: Provide the details of the non-Federal share of the budget, including description, source, quantity, cost per unit and resultant dollar amount for each item. Award recipients will be required to fulfill any matching commitments they agree to and inability to do so may result in a reduction of the Federal award.

If selected for award, NPS reserves the right to request additional or clarifying information for any reason deemed necessary, including, but not limited to:
(a) Other budget information
(b) Financial capability
(c) Evaluation of risk
(d) Name and phone number of the Designated Responsible Employee for complying with national policies prohibiting discrimination (See 43 CFR § 17).

Project Abstract Summary

Please complete and submit with your application package the Project Abstract Summary form with the following information:

- Funding Opportunity Number;
- Goals and Objectives of your proposed project;

- Summary of Project Activities;
- Performance Goals including milestones and expected outcomes;
- Who will benefit from your project.

This information will be transmitted to USASpending.gov and be viewable by the public.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Per the Financial Assistance Interior Regulation (FAIR), 2 CFR §1402.112, applicants must state in their application if any actual or potential conflict of interest exists at the time of submission.

(a) Applicability.

(1) This section intends to ensure that non-Federal entities and their employees take appropriate steps to avoid conflicts of interest in their responsibilities under or with respect to Federal financial assistance agreements.

(2) In the procurement of supplies, equipment, construction, and services by recipients and by sub recipients, the conflict of interest provisions in 2 CFR §200.318 apply.

(b) Notification.

(1) Non-Federal entities, including applicants for financial assistance awards, must disclose in writing any conflict of interest to the DOI awarding agency or pass-through entity in accordance with 2 CFR §200.112.

(2) Recipients must establish internal controls that include, at a minimum, procedures to identify, disclose, and mitigate or eliminate identified conflicts of interest. The recipient is responsible for notifying the Financial Assistance Officer in writing of any conflicts of interest that may arise during the life of the award, including those that have been reported by sub recipients.

(c) Restrictions on lobbying. Non-Federal entities are strictly prohibited from using funds under a grant or cooperative agreement for lobbying activities and must provide the required certifications and disclosures pursuant to 43 CFR §18 and prelim@title31/subtitle2/chapter13&edition=prelim">31 USC §1352.

(d) *Review procedures*. The Financial Assistance Officer will examine each conflict of interest disclosure on the basis of its particular facts and the nature of the proposed grant or cooperative agreement, and will determine whether a significant potential conflict exists and, if it does, develop an appropriate means for resolving it.

(e) Enforcement. Failure to resolve conflicts of interest in a manner that satisfies the government may be cause for termination of the award. Failure to make required disclosures may result in any of the remedies described in 2 CFR §200.339, Remedies for noncompliance, including suspension or debarment (see also 2 CFR §180).

Uniform Audit Reporting Statement

All U.S. states, local governments, federally recognized Indian tribes, institutions of higher education, and non- profit organizations expending $750,000 USD or more in Federal award funds in the applicant's fiscal year must submit a Single Audit report for that year through the Federal Audit Clearinghouse's Internet Data Entry System, in accordance with 2 CFR 200 subpart F. U.S. state, local government, federally recognized Indian tribes, institutions of higher education, and non-profit applicants must state if your organization was or was not required to submit a Single Audit report for the most recently closed fiscal year. If your organization was required to submit a Single Audit report for the most recently closed fiscal year, provide the EIN associated with that report and state if it is available through the Federal Audit Clearinghouse website.

Certification Regarding Lobbying

Applicants requesting more than $100,000 in Federal funding must certify to the statements in 43 CFR Part 18, Appendix A-Certification Regarding Lobbying. If this application requests more than $100,000 in Federal funds, the Authorized Official's signature on the appropriate SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance form also represents the entity's certification of the statements in 43 CFR Part 18, Appendix A.

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Applicants and recipients must not use any federally appropriated funds (annually appropriated or continuing appropriations) or matching funds under a Federal award to pay any person for lobbying in connection with the award. Lobbying is influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any U.S. agency, a Member of the U.S. Congress, an officer or employee of the U.S. Congress, or an employee of a Member of the U.S. Congress connection with the award. Applicants and recipients must complete and submit the SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities" form if the Federal share of the proposal or award is more than $100,000 and the applicant or recipient has made or has agreed to make any payment using non-appropriated funds for lobbying in connection with the application or award. The SF-LLL form is available with this Funding Opportunity on Grants.gov. See 43 CFR, Subpart 18.100 and 31 USC 1352 for more information on when additional submission of this form is required.

Overlap or Duplication of Effort Statement

If the project proposed in this application is funded through another Federal financial assistance award, in part or in whole, the applicant must provide a statement detailing the potential funding overlap in regards to activities, costs, or time commitment of key personnel. Provide a copy of any overlapping or duplicative proposal submitted to any other potential funding entity and identify when that proposal was submitted or copy of Federal financial assistance award covering activities covered under this proposal. The statement and the description of overlap or duplication, when applicable, may be provided within the proposal or as a separate attachment to the application. Any overlap or duplication of funding between the proposed project and other active or anticipated projects may impact selection and/or funding amount. If no such overlap or duplication exists, state, "There are no overlaps or duplication between this application and any of our other Federal applications or funded projects"

D3. Unique Entity Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM)

Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM.gov) Registration:

This requirement does not apply to individuals applying for funds as an individual (i.e., unrelated to any business or nonprofit organization you may own, operate, or work within), or any entity with an exception to bypass SAM.gov registration with prior approval from the funding bureau or office in accordance with bureau or office policy. All other applicants are required to register in SAM.gov prior to submitting a Federal award application and obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) which replaced the Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number from Dun & Bradstreet in April 2022. A Federal award may not be made to an applicant that has not completed the SAM.gov registration. If an applicant selected for funding has not completed their SAM.gov registration by the time the program is ready to make an award, the program may determine the applicant is not qualified to receive an award. Federal award recipients must also continue to maintain an active SAM.gov registration with current information through the life of their Federal award(s). See the "Submission Requirements" section of this document below for more information on SAM.gov registration. **There is no cost to register with SAM.gov**. There are third-party vendors who will charge a fee in exchange for registering entities with SAM.gov; **please be aware you can register and request help for free**.

Register with the System for Award Management (SAM):
Applicants can register on the SAM.gov website. The "Help" tab on the website contains User Guides and other information to assist you with registration. The Grants.gov "Register with SAM" page also provides detailed instructions. Applicants can contact the supporting Federal Service Desk for help registering in SAM. Once registered in SAM, entities will be assigned a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI). Entities must renew and revalidate their SAM registration at least once every 12 months from the date previously registered. Entities are strongly encouraged to revalidate their registration as often as needed to ensure their information is up to date and reflects changes that may have been made to the entity's IRS information. If applicable, foreign entities who want to receive payment directly to a U.S. bank account must enter and maintain valid, current banking information in SAM.

D4. Submission Dates and Times

Due Date for Applications
07/06/2023

Application Due Date Explanation
Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM, ET, on the listed application due date.

D5. Intergovernmental Review

An intergovernmental review may be required for applications submissions from a U.S. state or local government prior to submission. Applicants must contact their State's Single Point of Contact (SPOC) to comply with the state's process under Executive Order 12372.

D6. Funding Restrictions

The Federal awarding agency that provides the largest amount of direct funding to your organization is your cognizant agency for indirect costs, unless otherwise assigned by the White

House Office of Management and Budget (OMB). If the Department of the Interior is your organization's cognizant agency, the Interior Business Center will negotiate your indirect cost rate. Contact the Interior Business Center by phone 916-930-3803 or using the IBC Email Submission Form. See the IBC Website for more information.

Organizations must have an active Federal award before they can submit an indirect cost rate proposal to their cognizant agency. Failure to establish an approved rate during the award period renders all costs otherwise allocable as indirect costs unallowable under the award. Recipients must have prior written approval from the Service to use amounts budgeted for direct costs to satisfy cost-share or match requirements or to cover unallowable indirect costs. Recipients shall not shift unallowable indirect costs to another Federal award unless specifically authorized to do so by legislation.

Required Indirect Cost Statement to be submitted with Application.
All organizations must include the applicable statement from the following list in their application, and attach to their application any documentation identified in the applicable statement:

We are:

- A U.S. state or local government entity receiving more than $35 million in direct Federal funding each year with an indirect cost rate of [insert rate]. We submit our indirect cost rate proposals to our cognizant agency. Attached is a copy of our most recently approved rate agreement/certification.
- A U.S. state or local government entity receiving less than $35 million in direct Federal funding with an indirect cost rate of [insert rate]. We have prepared and will retain for audit an indirect cost rate proposal and related documentation.
- A [insert your organization type; U.S. states and local governments, do not use this statement] that has previously negotiated or currently has an approved indirect cost rate with our cognizant agency. Our indirect cost rate is [insert rate]. [Insert either: "Attached is a copy of our most recently approved but expired rate agreement. In the event an award is made, we will submit an indirect cost rate proposal to our cognizant agency within 90 calendar days after the award is made." *or* "Attached is a copy of our current negotiated indirect cost rate agreement."]
- A [insert your organization type] that has never submitted an indirect cost rate proposal to our cognizant agency. Our indirect cost rate is [insert rate]. If we receive an award, we will submit an indirect cost rate proposal to our cognizant agency within 90 calendar days after the award date.
- A [insert your organization type] that has never submitted an indirect cost rate proposal to our cognizant agency and has an indirect cost rate that is lower than 10%. Our indirect cost rate is [insert rate; must be lower than 10%]. However, if we receive an award we will not be able to meet the requirement to submit an indirect cost rate proposal to our cognizant agency within 90 calendar days after award. We request as a condition of award to charge a flat indirect cost rate of [insert rate; must be lower than 10%] against [insert a clear description of the direct cost base against which your rate is charged (e.g., salaries; salaries and fringe benefits; or modified total direct costs). However, please note that your organization cannot charge indirect costs in excess of the indirect costs that

would be recovered if applied against modified total direct costs as defined in §2 CFR 200.68]. We understand that we must notify the Service in writing if we establish an approved rate with our cognizant agency at any point during the award period.

- A [insert your organization type] that has never submitted an indirect cost rate proposal to our cognizant agency and has an indirect cost rate that is 10% or higher. Our indirect cost rate is [insert your organization's indirect rate; must be 10% or higher]. However, if we receive an award we will not be able to meet the requirement to submit an indirect cost rate proposal to our cognizant agency within 90 calendar days after award. We request as a condition of award to charge a flat *de minimis* indirect cost rate of 10% to be charged against modified total direct project costs as defined in 2 CFR §200.68. We understand that we must notify the Service in writing if we establish a negotiated rate with our cognizant agency at any point during the award period. We understand that additional Federal funds may not be available to support an unexpected increase in indirect costs during the project period and that such changes are subject to review, negotiation, and prior approval by the Service.
- A [insert your organization type] that is submitting this proposal for consideration under the "Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit Network", which has a Department of the Interior-approved indirect cost rate cap of 17.5%. If we have an approved indirect cost rate with our cognizant agency, we understand that we must apply this reduced rate against the same direct cost base as identified in our approved indirect cost rate agreement per 2 CFR §1402.414. If we do not have an approved indirect cost rate with our cognizant agency, we understand that we must charge indirect costs against the modified total direct cost base defined in 2 CFR §200.68 "Modified Total Direct Cost (MTDC)". We understand that we must request prior approval from the Service to use the 2 CFR 200 MTDC base instead of the base identified in our approved indirect cost rate agreement. We understand that Service approval of such a request will be based on: 1) a determination that our approved base is only a subset of the MTDC (such as salaries and wages); and 2) that use of the MTDC base will still result in a reduction of the total indirect costs to be charged to the award. In accordance with 2 CFR §200.405, we understand that indirect costs not recovered due to a voluntary reduction to our federally negotiated rate are not allowable for recovery via any other means.

A [insert your organization type] that will charge all costs directly.

D7. Other Submission Requirements

Supporting documents should be clearly labeled and should relate to the specific scope of work proposed in the Project Narrative. Submit all supporting documents as clearly named .pdfs via the Other Attachments Form available through the funding opportunity announcement on www.Grants.gov.

Letter of commitment for cost match: Provide a letter acknowledging formal commitment to supplying the non-Federal share of at least 50% of the total project cost, as described in the Budget Narrative. The letter should be from the non-Federal entity providing the funding and addressed to the applicant. Applicants may submit multiple letters for multiple funding sources including contributions of cash, loans, or in-kind costs.

Copy of executed and recorded Preservation Easement or Preservation Letter of Agreement (required for Implementation proposals): A copy of an executed and recorded preservation easement or preservation letter of agreement (for properties owned and managed by states) is required for submission as part of a complete application. If the project proposes planning or implementation activities for properties acquired with multiple battlefield acquisition grants and /or encumbered with multiple preservation instruments, please provide copies of all relevant executed and recorded documents. Submission of documentation of NPS ABPP's review and approval of the relevant preservation instrument is recommended.

Letter of landowner consent: A Letter of Owner Consent is required for projects in which the applicant is not the fee-simple owner of the eligible property. In addition, if the executed preservation easement or preservation letter of agreement requires review and approval of proposed activities on the property from the grantee or any other party named in the preservation instrument, the application must also provide letters from these parties. The Letter(s) of Owner Consent must be submitted with the application, signed no earlier than 60 days before the application due date; the Letter must specifically reference consent for the proposed activities.

Project team CVs, resumes, or selection criteria: Include resumes or CVs of key project personnel, or position descriptions, selection criteria, quotes, or statements of work for staff, consultants, or contractors to be hired as part of the project. These attachments should support the descriptions of the project team in the Project Narrative and address the Secretary of the Interior's *Historic Preservation Professional Qualification Standards* as necessary.

Research & Design Documentation (required for Implementation proposals): Implementation proposals must provide documentation that demonstrates completion of planning activities prior to application, including evaluation of historic resources and identification of an appropriate and viable treatment option according to the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Landscapes*. Documentation should analyze the property and proposed activities within the context of the entire core battlefield.

The documentation should describe how and why the proposed treatment identifies the most appropriate approach(es) among the treatment alternatives of preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration. Reconstruction of individual missing features within a historic property undergoing one of the other three treatment alternatives may be eligible. Total reconstruction of buildings or landscapes that no longer retain any integrity to the period of the battle are not eligible as they serve purposes of interpretation rather than historic preservation.

Documentation should address aspects such as: general conditions of historic resources, how much of the property's historic fabric still exists today, and how will it be preserved; how much historical and archeological research exists to ensure an accurate understanding of historic conditions; how will the proposed work retain the landscape's historic character while adapting to changes over time, new uses, and considerations such as accessibility, long term maintenance, and environmental impact; and how will the project differentiate extant historic features from any new material. The documentation must also address any potentially significant features that exist from other periods and how the proposed treatment will affect them.

Acceptable and sufficient documentation should reference and address NPS guidelines for cultural landscapes and include information spanning numerous disciplines in order to evaluate a landscape's historical, architectural, archeological, ethnographic, horticultural, and engineering features, along with ecological processes and natural systems, and to outline appropriate treatment for consistent with the property's significance, condition, and planned use. This documentation should be comparable to a Cultural Landscape Report will be required to justify proposed treatment activities under this grant opportunity.

Maps and GIS Data: At least one map must be submitted, depicting the subject property with reference to the core and study area boundaries of associated eligible battlefields; the project's APE for Section 106 purposes; boundaries of any properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places within the project area; and existing buildings, structures, and potential historic resources within the project area. Associated GIS shapefiles, or geodatabases, including metadata compliant with NPS Spatial Data Transfer Standards and FGDC, are also required.

Project Images Worksheet: Please provide photos of the property and surrounding area potentially affected by the proposed grant activities and any relevant illustrations or images, including: photos of current conditions in high resolution format (.jpeg or .tiff), publication or media quality; for Implementation proposals, please ensure you include one current photo of each side of the property as well as one current overall photo at a minimum and label according to cardinal directions; elevations, plans, or other images; all photos and images should be clearly captioned to describe compass orientations of views, image content and relationship to entire site and surrounding context, and image credit. NPS reserves the right to use submitted photos in communications to announce projects selected for award.

Letter of acknowledgment from easement holder and SHPO (required for Implementation proposals): Implementation proposals must provide a letter confirming that the easement holder and/or SHPO, as applicable according to the preservation easement or agreement, is aware of the proposed work and finds it conceptually compatible with the terms of the preservation easement or agreement. (This will not constitute an easement holder or SHPO's review and approval of detailed project plans under established review processes, or substitute for Federal review of the undertaking under the National Historic Preservation Act.)

Other Supporting Documents (as applicable to the specific project): Provide any materials outside of the Project Narrative text to support effective merit review of your proposal. Letters of support may be submitted to demonstrate and or substantiate specific partner involvement, support, or matching funds. Letters must be submitted as part of the application. Letters received in any other manner may not be considered. All letters should be addressed to: Program Manager, NPS American Battlefield Protection Program.

E. Application Review Information

E1. Criteria

Criterion 1 **Maximum Points:** 20

Description	
Historical Significance & Integrity	Applications should describe the historical significance and integrity of the acquired property for which the preservation activities are proposed in a narrative statement addressing the following factors and considerations. **Scoping Grant** project narratives should answer these questions to the extent possible, and if additional identification and evaluation of historic properties and features is necessary, explain specifically how the project activities will complete these efforts. **Implementation Grants** should address all of these requirements in the project narrative, submitting supporting documentation to substantiate the proposal: • Cite the battlefield survey code and priority ranking of the associated battlefield lands as defined in the CWSAC *Report on the Nation's Civil War Battlefields* (1993) or the NPS ABPP *Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in the United States* (2007). • State the BLAG number (FAIN), recipient name, year, and status of award (e.g., in progress or completed) for all lands acquired with BLAG assistance in the project area. • Note the acreage and describe location of the property in relation to the battlefield and core area boundaries. Reference the map included with the application package. • If the associated battlefield is listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) (including National Historic Landmarks), describe how the property contributes to the significance and integrity of the entire battlefield. Please identify historic resources/character-defining features for the entire battlefield and those located on the property, if known. Also note any evaluations or determinations of eligibility completed by state or local preservation officials. Please reference map included in the application package. **Implementation Grants** must provide a

	succinct summary and reference evaluation documentation submitted as an attachment to the application. • Describe the current use of the property and any extant buildings and structures, including roads and monuments. Please reference photographs included in the application package. **Special Thematic Consideration – National Semiquincentennial** • Describe how this project will help Americans better understand the histories and legacies of those who experienced the armed conflicts that led to American independence at Revolutionary War battlefields and other related sites.

Criterion 2 **Maximum Points:** 30

Description	
Technical Merits of Resource Analysis and Proposed Activities	Applications should demonstrate how the proposed historic preservation treatments for the property will be accomplished within its geographic and thematic contexts and how proposed activities will affect not only the property's historic resources, but also the integrity of the associated battlefield. The project narrative and supporting information should describe an appropriate and justified preservation strategy. **Scoping Grant** project narratives should answer these requirements to the extent possible and explain specifically how the project activities will result in appropriate and complete research and planning documents, submitting scopes of work if available. **Implementation Grants** should address all of these questions in the project narrative, submitting supporting documentation to substantiate the proposal: Resource analysis and proposed activities should be addressed through the following considerations and by referring to the required map: • State the project type: **Scoping Grant** or **Implementation Grant**. • Describe the proposed short-term and long-term preservation outcomes, including any proposed activities, treatments, or uses that have the potential to affect historic resources. **Scoping Grant** proposals should discuss the scope of work proposed to develop documentation of analysis and treatment recommendations.

	Implementation Grant proposals should provide a succinct summary of completed planning documentation, as well as a brief justification for treatment alternative(s), and briefly described the treatment activities that will be accomplished with this grant funding, and reference evaluation documentation submitted as an attachment to the application. • Please reference the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties* and *Guidelines for the Treatment of Cultural Landscapes* to list the described tasks and expected results, considering how the proposed work will account for: how much of the property's historic fabric has been preserved, what character-defining features exists today, and how the proposed work will preserve its historic character; how historical, archeological, and other interdisciplinary research has established an accurate understanding of historic conditions; how the property will be used, and how any changes or additions will be completed in accordance with the above-referenced standards and guidelines; how the proposed work incorporates considerations of accessibility, environmental impact, and long-term maintenance. • Describe and identify known cultural or archeological resources on the property for *all* historic periods, not just those exclusive to the associated battle. Reference any completed survey and evaluation documentation, include NRHP documentation if applicable • Describe any encumbrances on the property (e.g., existing easements, utility easements, right-of-way easements, mineral rights, timbering rights). Describe how the encumbrances will impact the intended preservation outcomes. • Describe immediate and long-term stewardship strategies and responsibilities. This should include maintenance, monitoring, and any plans for outreach or interpretation.

Criterion 3 **Maximum Points:** 20

Description	
Feasibility	Applications should demonstrate the actions proposed in this effort are clearly defined, include timelines, and describe how the project responds to both threats and stewardship opportunities. The proposed project must address issues that directly and imminently threaten the resource and fulfill clear stewardship and

	financial needs. The statement of threat and feasibility should address the following considerations: • Describe the urgency and threat that the project addresses, including the source, nature, extent, and severity of the threat(s) to the property and to the battlefield as a whole. What are the consequences of not completing the proposed project? • Discuss how the project, if funded, will directly mitigate the identified threat(s). • Describe how this project contributes to local and/or regional preservation strategies (e.g., for battlefield, for campaign, etc.). • Describe the project's partners and why they are appropriate for the proposed work. Describe their involvement in planning and executing the project. For **Scoping Grants**, if partnership development is part of the proposed project, describe how the planning process will foster collaboration. • Briefly describe the associated professionals involved in carrying out the project, and the qualifications of their expertise. Attach applicable resumes/CVs. Please note any project staff or partners who meet the *Secretary of the Interior's Historic Preservation Professional Qualification Standards*. For **Scoping Grants**, if identification of additional project staff or partners is part of the proposed project, describe how they will be selected, and what qualifications will be required, as part of the planning process. • Describe how the experience of the applicant organization and key partners demonstrates operational capacity to accomplish the work proposed. Include success with comparable projects as applicable. • Describe and justify the project timeline. Describe how this timeline will allow you to complete the project successfully within the period of performance and with the available resources, while meeting federal requirements and guidelines. • Describe the measures that are or will be in place to assess and evaluate project success.

Criterion 4 **Maximum Points:** 30

Description	
Sustainability	Describe how the proposed project will have an impact beyond the end date of the grant's period of performance.

	Sustainability of the proposed project should be demonstrated through the following considerations, with more specific detail and evidence of stakeholder and community involvement expected from **Implementation Grants** compared to **Scoping Grants**: • Describe why this site is important to the local community or to other stakeholders and how the proposed project will support, amplify, or advance these interests. **Scoping Grants** should describe how the project will identify and engage the local community and other stakeholders. • Describe accomplished and planned outreach and consultation activities, including involvement of SHPO(s), local authorities, public stakeholders, underserved communities, and Tribes in project planning and identification of goals/preservation outcomes. • Describe the impacts of the project after completion, including long-term effects. • Describe how the project will the successful completion of the project support the preservation of the property and advance the interests of local and associated communities. • Describe how this project will meaningfully and thoughtfully consider and integrate diverse perspectives and experiences of armed conflict, including those of non-combatants. Describe the specific ways that the presence, history, and contemporary perspectives of indigenous and descendant communities of enslaved and other marginalized peoples be addressed.

E2. Review and Selection Process

Prior to award, the program will review any applicant statement regarding potential overlap or duplication between the project to be funded and any other funded or proposed project in terms of activities, funding, or time commitment of key personnel. Depending on the circumstances, the program may request modification to the application, other pending applications, or an active award, as needed to eliminate any duplication of effort, or the Bureau may choose not to fund the selected project.

The program may not make a Federal award to an applicant that has not completed the SAM.gov registration. If an applicant selected for funding has not completed their SAM.gov registration by the time the Bureau is ready to make an award, the program may determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive an award. The program can use that determination as a basis for making an award to another applicant.

Prior to award, the program will evaluate the risk posed by applicants as required in 2 CFR 200.205. Programs document applicant risk evaluations using the Bureau's "Financial Assistance Recipient Risk Assessment" form. Prior to approving awards for Federal funding in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold (currently $250,000), the Bureau is required to review and consider any information about or from the applicant found in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System. The Bureau will consider this information when completing the risk review. The Bureau uses the results of the risk evaluation to establish monitoring plans, recipient reporting frequency requirements, and to determine if one or more of the specific award conditions in 2 CFR 200.207 should be applied the award.

NPS personnel, and in some cases independent reviewers, will review all proposals. All proposals for funding will be considered using the criteria outlined above. A summary of the review panel comments may be provided to the applicant if requested.

a. Initial Review

Prior to conducting the comprehensive merit review, an initial review will be performed to determine whether: (1) the applicant is eligible for an award; (2) the information required by the NOFO has been submitted; (3) all mandatory requirements of the NOFO are satisfied; and (4) the proposed project is responsive to the program objectives of the NOFO (program determination). If an applicant fails to meet the requirements or objectives of the NOFO, or does not provide sufficient information for review, the applicant will be considered non-responsive and eliminated from further review.

b. Comprehensive Merit Review

All applications that satisfactorily pass the initial review will be eligible for the Comprehensive Merit Review. Each criteria element will be scored on a 0-10 point scale:

30/20/10	Superior	(100 % of weighted average)
24/16/8	Good	(80 % of weighted average)

18/12/6	Satisfactory	(60 % of weighted average)
12/8/4	Marginal	(40 % of weighted average)
6/4/2	Poor	(20 % of weighted average)
0	Not Acceptable	(No score)

The scoring of each criterion must be based on the strengths and weaknesses of the application narrative. To assist in assigning an appropriate score, the following will be used as a guideline:

Rating	Descriptive Statement
30/20/10	Superior: Applicant fully addresses all aspects of the criterion, convincingly demonstrates that it will meet the Government's performance requirements, and demonstrates no weaknesses.
24/16/8	Good: Applicant fully addresses all aspects of the criterion, convincingly demonstrates a likelihood of meeting the Government's requirements, and demonstrates only a few minor weaknesses.
18/12/6	Satisfactory: Applicant addresses all aspects of the criterion and demonstrates the ability to meet the Government's performance requirements. The Application contains weaknesses and/or a number of minor weaknesses.
12/8/4	Marginal: Applicant addresses all aspects of the criterion and demonstrates the ability to meet the Government's performance requirements. The Application contains significant weaknesses and/or a significant number of minor weaknesses.
6/4/2	Poor: Applicant addresses some aspects of the criterion and demonstrates some doubt in the likelihood of successfully meeting the Government's requirements. Significant weaknesses are demonstrated and clearly outweigh any strength presented.
0	Not Acceptable: Applicant does not address all aspects of the criterion and the information presented indicates a strong likelihood of failure to meet the Government's requirements.

c. Selection

The Selection Official may consider the merit review recommendation, program policy factors such as geographic diversity regarding applicant selection, and the amount of funds available to select applications for funding.

d. Discussions and Award

The Government may enter into discussions with a selected applicant for any reason deemed necessary, including, but not limited to: (1) only a portion of the application is selected for award; (2) the Government needs additional information to determine that the applicant is capable of complying with the requirements of DOI Financial Assistance Regulations, and/or (3) additional specific terms and conditions are required. Failure to satisfactorily resolve the issues identified by the Government may preclude award to the applicant.

E3. CFR – Regulatory Information

See the National Park Service's Award Terms and Conditions for the general administrative and national policy requirements applicable to Service awards. The Service will communicate any other program- or project-specific special terms and conditions to recipients in their notices of award.

E4. Anticipated Announcement and Federal Award Dates

Anticipated Award Date: September 21, 2023. Projects receiving funding through this Notice of Funding Opportunity will start once funding has been secured and awards have been made. Agreements are not effective until fully executed through Grant Solutions by the NPS Financial Assistance Awarding Officer (FAAO). Do not anticipate a start date sooner than 6 months following the application deadline. Activities with the potential to affect historic properties will not commence until the NPS has completed applicable statutory and regulatory review requirements.

F. Federal Award Administration Information

F1. Federal Award Notices

Upon being selected for the award, successful applicants will receive a notification of the selection of their application for funding. NPS will notify the applicant selected for award by late September 2023. A notice of selection is not an authorization to begin performance on an agreement. This notice will detail the next steps in the awarding process. Once all clearances and reviews have been conducted, a cooperative agreement or grant will be sent for signature.

Work cannot begin before the non-Federal entity receives a fully executed copy of the grant/cooperative agreement which contains the signature of the Financial Assistance Awarding Officer. Any pre-award costs incurred prior to the receipt of a signed agreement or written notice signed by a Financial Assistance Awarding Officer authorizing pre-award costs, is at the applicant's own risk. A signed grant/cooperative agreement signed by a Financial Assistance Awarding Officer is the only authorizing document to begin performance.

Organizations whose applications have not been selected will be advised as promptly as possible.

F2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

See the "DOI Standard Terms and Conditions" for the administrative and national policy requirements applicable to DOI awards.

Data Availability
Per theFinancial Assistance Interior Regulation (FAIR), 2 CFR §1402.315:

(a) All data, methodology, factual inputs, models, analyses, technical information, reports, conclusions, valuation products or other scientific assessments in any medium or form, including textual, numerical, graphic, cartographic, narrative, or audiovisual, resulting from a financial assistance agreement is available for use by the Department of the Interior, including being available in a manner that is sufficient for independent verification.

(b) The Federal Government has the right to:

(1) Obtain, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the data, methodology, factual inputs, models, analyses, technical information, reports, conclusions, or other scientific assessments, produced under a Federal award; and

(2) Authorize others to receive, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use such data, methodology, factual inputs, models, analyses, technical information, reports, conclusions, or other scientific assessments, for Federal purposes, including to allow for meaningful third-party evaluation.

National Historic Preservation Act—Section 106 Compliance

Projects funded under this program constitute "undertakings" as defined by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (54 U.S.C. 306108).

Build America, Buy America

As required by Section 70914 of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act), P.L. 117-58, on or after May 14, 2022, none of the funds under a federal award that are part of Federal financial assistance program for infrastructure may be obligated for a project unless all of the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States, unless subject to an approved waiver. The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards, including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this program.

F3. Reporting

Financial Reports
All recipients must use the SF-425, Federal Financial Report form for financial reporting. At a minimum, all recipients must submit a **final** financial report. Final reports are due no later than 120 calendar days after the award period of performance end date or termination date. For awards with periods of performance longer than 12 months, recipients are required to submit **interim** financial reports on the frequency established in the Notice of Award. The only exception to the interim financial reporting requirement is if the recipient is required to use the SF 270/271 to request payment and requests payment at least once annually through the entire award period of performance. We will describe all financial reporting requirements in the Notice of Award.

Performance Reports
Performance reports must contain a comparison of actual accomplishments with the established goals and objectives of the award; a description of reasons why established goals were not met, if

appropriate; and any other pertinent information relevant to the project results. Final reports are due no later than 120 calendar days after the award period of performance end date or termination date. For awards with periods of performance longer than 12 months, recipients are required to submit **interim** financial reports on the frequency established in the Notice of Award.

Significant Development Reports

Events may occur between the scheduled performance reporting dates which have significant impact upon the supported activity. In such cases, recipients are required to notify the Bureau in writing as soon as the recipient becomes aware of any problems, delays, or adverse conditions that will materially impair the ability to meet the objective of the Federal award. This disclosure must include a statement of any corrective action(s) taken or contemplated, and any assistance needed to resolve the situation. The recipient should also notify the Service in writing of any favorable developments that enable meeting time schedules and objectives sooner or at less cost than anticipated or producing more or different beneficial results than originally planned.

Real Property Reports

Recipients and subrecipients are required to submit status reports on the status of real property acquired under the award in which the Federal government retains an interest. The required frequency of these reports will depend on the anticipated length of the Federal interest period. The Bureau will include recipient-specific real property reporting requirements, including the required data elements, reporting frequency, and report due dates, in the Notice of Award when applicable.

Conflict of Interest Disclosures

Recipients must notify the program immediately in writing of any conflict of interest that arise during the life of their Federal award, including those reported to them by any subrecipient under the award. Recipients must notify the program in writing if any employees, including subrecipient and contractor personnel, are related to, married to, or have a close personal relationship with any Federal employee in the Federal funding program or who otherwise may have been involved in the review and selection of the award. The term employee means any individual engaged in the performance of work pursuant to the Federal award.

Other Mandatory Disclosures

The Non-Federal entity or applicant for a Federal award must disclose, in a timely manner, in writing to the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal award. Non-Federal entities that receive a Federal award including the terms and conditions outlined in 2 CFR 200, Appendix XII—Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters are required to report certain civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings to SAM. Failure to make required disclosures can result in any of the remedies described in 2 CFR 200.339 Remedies for Noncompliance, including suspension or debarment.

Reporting Matters Related to Recipient Integrity and Performance

If the total value of your currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from all Federal awarding agencies exceeds $10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of this Federal award, then you as the recipient during that period of time must maintain the currency of information reported to the System for Award Management (SAM) that is made available in the designated integrity and performance system (currently the

Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS)) about civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings in accordance with Appendix XII to 2 CFR 200.

G. Federal Awarding Agency Contact(s)

G1. Program Technical Contact

For **programmatic technical assistance**, contact:

First and Last Name:
ABPP Staff

Address:
1849 C Street, NW, Mail Stop 7228, Washington DC 20240

Telephone:
202-354-2037

Email:

abpp@nps.gov

G2. Program Administration Contact

For **program administration assistance**, contact:

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Telephone:
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Email:
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G3. Application System Technical Support

For Grants.gov technical registration and submission, downloading forms and application packages, contact:
Grants.gov Customer Support
Numeric Input Field: 1-800-518-4726
Support@grants.gov

For GrantSolutions technical registration, submission, and other assistance contact:

GrantSolutions Customer Support
1-866-577-0771
Help@grantsolutions.gov

H. Other Information

Payments

Domestic recipients are required to register in and receive payment through the U.S. Treasury's Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP), unless approved for a waiver by the Service program. Foreign recipients receiving funds to a final destination bank outside the U.S. are required to receive payment through the U.S. Treasury's International Treasury Services (ITS) System. Foreign recipients receiving funds to a final destination bank in the U.S. are required to enter and maintain current banking details in their SAM.gov entity profile and receive payment through the Automated Clearing House network by electronic funds transfer (EFT). The Bureau will include recipient-specific instructions on how to request payment, including identification of any additional information required and where to submit payment requests, as applicable, in all Notices of Award.

Additional Funding Opportunities for Battlefield Preservation:

Other battlefield preservation grant opportunities administered by NPS ABPP include the Battlefield Land Acquisition Grants, Battlefield Interpretation Grants, and Battlefield Preservation Planning Grants.

Battlefield Land Acquisition Grants are available on a rolling basis to State and local governments in order to assist with the purchase of eligible sites or interests in eligible sites for their preservation and protection. Properties eligible for acquisition under the BLAG Program are defined as any that are located at least 50% within the boundary of surveyed battlefields identified in the Battlefield Reports commissioned by Congress: specifically, the Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in the United States (2007), and the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission Report on the Nation's Civil War Battlefields (1993).

Battlefield Interpretation Grants support projects that deploy technology to modernize and enhance battlefield interpretation and education at Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War battlefield sites eligible for assistance under the battlefield acquisition grant program established under 54 U.S.C. §308103(b). Grants require a non-Federal cost share of at least 50%. State, local, and tribal governments and nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply.

Battlefield Preservation Planning Grants Program supports a range of activities focused on planning for, interpreting, and preserving battlefields and sites associated with armed conflicts that shaped the growth and development of the United States. These grants are awarded annually through a competitive merit review process to eligible entities, including state, local, and tribal governments, other public entities, educational institutions, and nonprofit organizations.

More information is available on the NPS ABPP website at https://www.nps.gov/abpp.