

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

This announcement is not a request for applications.

This announcement is to provide public notice of the National Park Service's intention to award financial assistance for the following project activities. *Refer to Section 2. Grants.gov Posting Determination.*

ABSTRACT	
Grants.gov Opportunity Number	NPS-18-NERO-0105
Project Title	WARO Organization, Interpretation, Education and Outreach
Recipient	The Nat'l Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Assoc
Anticipated Federal Funding	\$49,036.58
Non-Federal Cost Share	0.00
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$49,036.58
Award Instrument	☒ Task Agreement ☐ Cooperative Agreement ☐ Grant Agreement
Anticipated Period of Performance	Through May 31, 2019
Legal Authority	54 USC 101702(a); 16 USC 1246(h)(1) P.L. 111-11 Sec. 5204
CFDA # and Title	15.935 National Trail System Projects
Single Source Justification Criteria	
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Section 1. Project Summary

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Implementation of Public Law 111-11, Sec. 5204, The Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route, National Historic Trail (WARO) Research, and Interpretation and Education Program implementation is the Project Goal. The Objectives to achieve that goal include: (1) Research and mark land and water routes of the Yorktown Campaign in the American Revolution, (2) Develop a Long-Range Interpretive Plan for the entire 700 mile long trail, (3) Develop Yorktown Campaign interpretation and education programs for local school districts and the public in places through which the trail runs, (4) Serve as a resource for other National Park Units that interpret the History of the American Revolution.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PURPOSE

Consistent with Public Law 111-11 Sec. 5204, the public purpose of this agreement is to protect the resources on the WARO by researching its history, and interpreting and educating the public about the Yorktown Campaign and its significance in ending the American Revolution. The public purpose is ensured by the NPS inclusion of state and local governments in shaping the Management of the Trail's Research, Interpretation and Education programs. WARO is a trail that tells the story of the most important military campaign in the history of the United States. The trail passes through nine states and the District of Columbia. The NPS, Local governments, the private sector, county and state governments, local school districts, and visitors, recreationists, tourists and local businesses all benefit from the critical, on-the ground Research interpretation and education that W3R-US.org provides.

STATEMENT OF WORK SUMMARY

Cooperative Agreement P13AC00931 was entered into between the National Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association, Inc.(W3R-US) , and the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS) to identify and implement priority actions for interpretation, education, signage, communication and landscape, resource, and artifact conservation and protection of the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route NHT. W3R-US will assist with the planning development and implementation of the Long Range Interpretive Plan; research, plan and implement route signage program, based on previous research and mapping; research plan and implement interpretive programming in partnering school districts, veterans groups, states and local governments; develop and produce interpretive exhibits, educational publications, other media and programs that interpret WARO resources; provide technical support to the NPS for planning, education, outreach and research activities as they relate to WARO Long Range Interpretive Plan implementation; Organize and facilitate WARO meetings and promote WARO mission through developing WARO's website; provide technical assistance and recommendations to the NPS, municipalities, states and counties and other NGOs in trail specific states to develop WARO's outdoor recreation resources.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

A. The recipient shall be responsible for the following items under this agreement:

1. Coordinate activities of related chapters, organizations and volunteers throughout the entire WARO project area in providing assistance with information on cultural resources along the WARO.
2. Develop an annual plan of work in consultation with the NPS.
3. Continue to work toward the mission of the WARO:
 - a. Research and document evidence of Yorktown campaign marching and sailing routes and historic sites.
 - b. Interpret the WARO' s three themes at selected route and historic sites.
 - c. Educate the public about the French contribution to the American War for Independence in a flexible manner as to be effective to a wide spectrum of audiences.
 - d. Create public awareness of the significance of the WARO.
 - e. Develop and maintain partnerships to develop regular programming.
4. Increase education outreach efforts by upgrading and maintaining the website and improving social media efforts.
5. Participate in meetings with NPS as necessary to ensure that W3R@-US can effectively execute its duties
6. Prepare an annual volunteer-hours report.

B. The NPS Responsibilities:



A task agreement is proposed;



A cooperative agreement is proposed;

therefore substantial involvement by NPS is anticipated during the period of performance of this agreement. In support of this agreement NPS will:

1. Participate with the W3R-US and its subcommittees on a continuing and regular basis to oversee and direct projects undertaken to implement development of the WARO.
2. Develop and implement a joint planning process that will seek the advice, input and cooperation of the W3R-US and communities along the trail to identify priority actions for interpretation, education, signage, communication and landscape, resource, and artifact conservation and protection.
3. Share information about the WARO with the public and promote continuity by developing and maintaining a brochure, web content, etc.
4. Render technical assistance to W3R-US's restructuring efforts.
5. Render technical assistance in developing interpretive trail products.
6. Support W3R-US website, education and outreach efforts.
7. Collaborate on historic research efforts to support interpretation programs. Ensure that all work complies with NPS standards, policies and guidelines.
8. Assist in the development of W3R-US workplan.



A grant agreement is proposed, therefore no substantial involvement on the part of the NPS is anticipated for the successful completion of the statement of work. It is anticipated that involvement will be limited to actions related to monitoring project performance and technical assistance at the request of the recipient.

Section 2. Grants.gov Posting Determination

- ☒ The National Park Service intends to award a task agreement under a previously competed or single source justified award.
- ☐ The National Park Service intends to award a single source justified cooperative agreement. *Refer to Section 3 Single Source Justification.*
- ☐ The National Park Service intends to award a single source justified grant agreement. *Refer to Section 3 Single Source Justification.*

Section 3. Single Source Justification

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE SINGLE SOURCE POLICY REQUIREMENTS

National Park Service Policy FAP&P 1443-2015-06 requires a written justification which explains why competition is not practicable. The justification must address one of the following criteria.

