

Common Questions and Answers for Community Volunteer Ambassador Program Notice of Funding Opportunity - P23AS00091

Question

Under Section D, bullet 2, on page 12, the Program Application and Submission Information mentions the inclusion of resumes. Whose resumes would be expected with the submission, if at all?

Answer

The resume(s) if any would be for principal investigators, project managers, etc. A CV would also be acceptable.

Question

How will NPS determine if the award will go to one or multiple partners? If multiple, would there be potential for program partners to collaborate?

Answer

Multiple recipients will be chosen based on the variety of proposed projects, regional capability and underrepresented community outreach. There is no direct collaboration between two or more separate award task agreements, but partnering agreements are encouraged. The awardee will be the financial sponsor/grantee, and any partnering entities will be subgrantees/subawardees. If these arrangements are proposed, awardee shall submit a sub-monitoring plan compliant with 2 CFR 200 before final grant award.

Question

Will NPS support in seeking or providing options for housing or transportation for interns?

Answer

Yes. Housing and Travel reimbursements are expected. Travel allowance will provide funds for duty-related travel for training/project work, and housing or a housing stipend appropriate to the cost of local housing depending upon the location.

Question

Is there a timeline by which NPS is hoping for an initial cohort of CVA interns to be placed? We will build this into our project narrative, but ideally would want a ramp up period to train/hire staff as needed and develop and implement processes in partnership with NPS in order to place interns by 2024.

Answer

There is no hard-date for intern placement at this point, but recruitment hiring activities would be expected to begin in the Summer of 2023 based upon when subsequent funded task agreements would be awarded.

Question

Would we know at which park locations interns are going to be placed before recruitment?

Answer

Not at this stage. Specific locations are dependent on future needs and funding.

Question

Can you clarify what a 'site mentor' means for interns? Is this a mentor at the site they are placed who is not their direct supervisor?

Answer

Correct. The site mentor is an NPS employee who provides guidance on the agreement task. The site mentor does not directly supervise recipient employees/participants.

Question

Are we able to include charts and bulleted lists in the narrative, or would you prefer blocks of text?

Answer

A combination of charts, lists, images and text is allowable.

Question

Will the awarded organization be partnering with Americorps or Stewards Individual Placements?

Answer

There is no requirement for participants to be partners with AmeriCorps or Stewards Individual Placements for this competition.

Question

Eligibility to apply as a state agency

Answer

State agencies are eligible to apply. Please note that the opportunity is specifically seeking a partner who will operate an internship program supporting volunteerism and community engagement in national park sites, which may or may not align with your current program model.