

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	NPS-19-NERO-0101
Project Title	Planning, Educational, and Recreational Initiatives at SEF
Recipient	Sultana Education Foundation (SEF)
Anticipated Federal Funding	\$82,105
Non-Federal Cost Share	\$136,565
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$218,670
Award Instrument	☒ Task Agreement ☐ Cooperative Agreement ☐ Grant Agreement
Anticipated Period of Performance	through December 31, 2020
Legal Authority	54 USC 101702(a); Public Law 105-312, Section 502(b), as amended
CFDA # and Title	15.930 Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network/Chesapeake Bay Gateways
Single Source Justification Criteria	
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Section 1. Project Summary

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The project goals are to work together to enhance a visitor's Chesapeake-related experience on Maryland's upper eastern shore and to expand K-12 educational programs related to the voyages of Captain John Smith, American Indian history, and the natural and cultural history of the Chesapeake Bay. Specific objectives encompass numerous individual projects part of three broad initiatives, including: (1) supporting planning and early access trail development at the Lawrence Wetlands Preserve adjacent to the Sultana Education Foundation's Holt Education Center, (2) developing curriculum and field and classroom programs for K-12 students related to the Bay and Chesapeake National Historic Trail, and (3) developing on-water public programs related to the Bay and Chesapeake National Historic Trail.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PURPOSE

- The project engages recipients, partners, communities, and/or visitors in shared environmental stewardship.
- The project promotes greater public and private participation in historic preservation programs and activities. The project builds resource stewardship ethics in its participants.
- The project motivates its youth participants to become involved in the natural, cultural and /or historical resource protection of their communities and beyond.
- The project assists in the creation, promotion, facilitation, and/or improvement of the public's understanding of natural, cultural, historic, recreational and other aspects of areas such as ecological conservation areas, and state and local parks.

STATEMENT OF WORK SUMMARY

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The scope of work for this task agreement award under Master Cooperative Agreement P16AC01430 encompasses numerous individual projects part of three broad initiatives, including: (1) supporting Sultana Education Foundation's Education Center as a visitor contact point for Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail (Chesapeake National Historic Trail), (2) developing curriculum and programs for K-12 students related to Chesapeake Bay and Chesapeake National Historic Trail, and (3) developing Chesapeake Bay and Chesapeake National Historic Trail-related public programs. Specific objectives will include:

- planning and new access for SEF's new Urban Wetlands Preserve;
- visitor contact center interpretive exhibit materials (serves approximately 5,000 visitors per year);
- K-12 curriculum and curriculum-based programs in classrooms and in the field (serves approximately 3,000 students per year);
- teacher and environmental educator training (serves 64 educators);
- on-water public programs (serves 200 visitors per year);
- a staff position dedicated to Sultana Education Foundation's overall Chesapeake National Historic Trail effort, principally program support including expanding paddling programs; and
- field program-related equipment needs—paddling and safety equipment (serves 50 students per year).

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

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

Collaborate on the development of educational and interpretive programming related to Chesapeake Bay themes and the themes of the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail (Chesapeake National Historic Trail); Design and implement educational, recreational and stewardship events with a focus on engaging diverse communities and increasing access to the Bay and Chesapeake NHT; Provide training to Sultana Education Foundation's program staff to optimize the delivery of Chesapeake Bay-related content, including Trail-related themes, in curriculum-based and public programming; Work closely with NPS staff to ensure that projects are consistent with NPS policies, standards, guidelines, and priorities as appropriate; and comply with the terms of applicable laws, regulations, and government policies; Adhere to the best principles of environmentally sensitive design, low impact development techniques, and universal accessibility in the design and implementation of development projects at the Sultana Education Foundation's Holt Education Center and Lawrence Wetlands Preserve; Maintain regular communication with NPS staff to ensure that work is implemented effectively and that any issues are identified and readily addressed; Provide required 50% cost share.

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:

Collaborate on the development of educational and interpretive programming related to Chesapeake Bay themes and the themes of the Captain John Smith Chesapeake NHT (Chesapeake NHT); Collaborate with the Sultana Education Foundation on the design and implement educational, recreational and stewardship events with a focus on engaging diverse communities and increasing access to the Bay and Chesapeake NHT; Assist Sultana Education Foundation in the delivery of training to Sultana Education Foundation's program staff to optimize the delivery of Chesapeake Bay-related content, including Trail-related themes, in curriculum-based and public programming; Work closely with Sultana Education Foundation staff to ensure that projects are consistent with NPS policies, standards, guidelines, and priorities as appropriate; and comply with the terms of applicable laws, regulations, and government policies; Work closely with Sultana Education Foundation staff to ensure that projects adhere to the best principles of environmentally sensitive design, low impact development techniques, and universal accessibility in design and implementation of development projects at the Sultana Education Foundation's Holt Education Center and Lawrence Wetlands Preserve; Maintain regular communication with Sultana Education Foundation staff to ensure that work is implemented effectively and that any issues are identified and readily addressed.



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.

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: