Synopsis

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F24AS00176 Refuge System Enhancement/ Infrastructure 2024

General Information

Summary

Fiscal Year
2024

FOA FY Processing Year
2024

Opportunity Category
D (Discretionary)

Opportunity Category Explanation

CFDA
15.654

Funding Instrument Type
CA - Cooperative Agreement

Funding Activity Category
NR (Natural Resources)

FOA History

New Opportunity
Yes

Previously Published Fiscal Year

Previously Published Funding Opportunity Number

Funding Activity Category Explanation

Award Information

Cost Sharing / Matching Requirement
Yes

Percentage of Cost Sharing / Matching Requirement
50

Expected Number of Awards
20

Estimated Total Funding
$50,000,000

Estimated Maximum Award
$50,000,000

Estimated Minimum Award
$5,000

Project Period | Expected Duration in Months
12

Key Dates

Estimated Post Date
12/01/2023

Application Due Date
07/12/2024

Application Due Date Explanation
Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM., ET, on the listed application due date.

Estimated Award Date
July 01, 2024

Estimated Project Start Date
July 01, 2024

Estimated Project End Date
07/01/2025

Archive Date
September 10, 2024

Eligibility Information

Eligibility Category
00 – State governments
01 – County governments
02 – City or township governments
04 – Special district governments
05 – Independent school districts
06 – Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
07 – Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
08 – Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
11 – Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
12 – Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
13 – Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
20 – Private institutions of higher education
25 – Others (see text field entitled “Additional Information on Eligibility” for clarification)

Additional Information on Eligibility (Grants.gov 4,000/GMM 2,500 character limit)

Be a state or local government entity, the governing body of any Indian tribe,a nonprofit organization, or an accredited institution of higher education.

Have financial policies and procedures that reflect generally accepted accounting principles.

Have risk management policies that reflect industry standards and are proactive and thorough in mitigating and managing risk.

Contribute a minimum of 50% of the total costs of the project, either as cash or qualified third-party in-kind contributions which can include donations of items considered a reasonable expense of the project such as labor, materials, supplies, or equipment loans.

Other Organizations that have an established Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with FWS such as 501(c) 4 or 501(c) 5 nonprofit organizations that are labor unions, neighborhood associations, or other types of eligible organizations, including those that reach or represent potentially underserved communities.

Additional Information

Description (Grants.gov) (18,000 character limit)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is the premier government agency dedicated to the conservation, protection, and enhancement of fish, wildlife and plants, and their habitats. We are the only agency in the federal government whose primary responsibility is the conservation and management of these important natural resources for the American public.

FWS origins date back to 1871 when Congress established the U.S. Fish Commission to study the decrease in the nation’s food fishes and recommend ways to reverse that decline. Today, we are a diverse and largely decentralized organization, employing about 8,000 dedicated professionals working out of facilities across the country, including a headquarters office in Falls Church, Virginia, and eight Regional offices.

The National Infrastructure Partnerships initiative of the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) encourages National Wildlife Refuge System field stations to partner with local, regional, and national nonprofit organizations, other land management groups, state and tribal partners, and others to accomplish projects that:

i. promote the stewardship of Refuge System resources through habitat maintenance, restoration, and improvement, and

ii. support the operation and maintenance of the Refuge System through constructing, operating, maintaining, or improving the facilities and services of the Refuge System.

The goals of the initiative are to enable local communities to play a more active role in increasing outdoor recreation opportunities on refuge lands and waters, to be more focused and deliberate in using partnerships to help FWS address infrastructure repair and improvement needs such as proactive maintenance and the maintenance backlog, and to enhance wildlife habitat.

Additionally, this initiative can help address multiple FWS priorities as a catalyst for:

- Economic and Conservation Enhancement

- Career Training and Mentoring Opportunities for Youth and Adults
- Equity and Inclusion in Conservation and Recreation
- Climate and Wildlife Resilience
- Community Health

Successful projects will address identified FWS priorities or projects at FWS sites that enhance the visitor experience, promote wildlife-dependent outdoor recreation, provide sustainable wildlife habitat, provide career training and mentoring opportunities, and engage the community in opportunities to participate in wildlife-dependent outdoor recreation on FWS lands and waters.

See Full Announcement for additional eligibility requirements.

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