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	P20AS00048
Project Title	Lake Clark National Park and Preserve Subsistence Harvest Surve
Recipient	Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Anticipated Federal Funding	$92,043
Non-Federal Cost Share	$0.00
Total Anticipated Award Amount	$150,000
Award Instrument	☐ Task Agreement ☑ Cooperative Agreement ☐ Grant Agreement
Anticipated Period of Performance	April 15, 2020 - April 14, 2025
Legal Authority	54 USC § 100703. Cooperative study units
CFDA # and Title	15.945, Cooperative Research and Training Programs
Single Source Justification Criteria	Unique Qualifications
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Section 1. Project Summary

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

This project is a joint effort between the National Park Service and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) that will generate information about community subsistence economies and collect data by which to estimate subsistence harvest by local residents of communities traditionally associated with Lake Clark National Park and Preserve (LCNPP). Community-based harvest reporting has been shown to be a valuable means for collecting reliable harvest data in rural Alaska. Collecting harvest and use information through in-person household surveys and conducting contextual ethnographic interviews with local key respondents give a more comprehensive picture of a community-wide subsistence economy than only investigating reported harvests for individual species such as salmon or large land mammals.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PURPOSE

The information collected in the survey will be used by the NPS and the community to document current Alaskan subsistence lifeways as change occurs in rural Alaska. Alaska is experiencing a high rate of change due to population shifts and changing weather patterns. It is important to document current cultural lifeway activities. This project will serve as baseline data for the NPS and be accessible to the general public.

STATEMENT OF WORK SUMMARY

ADF&G will be responsible to create a household survey form and maps for data collection. They shall provide local researchers with training in survey methodology and administration, conduct the harvest survey and ethnographic research in the selected community in cooperation with NPS. ADF&G subsistence resource specialists and local research assistants will conduct the survey. ADF&G will enter the survey results into the Community Subsistence Information System.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

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

1. Hold meetings to introduce the project to the study community.
2. Hire or subcontract three local research assistants.
3. Provide three local researchers with training in survey methodology and administration.
4. Instruct ADF&G personnel that when working with any NPS personnel in a United States Government-owned or managed vehicle, ADF&G personnel may not operate that vehicle. ADF&G must establish and enforce compliance with those instructions.
5. After collaboration on the development of the questionnaire and maps, ADF&G and NPS will administer a survey to all households in Port Alsworth, documenting households' subsistence harvests and uses of wild renewable resources including fish, wildlife and plants; production and distribution networks; and economic activities. ADF&G's standard household survey instrument will be modified by adding additional questions reflecting the full range of resources and activities managed by the NPS. The survey will be administered in-person by teams consisting of a researcher (typically ADF&G staff) and a local research assistant.

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. Obtain OMB approval for the survey instrument.
2. Travel to the study community before field work begins to obtain approval from the community and plan project logistics.
3. The NPS will collaborate with ADF&G on the development of the questionnaire. ADF&G's standard household survey instrument will be modified by adding additional questions reflecting the full range of resources and activities managed by the NPS. This collaboration includes conducting harvest survey interviews and jointly making decisions with the ADF&G PI as needed as the project proceeds.
ADF&G and NPS will administer a survey to all households in Port Alsworth.
4. NPS will collaborate with ADF&G in writing a technical report that presents a preliminary analysis of the harvest survey and includes the social, economic, and regional contexts for the community findings.

☐ 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.

The Division of Subsistence is a research unit within the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) that conducts social science research documenting the customary and traditional uses of fish and wildlife (subsistence) by Alaskans. Its mission is to scientifically gather, quantify, evaluate and report information about traditional uses of Alaska' fish and wildlife resources. Among its core services are compiling existing data, quantifying the amount, nutritional value, and extent of dependence of subsistence-harvested food, and making that information available to the public. In this role, ADF&G Division of Subsistence has been conducting harvest surveys for the NPS since the 1980s using the same protocols so that data can be compared across time.

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: