

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: Massachusetts Audubon Society, Inc.
Project Title: Trail Improvements and Phragmites Control at Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary
Program Contact: Molly Sperduto, USFWS, New England Field Office

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:

Through an initial competitive process, this project was awarded funds in the Final Programmatic Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Buzzards Bay Bouchard Barge-120 (B-120) Oil Spill, Shoreline, Aquatic and Natural Resource Use Injuries Massachusetts and Rhode Island (2014). This restoration plan was prepared by the Natural Resources Trustees for the B-120 natural resource damage assessment and restoration case. A multitude of projects were considered for inclusion in the plan and this project was chosen through a highly selective process based upon multiple criteria.

For the purposes of a cooperative agreement, Massachusetts Audubon Society, Inc. was selected to implement the Trail Improvements and Phragmites Control at Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary project because it (a) is the owner and manager of the Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary, where the work will occur, (b) has a vested and proven interest in providing and improving recreational opportunities in the region affected by the oil spill, (c) has a strong interest in implementing the project on its property, and (d) has a long history of working with the USFWS to implement successfully a variety of natural resource management projects. It is important that this project be implemented at Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary because the sanctuary was directly affected by the B-120 oil spill.

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.


Program Representative Sign and Date
Molly B. Sperduto
Printed Name of Program Representative

Authorized Signator Sign and Date

Printed Name of Signator