



**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 (NPS)'s intention to fund a Task Agreement against an existing Master Agreement.

ABSTRACT	
Funding Announcement	P16AS00203
Project Title	National Park Service- Citizen-Based Acoustic Bat Monitoring Project
Recipient	Grand Canyon Youth
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$45,345
Cost Share	<i>None Required</i>
Anticipated Length of Agreement	Through September 30, 2016
Anticipated Period of Performance	Through September 30, 2016
Award Instrument	Cooperative Agreement (task award)
Statutory Authority	54 U.S.C. 101702(a), 16 U.S.C. 17k-2(e), 16 U.S.C. 4601-1(f)(1), 16 U.S.C. 1246(h)(1), 16 U.S.C. 1723(c), 54 U.S.C. 101701(b)
CFDA # and Title	15.406 National Park Service Centennial Challenge.
Point of Contact	Katie Gaertner, Grants Management Specialist

OVERVIEW, RECIPIENT AND NPS INVOLVEMENT

The Grand Canyon Youth will collaborate with the National Park Service (NPS) to provide opportunities for youth to learn about the environment by spending time contributing to meaningful citizen science in National Parks. Project partners will engage numerous young citizen scientists in acoustic bat monitoring efforts. An extensive data set will be developed by sampling numerous sites along the Colorado and San Juan Rivers. GLCA staff will train GCY staff and young citizen scientists on acoustic bat monitoring methods and will process, analyze, and report monitoring results. These young citizen scientists will collect high quality and quantity data that will contribute to bat conservation efforts. This is an excellent opportunity for the NPS and young citizen scientists to work together to better understand bats, their habitats, and threats facing these key species.

Substantial involvement on the part the National Park Service (NPS) is anticipated for the successful completion of the objectives to be funded by this award. NPS staff will assist with working with the Recipient to describe goals and jointly develop the scope and the activities to be accomplished. In addition, the NPS will provide a Biological Science Technician to mentor and train the youth engaged through this program.

NPS did not solicit full and open competition for this award based the following criteria:

The cooperator is engaged in a Master Cooperative Agreement (P16AC00788) allowing Grand Canyon Youth to participate in specific tasks, and can provide the necessary activities involved in this particular task while providing an effective outcome for the National Park Service and the promotion of youth involvement. This award is a continuation of the Master Agreement.