

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	P20AS00067
Project Title	Youth Heritage Project in Washington State
Recipient	Washington Trust for Historic Preservation
Anticipated Federal Funding	\$175,000 (\$35,118 initially)
Non-Federal Cost Share	\$138,100 (\$53,150 initially)
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$313,100 (\$88,268)
Award Instrument	☐ Task Agreement ☒ Cooperative Agreement ☐ Grant Agreement
Anticipated Period of Performance	April 15, 2020 - April 15, 2025
Legal Authority	54 U.S.C. § 101702(a)
CFDA # and Title	15.954 - NPS Conservation, Protection, Outreach, & Education
Single Source Justification Criteria	#4 Unique Qualifications
National Park Service Point of Contact	Jason Whitehead Financial Assistance Officer

Section 1. Project Summary

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The objective of this agreement is to help youth in the State of Washington understand the importance of historic, cultural, and natural resources in community building and community identity by the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation (Washington Trust) and the National Park Service (NPS) undertaking activities that require the substantial sharing of knowledge, skills and resources. Together, the NPS and Washington Trust will undertake activities that provide hands-on and placed-based learning experiences about historic, cultural, and natural resources that inspire youth to be engaged community members, stewards and decision makers for our collective historic, cultural resources, and natural resources.

The objective of this agreement is to educate and inspire a younger generation through a focused experience of historic places, and

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PURPOSE

The public will benefit from this project by promoting engagement between participating youth, partners, local and tribal communities, in shared resource stewardship and by further developing resource stewardship ethics in the youth participants and motivating them to become involved in the cultural and historical resource protection of their communities and beyond.

The public will benefit from the researched and grounded solutions to historic preservation challenges and public engagement that the students present to community leaders, site stewards and owners during a public town hall held on the last day of the project. An invited panel of cultural resource management, heritage professionals and local officials also attend the Town Hall to offer encouragement & feedback to the students on their presentations, which will provide valuable learning experiences for YHP participants & will provide critical youth perspectives to communities & organizations.

STATEMENT OF WORK SUMMARY

This task agreement allows the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation and the NPS to fully collaborate in the development of the Youth Heritage Projects, to ensure that it meets the agreed upon goals and objectives for the program as well as our respective missions.

The work under this agreement includes curriculum development, development of materials for the students, on-site logistical coordination, program management, student recruitment and execution of the program on the ground.

Each Youth Heritage Project carried out under this agreement will be place based, will include approximately thirty to forty-five high school aged youth and approximately ten educator/mentor participants. Activities will include focused site visits, lectures and discussions with community members, tribal representatives, owners and stewards of the places and cultural and natural resources in the selected locations. While the focus of the program is historic and heritage preservation, our approach is expansive and includes discussions of the integral relationship between natural and cultural resources, as well as the challenges that communities often face in balancing all the factors at play in preservation.

In addition to exposing students to the benefits of historic preservation, the Youth Heritage Project (YHP) aims to teach them that the future of any historic, cultural, or natural resource is secured through the result of deliberate community planning and strategic choices. We strive to impress upon students that they can be a part of shaping the places that matter to them in or near their own communities

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

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

1. The Recipient shall carry out the Statement of Work in accordance with the terms and conditions stated herein. The Recipient shall adhere to Federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and codes, as applicable.
2. Collaboratively undertake a project Youth Heritage Project" as described throughout this Task Agreement
3. Appoint the Executive Director, Chris Moore, as Key Contact.
4. Serve as lead staff and contact on the Youth Heritage Project
5. Direct overall management and presentations of the Youth Heritage Project in collaboration with the NPS, including educational program development, overseeing logistics, and shaping program goals, outcomes and curriculum
6. Work in collaboration with NPS to Identify Youth Heritage Project facilitators and leaders
7. Collaborate with NPS to develop program format, themes and onsite agenda/ schedule
8. Oversee Youth Heritage Project logistics, registration and communications with participants
9. Act as the program spokesperson to policy makers, funders and partner organizations
10. Assign (an) appropriate employee(s) of the Washington Trust to work on programs undertaken as part of this Agreement,

B. The NPS Responsibilities:

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A task agreement is proposed;

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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:

- Monitor and provide Federal oversight of activities performed under this Agreement. Monitoring and oversight includes review and approval of financial status and performance reports, payment requests, and tasks identified below. Additional monitoring activities may include site visits, conference calls, and other on-site and off-site monitoring activities. At the Recipient's request, NPS may also provide technical assistance to the Recipient in support of the objectives of this Agreement.
2. Collaboratively undertake a project titled Youth Heritage Project" as described throughout this Task Agreement
 3. Assign Elaine Jackson-Retondo as the Agreement Technical Representative (ATR)
 4. Provide financial assistance as provided in Article V. and Attachment A,
 5. Work with the Washington Trust and other partners in identifying instructors, guides, and subject matter experts to participate in the Youth Heritage Project.
 6. Work with the Washington Trust and other partners to identify sites important to the region and that may be used in a classroom setting in connecting students to resources and the stories these resources might illustrate
 7. Collaborate with the Washington Trust make sites ready for Youth Heritage Project activities.
 8. Work with the Washington Trust to identify local issues pertinent to the theme of the Youth Heritage Project

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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

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE 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.

Established in 1976, the Washington Trust is a 501(c)3 non-profit and Washington's only nongovernmental statewide historic preservation organization. The Washington Trust's mission is to help make local preservation work by building an ethic that preserves Washington's historic places through advocacy, education, collaboration and stewardship. The Washington Trust fulfills its mission through a variety of programs that reach communities in every part of the state and strives to educate the next generation of stewards and advocates through outreach programs like the Youth Heritage Project They are a trusted preservation organization throughout the state of Washington with a proven capacity, ability and integrity to bring together partners statewide in local communities, tribal communities and other historic preservation and educational institutions.

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.
- ☐ 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: