

Amendment 005 Questions and Answers

Q: In the FOA, it states that projects can work with the surrounding communities of NPS and partnering organizations. Can you tell me to what extent work on non-NPS land should be limited to?

A: Most projects will take place on NPS lands in conjunction with Parks and NPS programs.

Q: I read that some work can be done in "National Register of Historic Places, National Heritage Areas, National Wild and Scenic Rivers, National Historic Landmarks, National Trails and adjacent gateway communities." Is work with US Fish and Wildlife Service refuges encouraged?

A: No, this is work with NPS parks and programs. Fish and wildlife projects will not be considered.

Q: I have a question regarding the eligibility of tribes in regard to Youth Conservation grants. The published guide states that the competition is open to "organizations that operate throughout an individual state, regionally and/or nationally." KIT serves tribal members, AN/AI populations and residents of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, but we certainly cannot claim to serve the entire state of Alaska or the nation. Are we precluded for applying for funds based on this requirement?

A: No, however, the announcement is focused on potential recipients that have strong national and regional presences.

Q: We have been in conversation with colleagues in our region at the GGNRA (NPS) and we were hopeful that this was a new funding source at a national level, for the park to enter into projects with Conservation Corps programs like SFCC. However, I read through this to confirm my understanding of the program, and my understanding is:

"This announcement contains zero dollars. Funds are awarded to qualified organizations on a project by project basis. Awards made from this announcement provide the recipient with the financial instrument and approval to seek youth development projects with National Park Service units and offices." (Page 10)

Q: In other words, is the 21st Century CSC authorization providing the same type of authorization that GGNRA already has with SFCC, allowing us to enter into Task Agreements for specific projects, when GGNRA has funding?

Additionally, "When projects are authorized under the Public Lands Corps Act there is a 25% cost-match inclusive of non-Federal cash and/or in-kind services and/or resources," which is not the case for project authorized under our existing Cooperative Agreement.

A: This is a separate cooperative agreement and separate task agreements will be issued. This does not affect other agreements you may have with NPS or other federal agencies.

When the PLC is cited, a 25% cost match will be required.

Q: Finally, are additional funding sources available only to organizations awarded agreements under the 21st Century Corps program?

A: This is a separate cooperative agreement and separate funded task agreements will be issued. Only organizations awarded under this announcement will be funded.

Q: Would the California National Historic Trail section and the proposed routes named in the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 that is located in northern Utah qualify as a possible NPS affiliated site?

A: Yes.

Q: In particular would the Bidwell – Bartleson 1841 route qualify as a possible NPS affiliated site?

A: No, unless it is classified as a national trail.

Q: If so, what NPS site or affiliated site would issue task agreements to be placed against the (NPS/recipient) master cooperative agreement?

A: If eligible, this would be determined after the award.

We are working toward a proposal for a cooperative agreement with the National Park Service under P14AS00055. We intend to offer a partnership between the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation and Lutheran Ministries or another agency with youth development and employment program experience. We have the following questions:

Does The Georgia Trust/Lutheran Ministries (or another social agency) collaboration satisfy NPS grant requirements? Both are statewide, one has cultural resource/preservation expertise, other has youth development expertise and employment program experience.

These are the initial agencies developing the proposal but they could change depending on the decisions made by boards of the agencies before the proposal is submitted.

If we might be including other organizations to carry out parts of the projects, do we have to identify them now?

Are we “regional” enough? Grant repeatedly mentions regional focus, is statewide broad enough?

What type of sites are the best fit for this grant?

- ☒ An actual NPS site (National Historic Site, National Heritage Area, National Battlefield, etc.)?
- ☐ A National Landmark or National Register site that's closely associated with an NPS site (ex: the Sweet Auburn National Landmark District, which is closely related to the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site)?
- ☐ A National Landmark or National Register site that's not closely related to an NPS site?

Can we focus all of our projects on one site/district, in order to maximize our impact? Or are you looking for several projects at several sites located around the state?

How detailed does the 5/30 application need to be?

- ☐ Is this where we propose our partnership and generally list the types of projects we might do?-Yes
- ☐ Do we need to identify specific site(s)? Do we need to have all of the potential partners identified? Do they need to all be committed?-No
- ☐ Do we need to identify specific project(s)? Do these need to be fully developed?-No
- ☐ What should be included in our proposal budget? Is it necessary to estimate amounts of funding we might request for specific projects?-Yes, detailed enough to provide an estimate.

A: National Parks and NPS affiliated sites.

Q: Our organization is a State Governmental Agency. Are we eligible to apply?

A: No. It must be a 501 c 3 organization.

Q: We are a provisional member of the 21CSC. If we are not part of the National Youth Cooperative Agreement, are we allowed to use the 21CSC designation for projects worked in conjunction with appropriate Federal Agencies?

A: Yes as long as the appropriate Federal Agency agrees.