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	P19AS00600
Project Title	Volunteers Track California Condors at Pinnacles National Park
Recipient	Pinnacles National Park Foundation
Anticipated Federal Funding	$95,000.00, subject to available funding ($19,987.00 initially)
Non-Federal Cost Share	$17,040.00 ($4,040.00 initially)
Total Anticipated Award Amount	$112,040.00, subject to available funding
Award Instrument	☐ Task Agreement ☑ Cooperative Agreement ☐ Grant Agreement
Anticipated Period of Performance	09/20/2019 – 10/31/2023
Legal Authority	54 U.S.C. §101702(a)
CFDA # and Title	15.944 – Natural Resource Stewardship
Single Source Justification Criteria	(4) Unique Qualifications
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Section 1. Project Summary

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The California condor narrowly escaped extinction in the early 1980's when its population hit a low of just 22 individuals. Since that time, over thirty organizations and state and federal agencies have worked together to protect this federally listed endangered species. Today, they remain one of the most critically endangered birds in the world. To save condors from extinction, all remaining wild birds were brought to zoos for captive breeding programs. Pinnacles National Park (PINN or park) was selected as one of three California release sites in 2003 and today there are more than 240 individuals in the wild with approximately 150 of those in California. As condors recover, monitoring their movements and survival is critical and has become challenging.

Pinnacles National Park Foundation (PNPF) is a local non-profit organization that supports PINN as the official 'Friends' group of the

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PURPOSE

This project will directly inform and positively impact recovery efforts currently conducted by PINN, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Condor Recovery Program, Ventana Wildlife Society, The Peregrine Fund, the San Diego Zoo Safari Park, the Los Angeles Zoo, and the Oakland Zoo, as well as many other organizations. Endangered species recovery is a public value that supports public recreation and appreciation of wildlife on public and private lands beyond the boundaries of PINN. This project will also disseminate results to park visitors and the public, as well as all partners involved in current condor recovery decision-making. PNPF conducts outreach to the public about their work with condors through presentations and their website. In addition, stewardship of park resources through volunteerism is especially important to the public and is the foundation of this project.

STATEMENT OF WORK SUMMARY

PNPF and NPS will collaborate to recruit, train and mentor volunteers for the Pinnacles Condor Program. PNPF will ensure volunteer time is provided to the Pinnacles Condor Program on a monthly basis, track volunteer hours conducting condor recovery activities, and schedule and oversee volunteers and training. Scheduling will be coordinated with NPS to ensure field crew leaders are available to assist with safe undertaking of fieldwork within PINN and to accompany volunteers in the field when needed. In general, there is at least one volunteer monitoring condors weekly at the park. All volunteers make a commitment to conduct field work at least once per month. NPS staff will train all volunteers in condor monitoring methods, particularly on how to follow up on downloaded GPS condor location data to find the birds so observations can be conducted.

PNPF and NPS will cost-share GPS tag download fees. PNPF will use private donations to pay for a portion of each monthly invoice. NPS will also provide financial assistance to pay for a portion of the invoices. PNPF will ensure invoices for GPS fees are paid monthly so there is no break in service.

PNPF and NPS will incorporate the observations from volunteer condor monitoring and downloaded GPS data into educational programs provided by PNPF and NPS through presentations and websites.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

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

1. Recruit new volunteers to assist with project activities.
2. Work with PINN to train and mentor volunteers for project activities.
3. Collaborate with NPS to schedule volunteers to monitor California condors for the Pinnacles Condor Program.
4. Ensure volunteer time is provided to the Pinnacles Condor Program on a monthly basis.
5. Oversee the GPS service fee plan for the Pinnacles Condor Program.
6. Cost-share condor GPS tag download fees.
7. Incorporate project results and maps based on downloaded GPS data into presentations and the PNPF web site.
8. Acknowledge the NPS in any published or formally presented material developed or derived from this Agreement.

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. Work with PNPF to coordinate scheduling of volunteers.
2. Provide overview and orientation associated with all park visits including briefings on safety procedures, introductions to park staff, and logistical support for fieldwork operations, which include coordination with the park and making safety a priority.
3. Train volunteers in condor monitoring and mapping downloaded GPS data.
4. Review the volunteers work and enter their data in NPS databases.
5. Provide appropriate safety training and coaching to ensure volunteer safety and engagement.
6. Collaborate with PNPF to create condor presentations and/or web maps to share with the public.
7. Acknowledge PNPF in any published or formally presented material developed or derived from this Agreement.

☐ 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

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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. The unsolicited proposal must demonstrate an innovative capability or concept not currently available to the government, and prepared without Government involvement. ;

(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;

(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. Successful past performance, familiarity with existing requirements, capabilities that can be obtained or matched by a competitor, or a positive reputation, are not considered to be 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.

PNPF has unique qualifications to conduct this project due to its location, voluntary support capacity and cost-sharing ability. PNPF is PINN's non-profit Friends Group, which collaborates closely with the park on multiple natural resource projects, especially California condor recovery. PNPF helps recover California condors by conducting talks within the park, providing volunteers to track and observe condors, and raising funds to pay for transmitters, including GPS tags that enable PINN to locate, monitor, and protect individual birds. PNPF is located in one of the park's gateway communities, Hollister, CA, which allows for regular in-person meetings, site visits, and the level of communication necessary to implement and oversee project activities. PNPF's connections with the local communities support volunteer recruitment and help retain long-term volunteers. Volunteers have conducted over 7,500 hours in field work that have helped condors and the park since 2010. Further, PNPF receives private donations that are dedicated to PINN's condor recovery program. PNPF's ability to provide PINN with tags and cost-share expensive service fees associated with downloading GPS satellite data is unique. PNPF's role in condor recovery has grown to connect the public with the program through special events, bird walks, and presentations.

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: