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	P19AS00498
Project Title	Youth and Volunteer Project to Restore Mount Harkness Fire Look
Recipient	HistoriCorps
Anticipated Federal Funding	$54,963.54
Non-Federal Cost Share	$31,030.50
Total Anticipated Award Amount	$85,994.04 (including non-federal cost share)
Award Instrument	☑ Task Agreement ☐ Cooperative Agreement ☐ Grant Agreement
Anticipated Period of Performance	08/20/2019 – 11/01/2019
Legal Authority	54 U.S.C. §101702(a)
CFDA # and Title	15.931 – Conservation Activates by Youth Service Organizations
Single Source Justification Criteria	
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Section 1. Project Summary

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

This project will educate and train youth participants and volunteers in historic preservation through hands-on skill training in restoring, rehabilitating, and stabilizing Mount Harkness Fire Lookout at Lassen Volcanic National Park (LAVO or park). Mount Harkness was the first rustic-style fire lookout designed and constructed by the National Park Service (NPS), and is the only actively used historic fire lookout in California. The building's primary function was as a permanent lookout, and secondarily as an attraction for park visitors who enjoyed walking around the catwalk and learning about fire detection procedures. The structure remains a crucial element of LAVO's fire detection efforts, and a popular visitor destination. Work is needed to repair the cap and repair deficient mortar joints to prevent structural instability. The existing stair and catwalk are in fair-to-poor condition and present a safety risk to visitors and staff due to rotten boards and insufficiently braced stair risers. This project will replace deteriorated catwalk components and rebuild the stairs with new

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PURPOSE

This project will encourage community and youth involvement to complete necessary preservation maintenance to ensure the building is in a stable condition to withstand harsh weather conditions, serve as an actively used fire lookout, and ensure safe conditions for visitors. Through service learning the project will help develop a generation of skilled workers, educated and active citizens, future leaders, and stewards of cultural resources, communities, and the nation.

STATEMENT OF WORK SUMMARY

The project will be completed in four five-day work sessions with seven days to mobilize/demobilize and travel to/from the jobsite. HistoriCorp field staff will direct a volunteer workforce consisting of two work sessions with Youth Conservation Corps members and two work sessions with general volunteers. Crews will be limited to twelve plus two HistoriCorp staff and one NPS staff to keep group size in Wilderness at a minimum.

Work will include repairs necessary to preserve the structure and limit further deterioration of historic components. The repairs include replacing the mortar cap on top of the stone walls, and repairing damaged and missing mortar joints. The deteriorated decking on the catwalk will be replaced, and the stairs will be rebuilt using NPS in-kind materials. Door and window frames will be repaired using consolidates and Dutchman techniques, and limited NPS in-kind material replacement as needed. Historic fabric will be preserved as much as possible. If time allows, the entire building will be repointed and all exterior wood components will be finished with exterior-grade NPS-brown paint.

Mount Harkness is located in designated Wilderness, and is only accessible by foot trail. Due to the limitation of tool use in Wilderness, and the daily hike to the top of a mountain, additional time has been built in to accommodate for the logistical challenges.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

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

1. Recruit, train, and manage youth and volunteers to serve as the main crew labor for HistoriCorps.
2. Provide one project supervisor with expertise and experience in applied preservation and one crew leader. The project supervisor will coordinate HistoriCorps' activities and serve as the main liaison between HistoriCorps and NPS. The crew leader will assist the project supervisor, act as the liaison with volunteers and youth crews and serve as the camp chef.
3. Equip the crew with protective equipment and needed tools, such as hammers, safety googles, helmets, and gloves.
4. Provide all supervision of crew members assigned to the project, including during and after work hours.
5. Provide transportation to and from the park.
6. Provide camping equipment (tents, stoves, etc.) and food for crews.
7. Ensure that all work activities are conducted in a safe manner and in accordance with accepted practice for such activities.

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. Provide general orientation to park operations, the NPS mission, and safety training.
2. Ensure compliance, including archeological monitoring agreements, are completed prior to the arrival of HistoriCorps.
3. Advise to HistoriCorps, in advance, of any stipulations regarding compliance with building codes or state and local ordinances, if any, that may affect areas of treatment and compliance with the SOIS.
4. Obtain all permit submittals and approvals as required in advance of the project.
5. Provide at a minimum, one vault or chemical toilet at the jobsite.
6. Provide both potable and non-potable water.
7. Provide camping accommodations at no cost.
8. Provide and stage scaffolding at jobsite.
9. Provide materials including, but not limited to: mortar; paint; logs; lumber; and fasteners.
10. Remove and dispose all construction debris generated during the project.
11. Abatement and dispose of any hazardous materials, such as asbestos or lead.
12. Visit crew at project site at least once per session to discuss historical significance, end use, and goals for the project

☐ 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. The unsolicited proposal must demonstrate an innovative capability or concept not currently available to the government, and prepared without Government involvement. ;

(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;

(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. Successful past performance, familiarity with existing requirements, capabilities that can be obtained or matched by a competitor, or a positive reputation, are not considered to be 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.
- ☐ Creating jobs in the American economy.
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ 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

- ☐ Be a better neighbor with those closest to our resources by improving dialogue and relationships with persons and entities bordering our lands.
- ☐ 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [x] 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: