



**National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior**

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

This Funding Announcement is not a request for applications. This announcement is to provide public notice of the National Park Service's intention to fund the following project activities without full and open competition.

ABSTRACT	
Funding Announcement	P14AS00293
Project Title	PROPERTY INVENTORY AND EVALUATION: SITES POTENTIALLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER THEME STUDY
Recipient	Organization of American Historians
Principle Investigator / Program Manager	Aidan Smith
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$29,492.50
Cost Share	none
New Award or Continuation?	Continuation of Cooperative Agreement H2261100002
Anticipated Length of Agreement	From date of award until 12/30/2015
Anticipated Period of Performance	From date of award until 12/30/2015
Award Instrument	Cooperative Agreement
Statutory Authority	16 USC 1(g)
CFDA # and Title	15,946 Cultural Resource Management
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	(2) Continuation
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OVERVIEW

Cooperative Agreement Number H2261100002 was entered into by and between the Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS), and Organization of American Historians (OAH) for the purposes of promoting the greater public and private understanding of American history for their mutual benefit and for the people of the United States as well as for future generations, so that they can enjoy the historic resources of the NPS.

In June 2014, the Secretary of the Interior announced the NPS's commitment to fund a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) theme study as part of the NPS's LGBT Heritage Initiative to explore how the legacy of lesbians, gays, bisexual, transgendered, individuals can be recognized, preserved, and interpreted for future generations. The Secretary shared news of the study during a meeting outside of the Stonewall Inn, a National Historic Landmark (NHL) in lower Manhattan, which bears testimony to the emergence of the modern gay rights movement. There, on June 29, 1969, gay patrons and their allies resisted one of many repeated police raids on the bar, asserting their rights to equal protection under the law and protesting discrimination based on sexual orientation. Though the police subdued street violence after several days, the Stonewall "riots" inspired a new spirit of activism, including the first Pride parade in New York commemorating the event's first anniversary in 1970.

The National Historic Landmarks Program is currently working with scholars and community advocates to develop a framework for identifying and interpreting sites which depict LGBT history and the realization of our collective vision for equal rights throughout the nation. This project will build on new and existing work about LGBT history that can serve as both contextual and evaluative tools in identifying sites associated with the interests and accomplishments of LGBT people in the greater New York area, which has served as an important cultural and political center of LGBT culture for more than a century. This project will identify new properties, as well as to identify and interpret LGBT themes at existing National Park Service and National Historic Landmark sites that connect the experiences of LGBT people to our national narrative. This inventory of sites and property analyses will identify sites for NHL designation and contribute to the preservation and interpretation of these nationally significant resources.

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

- a. Work with the staff in Preservation Assistance of the NPS Northeast Region to complete an inventory of sites in the greater New York area for potential NHL designation based on associations with LGBT history and to develop Letters of Inquiry to initiate formal evaluation for designation as NHLs by the National Historic Landmarks Committee of the National Parks Advisory Board;
- b. Work with NPS to develop a detailed scope of work, based on Article I of this task agreement that will be used to identify appropriate scholars and task their work.
- c. Engage an appropriate scholar to undertake the work and act as the liaison between the NPS and the scholar;
- d. Ensure that the final survey and evaluative essays/Letters of Inquiry are prepared as a scholarly report meeting the standards of the historical profession and of the

- Landmark Committee process for designating properties, including coordination of agency and peer review comments and provision of editorial services;
- e. Make the report available to its membership, as well as the public more broadly, and promote the report within its professional networks so as to make the report as widely available as possible to scholars of American History, so that those scholars and teachers may use the report's findings in their teaching and writing, to the benefit of not only the scholarly community but students at many levels;
 - f. Promote, to its membership and through its professional networks, any use by NPS of the report in its management and planning, so as to draw attention to its continued efforts to make the presentation and practice of American History within NPS as informed, current, and professional as possible, which is a core mission of the OAH.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE INVOLVEMENT

Substantial involvement on the part the National Park Service is anticipated for the successful completion of the objectives to be funded by this award. In particular, the National Park Service will be responsible for the following:

- a. Work with the OAH to develop a detailed scope of work, based on Article I of this task agreement, for the scholar to follow in order to complete the inventory and condition assessment report;
- b. Work with the OAH in selecting the scholar(s) to conduct the research;
- c. Provide the scholar with relevant NHL documentation, including copies of all relevant property nominations and updates in the study area, and direct the scholar to repositories for existing inventories and analyses;
- d. Work with the OAH and the selected scholar to identify one to four surveyed sites for more extensive evaluation as potential NHLs;
- e. Review the progress of the research to ensure relevance and quality;
- f. Coordination submission of the report to the NHL Program (WASO) and make the research available to park managers and the general public for use in management and planning.

The OAH and the NPS agree to work cooperatively on the project on a regular basis for the purpose of providing guidance to the scholars(s), monitoring work, providing input, and setting or adjusting priorities.

SINGLE-SOURCE JUSTIFICATION

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR SINGLE SOURCE POLICY REQUIREMENTS

Department of the Interior Policy (505 DM 2) requires a written justification which explains why competition is not practicable for each single-source award. The justification must address one or more of the following criteria as well as discussion of the program legislative history, unique capabilities of the proposed recipient, and cost-sharing contribution offered by the proposed recipient, as applicable.

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, and 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, cost-sharing ability if applicable, 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.

The National Park Service did not solicit full and open competition for this award based the following criteria:

(2) CONTINUATION

SINGLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION DESCRIPTION:

THIS IS A NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

This is a Task Agreement (P14AC01583) under Cooperative Agreement (H2261100002) in the amount of \$29,492.50 with a period of performance from date of award until 12/30/2015.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

16 U.S.C 1g authorizes the National Park Service (NPS) to enter into cooperative agreements that involve the transfer of NPS appropriated funds to nonprofit organizations for the public purpose of carrying out NPS programs.

16 U.S.C. 470 § 110 (d) – National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).