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 financial assistance for the following project activities. *Refer to Section 2. Grants.gov Posting Determination.*

ABSTRACT	
Grants.gov Opportunity Number	P19AS00325
Project Title	FY2019 Northern Rio Grande NHA Implementation of Managemen
Recipient	National Heritage Area
Anticipated Federal Funding	$332,097
Non-Federal Cost Share	$332,097
Total Anticipated Award Amount	$655,440
Award Instrument	☑ Task Agreement ☐ Cooperative Agreement ☐ Grant Agreement
Anticipated Period of Performance	7/8/19 – 9/30/2021
Legal Authority	54 U.S.C. 101702(a), Public Law 109-338, 120 Stat. 1783
CFDA # and Title	15.939 National Heritage Area Federal Financial Assistance
Single Source Justification Criteria	
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Section 1. Project Summary

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

On October 12, 2006, the National Heritage Area Act of 2006 (hereafter "Act") Public Law No. 109-338, 120 Stat. 1783, established the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area and directs the Secretary of the Interior (hereafter "Secretary") to enter into a compact with the heritage area's management entity, Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area, Inc. (hereafter "NRGNHA"). National Heritage Areas are places where natural, cultural, historic and scenic resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally important landscape arising from human activity shaped by geography. These patterns make National Heritage Areas representative of the national experience through the physical features that remain and the traditions that have evolved in them. These regions are acknowledged by Congress for their capacity to tell nationally important stories about our nation. This Task Agreement focuses on partnership development, operational support, organization capacity building, public outreach, heritage programs and grant projects that are

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PURPOSE

National Heritage Areas (NHA) promote greater public and private participation and partnership in historic preservation and conservation activities, which build a resource stewardship ethic for participants and the public. NHAs leverage taxpayer investment with public and private resources through historic preservation, conservation, education and outdoor recreation. They support voluntary programs that encourage partnerships, providing matching funds that produce greater benefits to taxpayers for the federal dollars invested. NHAs support large-scale, community-driven initiatives and collaborate with stakeholders to determine how to make heritage relevant to local needs and interests, serving as catalysts for community and economic development. In FY 2016 national heritage areas leveraged $45.5 million catalyzed by $18.8 million in Heritage Partnership Program funding, while participating in almost 7,000 partnerships. They preserve historic sites and battlefields, conserve artifacts, build and maintain trails, undertake water quality improvement projects and develop water trails, offer heritage education programs and provide capacity-building assistance to educators, sponsor community development projects and support downtown revitalization projects. National heritage areas have been rigorously studied via an independent evaluation process that has documented the effectiveness of this partnership model.

STATEMENT OF WORK SUMMARY

Project Description
The project focus is implementation of the NRGNHA management plan, which was approved on January 15, 2014. Continued efforts include the grants program and other activities initiated in prior years, expanded partner collaborations, and new uses of the website and other promotions to expand outreach.

Total expenditures of $664,194 are funded under the Task Agreement budget in the following major expenditure categories:
• Personnel and Benefits (ED and Staff) – 38.6% - $256,186;
• Contracted Services – 6.8% - $45,000;
• Grant Projects and Contracts – 32.5% - $216,000; and
• Operating Costs – 22.1% - $147,008.

Program allocations of budget are segregated under groupings that reflect accomplishment of major strategic direction within the Management Plan. These groupings reflect cost allocation the Budget Allocation Worksheet provided separately.

Management Plan Goals and Strategic Direction
The following are the goals identified in the Management Plan:
• Goal 1: Enhance understanding and awareness of the heritage area's stories and resources by strengthening community identity,

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

A. The recipient shall be responsible for the following items under this agreement:

1. The Recipient shall carry out the Statement of Work in accordance with Attachment A and the terms and conditions stated herein. The Recipient shall adhere to Federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and codes, as applicable.
2. Complete Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, in consultation with the NPS, for all projects and subgrants that have undertakings on properties that are eligible or designated on the National Register of Historic Places prior to distributing federal funding to a subrecipient or contractor.
3. Provide a list of selected subgrants and associated budgets to the NPS for review and approval prior to making awards.

B. The NPS Responsibilities:

☑ A task agreement is proposed;

☐ A cooperative agreement is proposed;

therefore substantial involvement by NPS is anticipated during the period of performance of this agreement. In support of this agreement NPS will:

1. Monitor and provide Federal oversight of activities performed under this agreement. Monitoring and oversight includes review and approval of financial status and performance reports, payment request, and tasks identified below. Additional monitoring activities may include site visits, conference calls, and other on-site and off-site monitoring activities. At the Recipient's request, NPS may also provide additional technical assistance to the Recipient in support of the objectives of this agreement.
2. Substantial involvement by NPS is anticipated during the period of performance of this agreement. In support of this agreement NPS will be responsible for the following:
a) Provide advisory, technical and financial assistance to the Recipient regarding the implementation of the management plan.
b) Provide technical assistance on projects requiring Section 106 consultation, by advising on the appropriate level of effect, reviewing projects for compliance with the Secretary of Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, and facilitating consultation efforts between the Recipient and the New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office.
c) Review and comment on draft planning documents for projects listed within Attachment A, upon the request of the Recipient or the NPS.

☐ A grant agreement is proposed, therefore no substantial involvement on the part of the NPS is anticipated for the successful completion of the statement of work. It is anticipated that involvement will be limited to actions related to monitoring project performance and technical assistance at the request of the recipient.

Section 2. Grants.gov Posting Determination

☑ The National Park Service intends to award a task agreement under a previously competed or single source justified award.

☐ The National Park Service intends to award a single source justified cooperative agreement. *Refer to Section 3 Single Source Justification.*

☐ The National Park Service intends to award a single source justified grant agreement. *Refer to Section 3 Single Source Justification.*

Section 3. Single Source Justification

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SINGLE SOURCE POLICY REQUIREMENTS

National Park Service Policy FAP&P 1443-2015-06 requires a written justification which explains why competition is not practicable. The justification must address one of the following criteria.

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, 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:

☑ Task Agreement issued under previously competed or single source master cooperative agreement per Section 2 above. Single Source Justification not applicable.

☐ Unsolicited Proposal ☐ Continuation ☐ Emergency

☐ Legislative Intent ☐ Unique Qualifications

Explanation of the proposed recipient's qualifications or the criteria of the proposed project which requires use of the single source criteria cited.

Section 4. Department of the Interior Secretary's Priorities

This award will support the following DOI Secretary priority(ies):

Other Key Initiatives:

- [ ] Employment of veterans.
- [ ] Supporting DOI Infrastructure needs.
- [x] Creating jobs in the American economy.
- [x] Access to outdoor recreation opportunities.

Priority 1: Creating a conservation stewardship legacy second only to Teddy Roosevelt

- [ ] Utilize science to identify best practices to manage land and water resources and adapt to changes in the environment.
- [ ] Examine land use planning process and land use designations that govern public use and access.
- [ ] Revise and streamline the environmental and regulatory review process while maintaining environmental standards.
- [ ] Review DOI water storage, transportation, and distribution systems to identify opportunities to resolve conflicts and expand capacity.
- [x] Foster relationships with conservation organizations advocating for balanced stewardship and use of public lands.
- [ ] Identify and implement initiatives to expand access to DOI lands for hunting and fishing.
- [ ] Shift the balance towards providing greater public access to public lands over restrictions to access.

Priority 2: Utilizing our natural resources

- [ ] Ensure American energy is available to meet our security and economic needs.
- [ ] Ensure access to mineral resources, especially the critical and rare earth minerals.
- [ ] Refocus timber programs to embrace the entire 'healthy forests' lifecycle.
- [ ] Manage competition for grazing resources.

Priority 3: Restoring trust with local communities

- [x] Be a better neighbor with those closest to our resources by improving dialogue and relationships with persons and entities bordering our lands.
- [x] Expand the lines of communication with Governors, state natural resource offices, Fish and Wildlife offices, water authorities, county commissioners, Tribes, and local communities.

Priority 4: Ensuring sovereignty means something

- [ ] Support tribal self-determination, self-governance, and sovereignty.
- [ ] Solidify mutual interests between the U.S. and the freely associated states and territories.

Priority 5: Generating additional revenues to support DOI & National interests

- [ ] Ensure that the public receives the full market value for the natural resources produced on Federal lands.
- [ ] Ensure that fees or costs levied for DOI services are reasonable and targeted to achieve cost recovery.
- [x] Consider the impact of DOI decisions on economic development and job creation.

Priority 6: Protecting our people and the border

- [ ] Actively support efforts to secure our southern border.
- [ ] Ensure DOI law enforcement staffing addresses public safety risks anticipated on DOI land.
- [ ] Promote a "public service" demeanor within our law enforcement community.

Priority 7: Striking a regulatory balance

- [ ] Reduce the administrative and regulatory burden imposed on U.S. industry and the public.
- [ ] Ensure that Endangered Species Act decisions are based on strong science and thorough analysis.

Priority 8: Modernizing our infrastructure

- [ ] Support the White House Public/Private Partnership Initiative to modernize U.S. infrastructure.
- [ ] Remove impediments to infrastructure development and facilitate private sector efforts to construct infrastructure projects serving American needs.
- [ ] Prioritize DOI infrastructure needs to highlight:
    1. Construction of infrastructure;
    2. Cyclical maintenance;
    3. Deferred maintenance.

Priority 9: Reorganizing for the next 100 years

☐ Improve alignment and integration of the DOI organizational structure. Redistribute organizational resources (people and funding) to enhance mission achievement and improved public service.

☐ Improve organizational alignment with Executive Branch counterparts with major land management assets or influence.

Priority 10: Achieving our goals and leading our team forward

☐ Senior executives are expected to provide leadership in achieving goals of the President and the Secretary.

☐ The Management Team is expected to:

1. Ensure cost-effective operations and quality service to the public;
2. Facilitate organizational cooperation and conflict resolution;
3. Ensure the workplace environment is conducive to employee productivity and safety;
4. Hold individuals accountable for actions that violate DOI policies and requirements.

The proposed project does not support any of the DOI Secretary priorities, but the project is being funded for the following reasons: