

National Park Service

**Notice of Funding Opportunity**

FY2025 NAGPRA Repatriation Grants

Funding Opportunity Number

P25AS00474

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**BASIC INFORMATION**

**Announcement Type:** Initial

**Funding Opportunity Number:** P25AS00474

**Assistance Listing Number(s):** 15.922

**Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$3,407,000

**Expected Number of Awards:** 15

**Award Ceiling:** \$25,000

**Award Floor:** \$1,000

Projects receiving funding through this NOFO will start once funding has been secured and awards have been made.

**Cost Sharing Required?**

No

**Closing Date Explanation**

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**OMB Control Number:**

**Have Questions?**

All questions should be sent to:

[NAGPRA\\_grants@nps.gov](mailto:NAGPRA_grants@nps.gov)

202-354-2201 (voicemail line)

**Executive Summary**

The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to make grants to museums, Indian Tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations for the purposes of assisting in consultation, documentation, and repatriation of Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony (25 U.S.C. 3008).

**NAGPRA Repatriation** grants assist museums, Indian Tribes, and NHOs to defray costs associated with the packaging, transportation, contamination removal, reburial, and/or storage of NAGPRA human remains or cultural items. Project activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Travel,
- Transportation,
- Testing or decontamination,
- Building containers for transport,
- Ceremonial materials, or
- Staff time.

See Program Overview for more details on project activities.

## ELIGIBILITY

**Eligible Applicants**

State governments

County governments

City or township governments

Special district governments

Public and State controlled institutions of higher education

Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Private institutions of higher education

Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

**Additional Information on Eligibility**

The following entities are eligible to apply for a NAGPRA Repatriation Grant:

- An Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian Organization

- Indian Tribe is defined at 43 CFR 10.2. The Bureau of Indian Affairs’ list of Federally recognized tribes is available at [www.bia.gov](http://www.bia.gov). Native Hawaiian organization (NHO) is defined at 43 CFR 10.2.
- A Museum within the United States.
  - Museum and United States are defined at 43 CFR 10.2.
  - A museum is eligible to apply for a grant only if it has complied with the requirements of NAGPRA (25 U.S.C. 3001-3013) and the implementing regulations (43 CFR part 10) at the time it applies for the grant. Federal agencies and the Smithsonian Institution may not apply for grants.

Any applicant who previously received a NAGPRA grant but did not meet the conditions of the grant agreement, including reports or statement of work, may be penalized in the review process.

**Excluded Parties:** NPS conducts a review of the SAM.gov Exclusions database for all applicant entities and their key project personnel prior to award. The NPS cannot award funds to entities or their key project personnel identified in the SAM.gov Exclusions database as ineligible, prohibited/restricted, or otherwise excluded from receiving Federal contracts, certain subcontracts, and certain Federal assistance and benefits, as their ineligibility condition applies to this Federal program.

## Cost Sharing Requirement

### Cost Sharing Required?

No

Non-Federal cost sharing is not required to be eligible for an award under this NOFO and will not be used as a factor during the merit review of applications under this announcement.

## GET READY TO APPLY

### Required System Registrations

#### Unique Entity Identifier and SAM.gov Registration

Before applying, all **applicants** except individuals applying as a natural person **must be registered in SAM.gov**. During the SAM.gov registration the entity will obtain their Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).

**The SAM.gov registration process can take several months. If your organization is not already registered in SAM.gov, begin the registration process as soon as possible.**

**To register in SAM.gov**, go to the [SAM.gov website](http://SAM.gov) and use the available resources to complete registration.

- **Financial assistance registrants** must review and certify compliance with the SAM.gov “Financial Assistance General Representations and Certifications”.
- **Already registered?** You already have a Unique Entity ID. Before applying, check that your “Financial Assistance General Representations and Certifications” on SAM.gov is complete. Remember to renew your registration every year to keep it active while you have an award or application in progress. You can update your registration whenever you need, including during renewal.

- **Need help?** For additional information and contact information on the [SAM.gov Help page](#).

### **Refer to Attachment – Submission Instructions & Tips.**

#### **GRANTS.GOV**

This program accepts application through [Grants.gov](#) so once you receive your UEI return to Grants.gov to [register](#) with Grants.gov. Please allow for 30 days to register and set up a Workspace in Grants.gov. See [Submission Instructions](#) section below for additional details.

## **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

### **Program Goals**

- This NOFO will fund repatriation projects in order to defray costs associated with the packaging, transportation, contamination removal, reburial, and/or storage of NAGPRA-related human remains and/or cultural items.
- The goal of this announcement is to fund repatriation projects that support physical transfer of NAGPRA human remains or cultural items after publication of a notice and issuance of a repatriation statement.

### **Program Description**

NAGPRA authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to make grants to museums, Indian Tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations for the purposes of assisting in consultation, documentation, and repatriation of Native American cultural items, including human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony (25 U.S.C. 3008). NAGPRA Repatriation grants assist museums, Indian Tribes, and NHOs with the physical transfer of Native American human remains and cultural items as defined at 43 CFR 10.2. Project activities may include:

1. Travel by representatives from Indian Tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations and museums to prepare and/or accompany Native American human remains and/or cultural items to the Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.
2. Transportation of Native American human remains and/or cultural items to the Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.
3. Hazardous substance testing, documentation, and decontamination of Native American human remains and/or cultural items.
4. Building of appropriate containers for the transport of Native American human remains and/or cultural items.
5. Ceremonial materials necessary for the appropriate return of Native American human remains and/or cultural items.
6. Staff time dedicated to the administrative and logistical arrangements of physical transfer.

NAGPRA grants do not fund infrastructure projects.

### **Legislative Authority**

Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 USC §3008)

## Type of Award

Projects will be funded through:

### Funding Instrument

G (Grant)

## PREPARE YOUR APPLICATION

### Applications Content and Format

#### Pre-Application Requirements

Prior to submitting an application, applicants should review presidential actions found at: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/> and DOI Secretary's Orders found at: <https://www.doi.gov/document-library/secretary-order>. By submitting an application in response to this Notice of Funding Opportunity, the applicant certifies awareness and compliance with all current and applicable executive and secretary orders.

### Application Documents

Applicants must submit the following forms with their application as specified below. Instructions for accessing and submitting application forms are provided in the [Submission Instructions](#) section of this document below. For instructions on completing form fields, see the form instructions on the [Grants.gov Forms Repository](#).

Forms/Assurances/Certifications	Submission Requirement
SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance Note: For applicants requesting more than \$100,000 in Federal funds, the Authorized Representative's signature (or electronic equivalent) on the Application for Federal Assistance form also represents their certification of the statements in <a href="#">Appendix A to 43 CFR 18-Certification Regarding Lobbying</a>	Required from all applicants
SF-424A, Budget Information – Non-Construction Programs	Required for all projects
SF-424B: Assurance for Non-Construction Programs	Required for all projects
SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities	Required if requesting more than \$100,000 in Federal funds <u>and</u> the applicant has used or plans to use funds other than Federal appropriated funds for lobbying related to the proposed project.
Project Abstract Summary (OMB 4040-0019). Must include, in plain language: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Award purpose,</li><li>• Activities to be performed,</li><li>• Expected deliverables or outcomes,</li><li>• Intended beneficiaries,</li></ul>	Required from all applicants

<b>Forms/Assurances/Certifications</b>	<b>Submission Requirement</b>
Subrecipient activities (if known or specified at time of award)	
Project Narrative (via the Attachment Form)	Required for all projects
Detailed Budget (via the Attachment Form)	Required for all projects
Repatriation Statement and relevant Federal Register notice(s) (via the Attachment Form)	Required from all applicant
Resumes for Key Personnel and/or Position Descriptions (via the Attachment Form)	If applicable
Letters of Commitment from Project Partners and/or Consultants (via the Attachment Form)	If applicable
Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (via the Attachments Form)	If applicable

## **Project Narrative**

The proposal is a narrative description that should specifically address each of the review criteria (see Merit Review Criteria) The proposal text must be no longer than eight pages, no smaller than font size 12, and have 1-inch margins. The eight-page limit includes all text, figures, references, and resumes (Forms SF-424, SF-424A, SF-LLL, and the statement of indirect charges are not counted as part of the page limit). Additionally, only information that is pertinent to the proposal should be included. Submit the Project Narrative as a single .pdf via the Project Narrative Attachment Form available through this announcement on Grants.gov.

### **1. Activities**

1. What activities will you undertake to achieve a successful repatriation? (Reference Section C.3 of this NOFO for types of eligible activities). Include the number and type of NAGPRA cultural items that will be transferred as a result of this grant.
2. Provide citations for the applicable Federal Register Notice(s) including: notice title, date of publication, Federal Register volume and number, and page numbers. (Example: Notice of Inventory Completion: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 10/16/2014, Vol. 79, No. 200, pages 62202-62203). Remember to attach a .pdf copy of the cited notice(s) as a supporting document.

### **2. Partnerships**

1. For museum applicants, list the tribe(s) designated to take physical custody of the human remains/cultural items.
2. For tribal applicants, list the museum(s) that will physically transfer the human remains and/or cultural items.
3. For either: if the project involves working with additional tribes or institutions, briefly explain their involvement.

### **3. Implementation/Administration**

- List all key project staff, including consultants. "Key project staff" are those who play a significant role in the development, execution, and/or oversight of the project. Describe each person's role and explain how their experience and qualifications are appropriate for the project. If you plan to hire new personnel or consultants, either provide position descriptions or describe the criteria that will be used to competitively select these individuals or services. This does not include tribal elders or students, but only pertains to professional contractors and personnel.
- In a table or outline format, provide a schedule of completion that includes each major project activity identified in Item A of the Project Narrative and shows how the project will be completed within a 12-month period of performance (may be shorter).
- Describe what internal controls are in place to monitor the progress of the grant project and ensure compliance with all administrative and financial requirements. "Internal Controls" are the means by which an organization assures operational effectiveness and efficiency, reliable financial reporting, and compliance with laws, regulations and policies. What corrective actions will be taken if work does not proceed as planned?

### **4. Impact/Evaluation**

- Describe how you will measure and evaluate project success. Who will benefit from the completion of this repatriation?

### **5. Status of Current or Recent NAGPRA Grant(s)**

- State whether or not you have received a NAGPRA Consultation/Documentation Grant or Repatriation Grant within the past five years. Choose from the following three statement options, as applicable:
  1. "ABC Institute does not currently have a NAGPRA grant, nor did we complete one in the past five years."
  2. "ABC Institute currently has an active NAGPRA grant."
  3. "ABC Institute received a NAGPRA grant within the past five years and the grant is closed." If ii or iii are applicable, provide the grant number and project title of your NAGPRA grant(s).

### **6. Statement of No Overlap**

- Applicants must provide a statement affirming that no overlap exists between the proposed project and any other active or anticipated projects in terms of activities, costs, or time commitment of key personnel. A sample statement to satisfy this requirement might be: "There are no overlaps or duplication between this application and any of our other Federal applications or funded projects."
- If any overlap does exist and the applicant cannot provide a statement like the one above, they must provide a description of the overlap in their application and provide a copy of any overlapping or duplicative proposal submitted to any other potential funding entity. See the "Overlap or Duplication of Effort Statement" paragraph in this section (below).

## 7. Federal Agency Collections (only include if applicable)

- NAGPRA Repatriation Grants are not intended to replace Federal agency funds for repatriation. If this is a grant to conduct repatriation for human remains or cultural items from a Federal agency, identify the agency and explain why funds are being requested.

### Budget Narrative

Applicants must describe and justify items and costs listed in their budget. The budget narrative must identify the following cost items: total estimated costs, non-Federal cost share, third-party contributions, and any pre-award costs. Total project cost is the sum of all allowable costs, including required and voluntary cost share and third-party contributions.

Budget items must be:

- Reasonable, allowable, allocable, and necessary
- Compliant with [2 CFR §200 Subpart E](#) cost principles

Indirect Costs: Applicants must indicate in their budget narrative how they will charge indirect costs, including the rate to be applied:

- De Minimis Rate: If eligible, state if your organization is opting to use the de minimis rate of up to 15% of total modified direct costs. Entities that do not have a current Federal negotiated indirect cost rate (including provisional rate) may propose to use the de minimis rate. For more information, refer to [2 CFR 200.414\(f\)](#).
- Negotiated Rate: State if you will negotiate with your cognizant agency. If your organization has previously negotiated a rate, attach a copy of the most recently negotiated rate agreement (active or expired).

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- Data and Evaluation Costs: Applicant budgets may include costs related to data and evaluation as relevant per 2 CFR §200.455. Include the data and evaluation section for all

programs except where there is a specific statutory or regulatory prohibition on using program funds for these purposes.

- Describe how recipients must charge indirect costs under the program when the program has a mandated cap on indirect costs or approved rate deviation (e.g., CESU, CRUs).

### **Budget Directions:**

Using the section headings provided below, write a narrative budget justification that is aligned with the budget categories in Section B of the SF-424A. Provide a sub-total for each budget category, show how you arrived at the figures provided, and explain why these items are necessary to accomplish the grant

objectives. There is no page limit or format required for the budget narrative. Round all numbers to the nearest dollar amount, even if exact costs are known. If any cost categories are not applicable to your project, write \$0.00 or N/A. Check that the amounts listed in your Budget Narrative are correct (double-check your math!) and that the subtotals for each cost category match those on Section B of the SF-424A before submitting.

Inconsistencies will result in delays in processing the application. Submit the Budget Narrative as a single .pdf via the Budget Narrative Attachment Form available through this announcement on Grants.gov.

**1. Personnel:** Provide name, title, unit of time, quantity, cost per unit of time, and resultant dollar amount for each of the personnel included in the total line item dollar amount. (Example: Joe Smith, Registrar, 40 hours/week for 50 weeks at \$20.00/hr. =\$40,000).

**2. Fringe Benefits:** For each person included above, provide the fringe benefits rate and total line item dollar amount. If your organization has a separate fringe benefit rate agreement, attach it as a supplemental document to your application.

**3. Travel:** Provide the unit of measure, quantity, cost per unit, and resultant dollar amount for each of the following travel details: airfare, lodging, per diem, ground transportation, housing stipend and/or transportation stipend. Also provide a statement that the proposed travel and per diem costs do not exceed current maximum Federal rates (which can be found at <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>), or that the proposed travel and per diem costs are in line with your organization's written travel policy.

- Under GSA requirements, the first and last travel days of any trip must be calculated at 75% of the full per diem rate. (Example: For a 3-day trip to a location with a GSA per diem rate of \$100.00 the total allowable per diem is \$75 (Day 1) + \$100 (Day 2) + \$75 (Day 3) = \$250).
- The Federal allowable mileage rate of 65.5 cents per mile (as of FY2023 - subject to change in FY24) should be applied to any personally owned vehicle use.
- All travel costs must adhere to applicable regulations and conditions including 2 CFR Part 200.474.

**4. Equipment:** Equipment is defined in 2 CFR Part 200.33 as “tangible personal property (including information technology systems) having a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost which equals or exceeds \$5,000.” List any equipment being purchased with

federal funds, provide quotes or estimates obtained to support the cost amount, and include a written justification as to why this equipment is necessary for the proposed project. An applicant must demonstrate purchasing permanent equipment is less expensive than renting. If funded, applicants are required to maintain records demonstrate that a competitive bidding process was used to purchase such services or equipment. Grant recipients who purchase equipment must adhere to applicable regulations and conditions including 2 CFR Part 200.313 and 2 CFR Part 200.439.

**5. Supplies:** Provide a description, quantity, cost per unit, and resultant dollar amount for any consumable supplies, raw materials, and expendable equipment (items costing less than \$5,000 and/or have an estimated useful life of less than 1 year). “General office supplies” or “miscellaneous supplies” are not acceptable line items.

**6. Contractual:** Provide the contract description, unit of time, quantity, cost per unit of time, and resultant dollar amount for each contract. Do not include stipends for tribal elders here (see budget category H below). Where applicable, include a justification for costs indicating regional costs or ranges for services. Applicants will be required to submit documentation showing a competitive selection process was used for contracts over the Federal micro-purchase threshold of \$50,000 if their applications are selected for award.

**7. Construction:** Construction costs are unallowable under NAGPRA grants. Do not include any costs under this category and instead enter \$0.00.

**8. Other Costs:** Provide a description, quantity, cost per unit, and resultant dollar amount for each item. This category includes such items as stipends for tribal elders or students and other items not previously listed. “Miscellaneous,” “overhead,” and “contingency” are not acceptable line items.

**9. Total Direct Charges:** List the subtotal of budget categories A – H.

**10. Indirect Costs:** Provide the indirect cost rate percentage, type (negotiated or 15% de minimis), associated base (modified total direct costs), and resultant indirect amount. Provide an explanation if the associated base to which you're applying the indirect rate differs from budget category I (Total Direct Charges). If indirect costs are included, applicants must include a copy of the negotiated indirect cost rate agreement (NICRA) and apply the approved rate accordingly.

- See Section D.6 "Required Indirect Cost Statement to be submitted with Application" below for a statement that must be included in your Budget Narrative (choose the one statement that is applicable to your proposal and include it here).
- Per 2 CFR 200.75 “Participant support costs means direct costs for items such as stipends or subsistence allowances, travel allowances, and registration fees paid to or on behalf of participants or trainees (but not employees) in connection with conferences or training projects.” NAGPRA consultation meetings do not qualify as "conferences or training projects" therefore these costs do not have to be excluded from the associated base. Stipends, travel costs, and registration fees for conferences or trainings must still be excluded from the associated base.

**11. Total Federal Funding Request:** List the total amount of federal funds being requested. Double-check that this amount matches those listed on the SF-424 and SF-424A before submitting your application. Inconsistencies will result in delays in processing your application.

## **Other Required Information**

Conflict of Interest and Unresolved Matters Disclosures: If any actual or potential conflict of interest exists related to this project at the time of application, the applicant must provide sufficient information to support a program determination of significance per [2 CFR 1402.112](#). Refer to [2 CFR 200.112](#) Conflict of Interest and [2 CFR 200.113](#).

### **Overlap or Duplication of Effort Statement:**

Applicants must state in their application if the activities, costs, or time commitment of key personnel proposed in this application overlap with those in any other Federal proposal or award or not. If no overlap exists, include a statement to that effect. If any overlap exists, provide:

- Activities: Description any overlapping activities.
- Costs: Description of any overlapping costs.
- Time: Description of any overlapping key personnel time.
- A copy of any overlapping or duplicative proposal submitted to any other potential funding entity.
- Details on when any overlapping proposal was submitted, to whom, and the expected date of the funding decision.

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**Submit the following required documents as clearly-labeled .pdfs via the Attachments Form available through this announcement on Grants.gov.**

- Repatriation Statement and relevant Federal Register notice(s)
  - For purposes of a grant application, museums and Federal agencies must provide a written repatriation statement to the requesting Indian Tribe(s) or Native Hawaiian organization(s) (NHO). A repatriation statement is required of all applicants – Indian Tribes or NHOs must obtain the required repatriation statement from the applicable museum(s) or Federal agency prior to submitting an application. The repatriation statement must include:
    - The Federal Register citation for the applicable notice(s) of inventory completion or notice(s) of intent to repatriate. Attach a copy of the published notice(s).
    - The names of all requesting Indian Tribes or NHOs. There is no required format for the repatriation statement. A template is available on the National NAGPRA Program website here:  
<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nagpra/templates.htm>.
- Letters of Commitment from Project Partner(s)
  - Letters should be current, signed by an authorized representative, and correspond to the partners listed in Item B: Partnerships of the applicant’s Project Narrative.

- 1. For museum applicants: a letter of commitment from the tribe(s) or NHO(s) who will receive physical custody of the items.
- 2. For tribal applicants: a letter of commitment from the museum(s) or Federal agencies who will physically transfer the items.
- Letters of Commitment from Professional Consultants (if applicable)
  - If the proposed budget includes professional consultants (not including tribal elders' stipends), letters of commitment must be provided with the proposal. Letters should state the consultant's specific responsibilities and their commitment to participating in the project, if funded. If consultants have not yet been chosen, attach position descriptions and/or search criteria.
  - Remember, applicants must be able to prove that a competitive selection process for consultants was used for contracts over \$10,000. A sample Competitive Negotiation and Small Purchases Contracting Document can be found on the National NAGPRA Program website ([www.nps.gov/nagpra](http://www.nps.gov/nagpra)). Additional information on procurement standards for federal grants can be found in 2 CFR Part 200.317-326.

#### Other Disclosures

If selected for award, NPS reserves the right to request additional or clarifying information for any reason deemed necessary, including, but not limited to:

- (a) Other budget information
- (b) Financial capability
- (c) Evaluation of risk
- (d) Name and phone number of the Designated Responsible Employee for complying with national policies prohibiting discrimination (See 43 CFR § 17)

## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

### Address to Request Application Package

All application information and documentation can be found on [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov) under opportunity number P25AS00474. The Application Package contains the mandatory forms that must be submitted (see the "Package" tab). Applicants must also submit any applicable supporting documents using the additional Attachments forms.

Applicants may request paper copies of application materials by contacting:

Angelina Pearson

202-354-2020 (voicemail line)

[nagpra\\_grants@nps.gov](mailto:nagpra_grants@nps.gov)

### Submission Dates and Times

**Closing Date for Applications:** 06/01/2026

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## Submission Instructions

### Apply Through Grants.gov

To apply through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), please follow the instructions in the [Quick Start Guide for Applicants](#). Before applying, ensure that at least one person at your organization is registered and has the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR). Only the AOR can submit the application. If you need more users, they must create their own Grants.gov account. Follow these steps below to apply:

- *Create a Workspace:* Creating a workspace allows you to complete it online and route it through your organization for review before submitting.
- *Complete a Workspace:* Invite participants to the workspace so you can collaborate on the application. Required applications forms are included in the Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Package and can be completed in the Workspace, unless noted otherwise in the Required Forms table above. Check for errors before submission.
- *Submit a Workspace:* An application may be submitted through workspace by clicking the Sign and Submit button on the Manage Workspace page, under the Forms tab
- *Track a Workspace Submission:* After successfully submitting a workspace application, a Grants.gov Tracking Number (GRANTXXXXXXXX) is automatically assigned to the application.

The system generates a date and time stamp and sends it to the applicant’s AOR via email as proof of submission. Make sure your application passes the Grants.gov validation checks. Do not encrypt, zip, or password-protect any files. Only registered individuals in SAM as both a user and an AOR can submit applications. Please allow 30 days to register in Grants.gov.

**Application System Technical Support:** For Grants.gov technical registration and submission, downloading forms, and application packages, contact Grants.gov Customer Support at 1-800-518-4726 or by email at [Support@grants.gov](mailto:Support@grants.gov).

## APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

### Eligibility Review

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## Merit Review

### Criterion 1: Activities- 25%

1. Are project activities described in detail, reasonable, and appropriate?
2. Are all project activities eligible for funding?
3. Are project activities consistent with the goals of the NAGPRA repatriation grant program?

### Criterion 2: Partnerships - 25%

1. Are partnerships described in detail and relevant?
2. Does the Repatriation Statement have all the required information?
3. Is there evidence of commitment to this project from all partners?

### Criterion 3: Implementation/Administration - 25%

1. Are budget items described in detail, reasonable and necessary to accomplish project activities?
2. Are the roles and responsibilities of key project personnel clearly described and defined?
3. Can the project activities be accomplished within the time frame provided?
4. Does the applicant demonstrate an ability to ensure all administrative and financial grant requirements will be met in a timely manner?

## Criterion 4: Impact/Evaluation - 25%

1. Are there logical measures in place to assess and evaluate project success and/or impact?

### Review and Selection Process

This program reviews proposed budgets to ensure:

- figures are correct
- estimated costs are necessary and reasonable and clearly linked to project narratives
- avoid obviously unallowable costs
- identify costs requiring prior approval
- ensure indirect cost rates are applied correctly
- confirm cost sharing requirements are reflected in the budget.

This program reviews applications for potential overlap or duplication between the proposed project and any other funded or proposed project. Depending on the circumstances, DOI may choose to not make an award.

#### a. Initial Review

Prior to conducting the comprehensive merit review, an initial review will be performed to determine whether: (1) the applicant is eligible for an award; (2) the information required by the NOFO has been submitted; (3) all mandatory requirements of the NOFO are satisfied; (4) the proposed project is responsive to the program objectives of the NOFO (program determination); and (5) the proposed project is in compliance with all applicable executive and secretary orders. If an applicant fails to meet the requirements or objectives of the NOFO, or does not provide sufficient information for review, the applicant will be considered non-responsive and eliminated from further review.

#### b. Comprehensive Merit Review

All applications that satisfactorily pass the initial review will be eligible for the Comprehensive Merit Review. Proposals will be read and reviewed by NPS personnel. Applications will be evaluated based on the four equally weighted criteria. Each criterion will be assigned a rating of “Exceeds”, “Meets”, or “Does not meet” based on whether it exceeds, meets, or does not meet the criteria. Based upon their review, the merit reviewers will categorize each proposal into one of three categories:

- Category 1: Proposal meets or exceeds the program interests of the NPS with a strong confidence that the objectives of the agreement will be met based on the demonstrated qualifications, experience, and capabilities of the applicant.
- Category 2: Proposal meets some of the program interests of the NPS, or there is a marginal confidence that the objectives of the agreement will be met based on the demonstrated qualifications, experience, and capabilities of the applicant.
- Category 3: Proposal either does not meet the program interests of the NPS, or there is low confidence of meeting the objectives of the agreement based on the demonstrated qualifications, experience, and capabilities of the applicant

Category 1 proposals are anticipated to be funded if funding is available. Category 2 may be funded after Category 1 proposals, if funding is available, but additional clarifications may be requested prior to funding. Category 3 proposals will not be funded.

### **c. Selection**

The Selection Official may consider the merit review recommendation, program policy factors, review of applicant risk, (including past grant performance), geographic distribution of project performance and impact, and the amount of funds available to select applications for funding.

### **d. Discussions and Award**

The Government may enter into discussions with a selected applicant for any reason deemed necessary, including, but not limited to: (1) only a portion of the application is selected for award; (2) the Government needs additional information to determine that the applicant is capable of complying with the requirements of the Department of Interior (DOI) Financial Assistance Regulations, and/or (3) additional specific terms and conditions are required. Failure to satisfactorily resolve the issues identified by the Government may preclude award to the applicant.

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## **Risk Review**

Prior to making an award, the program assesses the risk posed by the applicant per [2 CFR 200.206](#). If an award will be made, the program may apply special conditions corresponding to the risk assessed. For awards over the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$250,000), the program reviews eligibility and financial integrity information in the applicant's SAM.gov records per [2 CFR 200.206\(a\)](#). The program also assesses financial management capabilities, project delivery experience, staffing resources, past performance, administration and reporting compliance records, and overall project complexity and potential challenges.

Negative information that leads to an applicant being designated as "Medium Risk" or "High Risk" may result in specific conditions, as identified in 2 C.F.R. § 200.206, being incorporated into the final award.

## AWARD NOTICES

Notices of Federal Award are sent electronically via GrantSolutions or e-mail. These notices outline the terms, conditions, and payment instructions per [2 CFR 200.211](#). The Notice of Federal Award signed by an authorized Grants Officer is the legal instrument obligating financial assistance to a recipient. Any other prior notice is not an authorization to begin work. If the program allows pre-award costs per [2 CFR 200.458](#), beginning performance before receiving a Notice of Federal Award is at the applicant's own risk.

**Anticipated Project Start Date:** 10/01/2025

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## POST AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

### Administration and National Policy Requirements

For award administration and national policy requirements, see the [DOI General Terms and Conditions](#). Infrastructure projects require the use of American iron, steel, manufacture products, and construction materials per [2 CFR 184](#).

NPS will communicate any other program- or project-specific special terms and conditions to recipients in their notices of award.

### Geospatial Data

If you receive financial assistance from the Department of the Interior (DOI), recipient must follow these rules for geospatial data:

**Follow Federal Standards:** All geospatial data you collect or create must meet the standards set by the Federal Geospatial Data Committee (FGDC) or the Department of the Interior. This is required by the Geospatial Data Act of 2018, which is part of Public Law 115-254, specifically in Subtitle F (Geospatial Data), sections 751-759C (codified at [43 U.S.C. §§ 2801–2811](#)).

**Include Metadata:** Your Geographic Information Systems (GIS) files must include complete metadata. Metadata is information that describes the data, such as where it came from, how accurate it is, and how it should be used. This is to ensure that anyone using the data understands its context and quality.

**Check for Existing Data:** Before you start collecting new geospatial data, you need to check GeoPlatform.gov. This is to see if there is already existing geospatial data from federal, state, local, or private sources that can meet your needs and is available for free. If such data is available, you should use it instead of gathering new data.

These rules help ensure that geospatial data is reliable, high-quality, and that resources are used efficiently.

## Reporting

The recipient's Notice of Award will detail all reporting requirements, including frequency, due dates, and instructions for requesting extensions. In general, but not limited to, recipients must:

- Submit Federal Financial reports and Program Performance reports.
- Use the [Federal Financial Report \(SF-425\) form](#) for financial reporting,
- Monitor award activities and report on program performance per [2 CFR 200.329](#),
- Promptly notify the awarding program in writing of any issues, delays, or conditions impairing award objectives per [2 CFR 200.329\(e\)](#),
- Disclose any conflicts of interest related to their award that arise during the award period per [2 CFR 1402.112](#),
- Report on the status of real property acquired under the award in which the Federal government retains an interest per [2 CFR 200.330](#), and
- Report all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal award per [2 CFR 200.113](#).
- Report any matters related to recipient integrity and performance to SAM.gov per [Appendix XII to 2 CFR 200](#).
- If the Federal share of the award is more than \$100,000 and the recipient makes or agrees to make any payment using non-appropriated funds for lobbying in connection to the award, disclose those activities using the Disclosure of Lobbying (SF-LLL) form per [43 CFR 18.100](#).
- Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA) requires certain recipients to report information on executive compensation through SAM.gov and information on all sub-awards, subcontracts, and consortiums over \$30,000 to the [FFATA Subaward Reporting System \(FSRS\)](#).

## Other Information