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	P19AS00614
Project Title	Enhancing natural resource stewardship and science outreach in s
Recipient	California Wildlife Foundation
Anticipated Federal Funding	$245,650.00 ($42,020.00 initially)
Non-Federal Cost Share	$0.00
Total Anticipated Award Amount	$245,650.00 ($42,020.00 initially)
Award Instrument	☐ Task Agreement ☑ Cooperative Agreement ☐ Grant Agreement
Anticipated Period of Performance	10/01/2019 - 09/30/2024
Legal Authority	54 USC 101702(a) and 54 USC 101702(d)(1)
CFDA # and Title	15.944, Natural Resource Stewardship
Single Source Justification Criteria	Unique Qualifications
National Park Service Point of Contact	Jason Whitehead Financial Assistance Officer

Section 1. Project Summary

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The mission of the CWF is to conserve, restore and maintain habitats in the state of California in order to promote biological diversity through scientific study, land management and public outreach. The CWF has a long history of collaborating with land management agencies such as the US Fish and Wildlife Service, thus making them an ideal partner for Mediterranean Coast Network (MEDN) parks in support of monitoring, restoration, conservation, and public programs related to the unique terrestrial and marine natural resources. MEDN parks, which includes Cabrillo National Monument (CABR), Santa Monica National Recreation Area (SAMO) and Channel Islands National Park (CHIS), are known for their abundance of unique coastal species and proximity to highly populated urban areas. Continued monitoring of the status and trends of these species is required by NPS land managers to assess the ecological health of the lands and species. This critical information is used to guide management decisions and ensure the continued enjoyment of our public

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PURPOSE

The NPS wishes to develop a partnership with the CWF for projects related to natural resources of the MEDN, including management, monitoring, restoration, conservation and public programs. Such programs, whether performed and/or financed by the NPS or performed and/or financed by the CWF or other institutions, or persons, are valuable and necessary for the management of the areas and resources under the jurisdiction of the NPS.

STATEMENT OF WORK SUMMARY

Personnel from the CWF and NPS staff will collaborate to:

1. Monitor rocky intertidal habitats at CABR and CHIS;

2. Monitor wildlife at CABR, SAMO and CHIS;

3. Provide support for database management involving all MEDN monitoring programs; and

4. Assist with the development and execution of science outreach programs that enhance the understanding of MEDN flora and fauna.

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 Janet Cobb, Executive Director, as Key Official.
3. Collaborate with NPS staff in training CWF staff, interns and volunteers to participate in the project.
4. Support the NPS monitoring, research, restoration, outreach goals, objectives and operations at MEDN parks related to its marine and terrestrial resources.
5. Provide assistance within MEDN biological monitoring program as follows: identifying species, assisting with in field natural resource survey and monitoring, and assisting in data collection.
6. Provide assistance to MEDN research programs, specifically assisting in collecting information on species distributions and population status, and assisting with natural history studies of native and exotic plant species.
7. Share the results of research programs and publications with NPS staff.
8. Acknowledge the NPS in any published or formally presented material developed or derived from this agreement.

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. 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. Provide financial assistance as provided for in Article XI. The budget, as Attachment C, is hereby incorporated into this Agreement.
3. Assign Keith Lombardo, Director of the Southern California Research Learning Center, as Agreements Technical Representative (ATR).
4. Assign Kenneth Convery, Chief of Natural Resources (CHIS), and Jerald Weaver, Chief of Planning, Science and Resources Management (SAMO) as Key Officials.
5. Provide the CWF with educational training regarding environmental and NPS values.
6. Plan and participate in biological monitoring, management and research projects.

☐ 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;

(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.

The applicant is uniquely qualified to perform the activity based upon a variety of demonstrable factors specifically its location, technical expertise and intimate knowledge of the flora, fauna and ecosystems within the MEDN and a robust history of producing high quality scientific data. Since 1990, the California Wildlife Foundation has administered large-scale restoration and monitoring projects, assisted with land management and planning and has worked with public agencies to ensure natural resources are protected and maintained for the benefit of the public and the resources. Providing support through assistance with scientific research, resource monitoring and public outreach programs, The California Wildlife Foundation has the demonstrated ability to strengthen natural resource stewardship and long-term management of public wildlife areas.

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: