



**Office:** Utah State Office

**Notice of Funding Opportunity Number:** L22AS00216

**Project Submission Dates and Times:** April 12, 2022 by 5:00pm ET

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**Project Title:** : BLM Utah State Office National Historic Trails Design and Planning

**Maximum Available Funding in FY22:** \$75,000.00

BLM has determined \$600 weekly stipend equal to \$15.00 per hour (to include Fringe and benefits) is reasonable.

**Project Background Information:** Two interns per year to complete recreation site designs, recreation strategies/sign plans and interpretation both on the ground and using the Explorer app for the Old Spanish, Pony Express and California NHT in Utah, New Mexico and Colorado. This would include multiple sites along these trails. Each intern will work for no more than 1 year. This would be a 3 year project.

**Project Objective:** BLM, Utah State Office has an opportunity to introduce youth to careers in planning and interpretation of National Scenic and Historic Trail. While working with the BLM's Old Spanish Trail Administrator and Historic Trails Lead. This project will expose each intern to multiple disciplines including recreation planning, archaeology and interpretation, while giving them valuable work experience and educational benefits. This will be accomplished by providing them opportunities to gain experience, learn about public lands, further their understanding and appreciation of national scenic and historic trails, and pique their interest in design, planning and interpretive careers. From this they will gain an increased appreciation and understanding of our public lands and of the value of public service, and are likely to become life-long advocates for those values. This opportunity will be focused on planning and design of the Explorer App, along with basic site design of trailheads and wayside exhibits, public outreach and interpretation of sites. This project would be especially appropriate for a student studying planning, landscape architecture, archaeology, or interpretation and will provide opportunities to enhance basic career skills such as organization, writing, detail, and communication, as well as field skills including trailhead design, interpretation planning and work with Adobe Illustrator and GIS. Previous experience with any or all of these skills would significantly enhance the student experience.

**Work Schedule:** Monday – Friday, generally 8 AM to 5PM, for up to one year with flexible start/end dates

**Qualification Requirements:** This opportunity is suitable for youth with a degree or working towards a undergraduate or graduate degree in planning, landscape architecture, geography, archeology or related discipline. As stated in the duties this opportunity will require time outdoors and field work that is often under somewhat rigorous physical conditions. Applicants must also meet the following criteria: 1). Pass a DOI security background check.

**Housing:** Agency will not be provide housing.

**Vehicle Needs:** A personal vehicle is NOT required for the position. The closest regional airport is Salt Lake International. There is outstanding public transportation and arrangements can be made for transit passes. A government vehicle will be provided for all project related travel. A defensive driving course will be required for the use of government vehicles.

**Other Project Considerations:**

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Food will not be provided but while in travel status government per diem will be provided

All Supplies: The BLM will provide a laptop and all office supplies. Due to the possibility of work from home due to Covid a personal cell phone will be needed. All other supplies will be provided.

Training Requirements: Training in GIS, and Adobe Suite will be provided along with interpretation planning and other training as required.

Travel: Travel by vehicle will be required and may involve 3-5 days a month away from the office.

**Duties:** Two interns per year will complete 6 interpretive signs per year for placement on the ground. This will include the text and graphics along with maps and bases. They will also participate in making each of these signs 508 compliant. They will participate in the ordering and placement of these signs. They will also work on transferring this data to the Explorer App for digital use. They will complete 20 digital sites that will include text, graphics and historic research with partners. They will help develop one Recreation and Development Strategy per year for New Mexico and Utah. This will include outreach to partners and writing and graphic layout for a 50-60 page document. They will maintain and update the Explore App for the Old Spanish National Historic Trail. This will include creating content and facilitating the review of this product with the mentoring of the BLM.

All progress will be monitored weekly, and each intern will be assigned lead duty for projects. The BLM mentor will assist in making sure they are successful.

Each intern will work from home or from the office until such time as Covid restrictions are adjusted. There will be field work associated with these projects and some manual labor may be required for the placement of the signs.

**BLM's Involvement:** There will be substantive BLM programmatic involvement by the BLM Old Spanish Trail Administrator who will work daily with recipients on all projects and also be providing project orientation and hands-on training. Teams and other communication platforms will be used if work is being done from home. BLM will have the right to intervene by modifying the project management plan, if project is not staying on schedule, technical issues arise, etc. In addition, BLM and recipient will meet weekly to discuss progress and track project outcomes; review any training needs; and then make a decision what direction to take in finalizing project or move to the next phase.

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