In order for an assistance award to be made without competition, the award must satisfy one or more of the following criteria:

- (1) Unsolicited Proposal – The proposed award is the result of an unsolicited assistance application which represents a unique or innovative idea, method, or approach which is not the subject of a current or planned contract or assistance award, but which is deemed advantageous to the program objectives;
- (2) Continuation – The activity to be funded is necessary to the satisfactory completion of, or is a continuation of, an activity presently being funded, for which competition would have a significant adverse effect on the continuity or completion of the activity. A single source on the basis of continuation must demonstrate that competition would result in a substantial duplicate cost to the government that cannot be recovered through competition;
- (3) Legislative intent – The language in the applicable authorizing legislation or legislative history clearly indicates Congress' intent to restrict the award to a particular recipient of purpose;
- (4) Unique Qualifications – The applicant is uniquely qualified to perform the activity based upon a variety of demonstrable factors such as location, property ownership, voluntary support capacity, technical expertise, or other such unique qualifications;
- (5) Emergencies – Program/award where there is insufficient time available (due to a compelling and unusual urgency, or substantial danger to health or safety) for adequate competitive procedures to be followed.

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

- ☒ Task Agreement issued under previously competed or single source master cooperative agreement per Section 2 above. Single Source Justification not applicable.
- ☐ Unsolicited Proposal ☐ Continuation ☐ Emergency
- ☐ Legislative Intent ☐ Unique Qualifications

Explanation of the proposed recipient's qualifications or the criteria of the proposed project which requires use of the single source criteria cited.

Section 4. Department of the Interior Secretary's Priorities

This award will support the following DOI Secretary priority(ies):

Other Key Initiatives:

- ☐ Employment of veterans.
- ☐ Supporting DOI Infrastructure needs.
- ☒ Creating jobs in the American economy.
- ☒ Access to outdoor recreation opportunities.

Priority 1: Creating a conservation stewardship legacy second only to Teddy Roosevelt

- ☐ Utilize science to identify best practices to manage land and water resources and adapt to changes in the environment.
- ☒ Examine land use planning process and land use designations that govern public use and access.
- ☐ Revise and streamline the environmental and regulatory review process while maintaining environmental standards.
- ☐ Review DOI water storage, transportation, and distribution systems to identify opportunities to resolve conflicts and expand capacity.
- ☐ Foster relationships with conservation organizations advocating for balanced stewardship and use of public lands.
- ☐ Identify and implement initiatives to expand access to DOI lands for hunting and fishing.
- ☐ Shift the balance towards providing greater public access to public lands over restrictions to access.

Priority 2: Utilizing our natural resources

- ☐ Ensure American energy is available to meet our security and economic needs.
- ☐ Ensure access to mineral resources, especially the critical and rare earth minerals.
- ☐ Refocus timber programs to embrace the entire 'healthy forests' lifecycle.
- ☐ Manage competition for grazing resources.

Priority 3: Restoring trust with local communities

- ☐ Be a better neighbor with those closest to our resources by improving dialogue and relationships with persons and entities bordering our lands.
- ☒ Expand the lines of communication with Governors, state natural resource offices, Fish and Wildlife offices, water authorities, county commissioners, Tribes, and local communities.

Priority 4: Ensuring sovereignty means something

- ☐ Support tribal self-determination, self-governance, and sovereignty.
- ☒ Solidify mutual interests between the U.S. and the freely associated states and territories.

Priority 5: Generating additional revenues to support DOI & National interests

- ☐ Ensure that the public receives the full market value for the natural resources produced on Federal lands.
- ☐ Ensure that fees or costs levied for DOI services are reasonable and targeted to achieve cost recovery.
- ☐ Consider the impact of DOI decisions on economic development and job creation.

Priority 6: Protecting our people and the border

- ☐ Actively support efforts to secure our southern border.
- ☐ Ensure DOI law enforcement staffing addresses public safety risks anticipated on DOI land.
- ☐ Promote a "public service" demeanor within our law enforcement community.

Priority 7: Striking a regulatory balance

- ☐ Reduce the administrative and regulatory burden imposed on U.S. industry and the public.
- ☐ Ensure that Endangered Species Act decisions are based on strong science and thorough analysis.

Priority 8: Modernizing our infrastructure

- ☐ Support the White House Public/Private Partnership Initiative to modernize U.S. infrastructure.
- ☐ Remove impediments to infrastructure development and facilitate private sector efforts to construct infrastructure projects serving American needs.
- ☐ Prioritize DOI infrastructure needs to highlight:
 1. Construction of infrastructure;
 2. Cyclical maintenance;
 3. Deferred maintenance.

Priority 9: Reorganizing for the next 100 years

- ☐ Improve alignment and integration of the DOI organizational structure. Redistribute organizational resources (people and funding) to enhance mission achievement and improved public service.
- ☐ Improve organizational alignment with Executive Branch counterparts with major land management assets or influence.

Priority 10: Achieving our goals and leading our team forward

- ☐ Senior executives are expected to provide leadership in achieving goals of the President and the Secretary.
- ☐ The Management Team is expected to:
 1. Ensure cost-effective operations and quality service to the public;
 2. Facilitate organizational cooperation and conflict resolution;
 3. Ensure the workplace environment is conducive to employee productivity and safety;
 4. Hold individuals accountable for actions that violate DOI policies and requirements.

The proposed project does not support any of the DOI Secretary priorities, but the project is being funded for the following reasons: