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	P19AS00554
Project Title	Outdoor Recreation Youth Leaders, Lewis and Clark NHP
Recipient	North Cascades Institute
Anticipated Federal Funding	$9,000.00 (possible additional funding of $40,000.00)
Non-Federal Cost Share	$0.00
Total Anticipated Award Amount	$49,000.00
Award Instrument	☑ Task Agreement ☐ Cooperative Agreement ☐ Grant Agreement
Anticipated Period of Performance	09/15/2019 - 09/30/2020
Legal Authority	54 U.S.C. §101702(a)
CFDA # and Title	15.931, Conservation Activities by Youth Service Organizations
Single Source Justification Criteria	
National Park Service Point of Contact	Darren Battles Joshua Tree National Park

Section 1. Project Summary

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

A. Project Goals –

These multi-day experiences are designed and led by experienced outdoor educators and blend leadership skill development, hands-on field science and stewardship work, vocational skill development, and outdoor fundamentals in the classroom of National Park backcountry. The overarching goal is to provide a gateway for underserved youth to lifelong engagement with nature, stewardship, and community and to provide opportunities for personal, academic and professional growth.

B. Project Objectives –

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PURPOSE

This agreement serves a public purpose by promoting and stimulating education, job training, development of responsible citizenship, productive community involvement, and furthering the understanding, appreciation, and conservation of natural and cultural resources, for future generation to enjoy.

It will provide the opportunity for youth to learn about recreation and conservation opportunities on public lands, and the skills for youth to lead others in these pursuits.

STATEMENT OF WORK SUMMARY

1. This Task Agreement will provide an opportunity for youth to learn about Lewis and Clark National Historical Park (Youth Leaders) to learn about outdoor recreation skills, leadership, stewardship, and science, and to gain a sense of empowerment to make a difference by attending a 12-day training course at the North Cascades Institute. Upon their return, the youth will use the gained knowledge to prepare and present lessons to middle school students, as well as to present public interpretation programs at Lewis and Clark National Historical Park with the assistance and guidance of the park's Education Coordinator and Education Technician.

2. The youth volunteer participants will be drawn from high schools local to Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, from communities such as Astoria, Seaside, Knappa and Warrenton. Recruiting partners include Clatsop Community College, focusing on first generation college-going and underserved students, the Clatsop-Nehalem Confederated Tribe, the Chinook Nation and the Lower Columbia Hispanic Council. Additional recruiting partners include U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Army family support organizations.

3. Program success will be measured by high school participants successfully contributing a minimum of 20 hours each of volunteer work to the interpretation and education programs at Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, in the form of instructing peers and younger students in recreation, conservation, leadership and sustainability concepts, and presentation of associated programs to park visitors, such as Junior Sustainability Ranger booklets distributed and patches earned by target audience of the youth volunteers, and the number of classrooms and students visited by volunteers for in-class presentations. Qualitative success will be measured by response to youth volunteer participant surveys.

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. Appoint Saul Weisberg, Executive Director as Key Officials

3. Adhere to park service protocols, regulations, SOP and park specific safety rules.

4. Comply with HSPD-12 requirements, such as submitting information for background investigation.

5. Comply with NPS personal identity verification procedures identified in the award that implement Homeland Security Presidential Directive-12 (HSPD-12), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance M-05-24 and Federal Information Processing Standards Publication (FIPS PUB) Number 201. (If applicable)

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:

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In a collaborative effort NCI and NPS will work closely with youth leader recruitment, youth and family/guardian orientation to the project, transportation planning to and from North Cascade Institute pickup/drop off locations, response to questions about the nature and goals of this project, and act as on-going liaison between the parties.

Provide mentoring and guidance on youth leadership projects at Lewis and Clark National Historical Park.

Provide support planning to NCI personnel.

Hold a close-out briefing at the end of the work period to discuss lessons learned on how well the project goals and objective were met.

☐ 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;

(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. A single source on the basis of continuation must demonstrate that competition would result in a substantial duplicate cost to the government that cannot be recovered through competition;

(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;

(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.
- [x] Creating jobs in the American economy.
- [x] 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:

N/A