

This Funding Announcement is not a request for applications. This announcement is to provide public notice of the National Park Service (NPS), intention to fund the following project activities **without** competition.

ABSTRACT	
Funding Announcement	P17AS00178
Project Title	Lake Meredith National Recreation Area Multi-use Trail System Project
Recipient	ACE
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$25,000
Cost Share	\$25,753.60
Anticipated Length of Agreement	April 20, 2017-December 31, 2017
Anticipated Period of Performance	April 20, 2017-December 31, 2017
Award Instrument	Task Agreement awarded under Master P15AC00015
Statutory Authority	54 U.S.C. §101702(a), 16 USC § 1723(c)(1)
CFDA # and Title	15.931 Conservation Activities by Youth Service Organizations
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	Task Agreement awarded under Master P15AC00015
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OVERVIEW

The project engages recipients, partners, communities, and visitors in shared environmental stewardship. Youth participants are motivated to become involved in the natural and cultural resource protection of their communities and beyond and instill through its programming components the development of leadership skills. The project supports the Government's objective to provide opportunities for youth to learn about the environment by spending time working on projects in National Parks. This is an excellent developmental step for future leaders. The National Park Service receives the indirect benefit of completing a sustainable recreation project via the creation of more land-based, non-motorized recreational opportunities in Lake Meredith N. R. A., as identified in the General Management Plan (2014).

STATEMENT OF JOINT OBJECTIVES/PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLAN

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

1. Provide basic personal protective equipment, hand tools, chain saws with fuel and camp supplies. Crews will be trained in basic trail building and tool use and safety prior to deployment.
2. Work sites are accessed by walking over finished trail or uneven terrain. Tools and daily supplies must be packed into location. Distance could exceed four miles each way.

3. Prepare general location as marked by clearing vegetation, removing soil, existing debris, stumps, rocks and trash in and around the general site.
4. Assist with rock quarrying; moving large rocks with rock bars and or grip hoist, transporting quarried rock to appropriate work site. Using sledge hammer and smaller hammers to make rock crush for trail base.
4. Install erosion control structures as directed by NPS staff including water bars, retaining walls, large cobble stone material, erosion fabrics, turf grass or plants, clay, soils, and other aggregate materials, and backfilling with soil and tamping the loose soil into a firm condition.
4. Cutting trail tread in soil types, rocky areas on steep side slopes to NPS directed specifications.
5. Provide additional miscellaneous support within the project area to include tasks such as planting desirable vegetation, mitigating social trails, applying herbicide to exotic / invasive vegetation, and general labor assistance to NPS staff on-site.
6. Provide crews of up to ten members with a commitment to work-safe behavior at all times working along with NPS staff member leaders. Since this is a long duration project, as crew personnel changes are needed, no more than half of a trained crew will switch out at a time.
7. Make their own logistical and lodging arrangements independent of the NPS.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE INVOLVEMENT

1. Provide oversight to ACE crews and assist with project.
2. Provide plans / direction for the accomplishment of this task.
3. Provide any required permits.
4. Provide all specialty tools, materials, and equipment required, as determined by NPS, to accomplish the work. (Excluding chain saws if used by ACE)
6. Provide safety briefings and specialized PPE, as determined by NPS.
7. Provide a group campsite.
8. Provide a park orientation and briefing of the significance of the project work area to the ACE crew.

NPS did not solicit full and open competition for this award based the following criteria:

This Task Agreement is awarded as a continuation of Master Agreement P15AC00015.