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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: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)

Project Title: 2017 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant to NFWF

Program Contact: Annette Trowbridge/Dan Lovdahl

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:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) plans to enter into a new grant agreement with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) to provide financial support for the administration of the Sustain Our Great Lakes grant program. The agreement is part of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) and is supported by GLRI FY 2019 funding allocated to the Service by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Great Lakes National Program Office. Due to a congressionally formalized relationship between the Service and NFWF, region-specific grant-making expertise, and prior leadership with the Sustain Our Great Lakes program for the past eight years, NFWF is the one uniquely qualified partner able to administer the grants associated with this project.

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that was established by Congress in 1984. One of its primary purposes set forth in its establishing legislation (16 USCS 3701-3710) is to assist the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) in its efforts to further the conservation and management of fish, wildlife, plants and other natural resources. NFWF's administration of the grants associated with this project would match the intent of Congress outlined in this legislation. NFWF has unparalleled experience in conservation grant-making nationwide, and also specifically within the Great Lakes region. NFWF has administered the Sustain Our Great Lakes grant program for the past nine years, with federal funding support that was initially awarded through a competitive process managed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. With this unique program knowledge, experience and expertise, NFWF is in the position to manage Sustain Our Great Lakes grants efficiently and effectively.

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.

ANNETTE TROWBRIDGE

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Program Representative Sign and Date

Annette Trowbridge

Printed Name of Program Representative

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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Authorized Signator Sign and Date

Daniel D. Lovdahl

Printed Name of Signator