

Q: I need to clarify what components of our concept for a project we include under the statement of work section. Our current youth development programs incorporate training underserved Latino youth and placing them in internships where they conduct wildlife research, bilingual environmental education, onsite interpretation, and community outreach. My understanding is that we do not need to propose a project but we do need to describe potential activities such as research on birds, Latino community outreach near NPS sites, natural interpretation, etc. under the statement of work. Do I understand this correctly?

A: Yes. You need to describe a project that you have and administer.

Q: Once agreements and projects are approved, are the partnering organizations able to have a close relationship with each individual NPS unit where youth are placed? We work with underserved youth and it has been critical to their success at each site that we have close partnerships and frequent communication with the on-site agency's staff/supervisors.

A: You will have contact with the local NPS staff who will be substantially involved in the project(s).

Q: Are projects at historic sites approvable if they are not literally on NPS land? Would a National Historic site be enough? Would anything less than designation as a National treasure or site be acceptable?

A: It must be under the authority of the National Park Service.

Q: Is the National Park Service willing to accept a tribes tax exempt status under 7871 as grounds for eligibility in applying for these funds, or if the managing tribal department should seek fiscal sponsorship from an existing 501c3.

A: Projects are for 501 c3 's only

Q: I sat in on the conference call, and read the Q & A additions to the funding announcement on Grants.gov, but am still a little confused about the "affiliated sites." From the Q & A, it sounds like others are also.

From the answers to the questions, it sounds like mere association with an NPS program is not sufficient for possible funding? For example, if our partner was selected to enter into a CA with the NPS, could they plan and receive funding under a task agreement for projects on non-federal public lands that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places or that are designated National Historic Landmarks?

What about non-federal public lands along a National Scenic Riverway that may or may not have NPS monitored scenic easements?

Or, NPS certified sites on the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail (or other National Trails) or in a National Heritage Area—again, non-federal public lands?

A: Projects will take place on NPS lands in conjunction with Parks and NPS programs

Q: Regarding the 21st Century Conservation Corps RFP, are eligible applicants restricted to those who would propose to do actual projects on NPS or other public lands? If we were to apply, we would be proposing to do conservation projects on Catalina Island, not on any of the NPS owned islands. We understand that actual funding would not be awarded as part of this RFP.

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