

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Determination for Issuing a Single Source Financial Assistance Award

Instructions: In accordance with Service policy 516 FW 6, *Issuing Discretionary Grant and Cooperative Agreement Awards without Competition*, complete this form to document the justification for issuing a single source grant or cooperative agreement award. This form must be signed by both a program representative and the employee with signature authority for the award to be issued (see 516 FW 3, *Signature Authority for Grant and Cooperative Agreement Awards*). The completed and signed form must be maintained in the official award file.

Recipient Name: University of California, San Diego
Project Title: Tracking Compliance under the ESA and Defining Flying Squirrel Habitat in the San Bernardino Mountains
Program Contact: Clark Winchell

Select all criteria that apply (from 505 DM 2):

☐	(1) Unsolicited Proposal: The proposed award is the result of an unsolicited application that represents a unique or innovative idea, method, or approach that is not the subject of a current or planned award, but is found to be advantageous to program objectives.
☐	(2) Continuation: The activity to be funded is necessary for the satisfactory completion of, or is a continuation of, an activity we are funding and holding a competition would have a significant adverse effect on continuing or completing the activity.
☐	(3) Legislative Intent: The language in the applicable authorizing legislation or legislative history clearly indicates the intent of Congress to restrict the award to a particular recipient or purpose.
☒	(4) Unique Qualifications: The applicant is uniquely qualified to perform the activity based on 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: Because of a compelling and unusual urgency, or substantial danger to health or safety, there is not enough time to follow adequate competitive procedures.

Explain below why competition for this award is not practical. As applicable, summarize the program legislative history, unique capabilities of the proposed recipient, and any cost-sharing contribution offered by the proposed recipient. Be brief and specific:

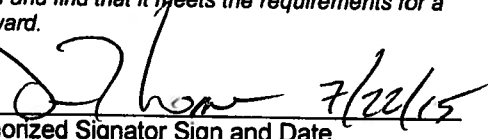
This project will fund assistance from the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) in determining flying squirrel habitat in the San Bernardino Mountains, as well as general compliance tracking for biological opinions and habitat conservation plans in the area. UCSD has local knowledge of the project area and has access to many of the private lands in the project area. UCSD will provide assistance from the Biology department's staff and graduate students that are knowledgeable in flying squirrel biology. In addition, UCSD has worked with the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office on other projects and are familiar with Section 7 and Section 10 of the ESA. The Environmental Systems Program as UCSD has been selected to perform the requested duties/tasks because the Service is making a conscious effort to increase environmental awareness and conservation stewardship among our Nation's youth. UCSD is the only local college or university that has a formal, developed program to integrate students into the local workforce. By utilizing an established program, the probability of success increasing and the workload (Service) required to establish a program is minimized. This project is contingent upon availability of funds.

I have determined that this project meets the requirements for a single source award and recommend that it be awarded to the recipient named above.

I, as the Service employee with signature authority for this award under 516 FW 3, have reviewed this program recommendation and find that it meets the requirements for a single source award.

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 Program Representative Sign and Date
 G. Mendel Stewart, Field Supervisor
 Printed Name of Program Representative


 Authorized Signator Sign and Date
 Darrin Thome, Deputy ARD, ES, Region 8
 Printed Name of Signator