

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

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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-20-REG1-0006
Project Title	Implement Chesapeake Gateways Network Projects in Annapolis
Recipient	Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park
Anticipated Federal Funding	\$0.00
Non-Federal Cost Share	\$0.00
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$0.00
Award Instrument	☐ Task Agreement ☒ Cooperative Agreement ☐ Grant Agreement
Anticipated Period of Performance	Through September 30, 2025
Legal Authority	54USC 101702(a); PL105-312; 16USC 1246(h)(l); 54USC 101701(b)
CFDA # and Title	15.930 Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network/Chesapeake Bay Gate
Single Source Justification Criteria	Unique Qualifications
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Section 1. Project Summary

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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This goal of this Agreement P20AC00412 is to advance implementation of projects and programs that enhance Annapolis as a Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network hub community, with the objectives of: better interpreting and connecting citizens and visitors with the City Annapolis' rich Chesapeake maritime heritage; enhancing public access to authentic cultural and natural resources and the bay; and fostering stewardship of those resources by residents, visitors, organizations, the City and the community.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PURPOSE

- The project engages recipients, partners, communities, and/or visitors in shared environmental stewardship.
- The project promotes greater public and private participation in historic preservation programs and activities. The project builds resource stewardship ethics in its participants.
- The information, products and/or services identified or developed by this project will be shared through a variety of strategies to increase public awareness, knowledge and support for historic preservation and stewardship of the nation's cultural and historical heritage.
- The project motivates its youth participants to become involved in the natural, cultural and /or historical resource protection of their communities and beyond.
- The project assists in the creation, promotion, facilitation, and/or improvement of the public's understanding of natural, cultural, historic, recreational and other aspects of areas such as ecological conservation areas, and state and local parks.

STATEMENT OF WORK SUMMARY

Under the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement, Executive Order 13508 and the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act, the NPS leads and coordinates partnership activities and programs to conserve natural, cultural and recreational resources, promote and increase public access to recreation and natural and cultural resources, interpret Chesapeake gateway sites and watertrails, and foster public stewardship.

The Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park, a designated Chesapeake Gateway site, will be a key near- and long-term partner in support of NPS responsibilities. AMM will collaborate with the NPS and other Annapolis partners in developing and implementing projects and programs that expand public access, interpretation, education, and stewardship of Annapolis's Chesapeake Bay maritime heritage and resources.

Detailed statements of work will be defined and funded at the task agreement level based on the goals, objectives, and public purpose of this agreement.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

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

1. Work with NPS to identify and implement projects that advance the development of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network, the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail and efforts to implement the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement and the associated Executive Order 13508 for Chesapeake Bay Watershed Protection and Restoration.
2. Authorize Recipient employees to support the efforts of the partnership in close consultation with NPS to ensure all activities outlined in this and subsequent Task Agreements are developed cooperatively.
3. Adhere to the best principles of environmentally sensitive design, low impact development techniques, and universal accessibility in the design and implementation of projects.
4. Work closely with NPS staff to ensure that projects are in compliance with all federal regulations, policies and procedures and are consistent with NPS policies, standards, guidelines, and priorities.
5. Maintain regular communication with NPS staff to ensure that work is implemented effectively and that any issues are identified and readily addressed.

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. Consult with and advise Recipient to identify and implement projects that advance the development of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network, the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail and efforts to implement the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement and the associated Executive Order 13508 for Chesapeake Bay Watershed Protection and Restoration.
2. Provide financial assistance and technical assistance, subject to the availability of funds, to Recipient to carry out objectives set forth in Task Agreements subsequent to this Cooperative Agreement.
3. Authorize NPS employees to support the efforts of the partnership in close consultation with Recipient to ensure all activities outlined in this and subsequent Task Agreements are developed cooperatively.
4. Work closely with Recipient staff to ensure that projects adhere to the best principles of environmentally sensitive design, low impact development techniques, and universal accessibility in design and implementation.
5. Work closely with Recipient staff to ensure that projects comply with all federal regulations, policies and procedures and are consistent with NPS policies, standards, guidelines, and priorities.
6. Maintain regular communication with Recipient staff to ensure that work is implemented effectively and that any issues are identified and readily addressed.

- ☐ 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. 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.

The Annapolis Maritime Museum is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization working to educate youth and adults about the Annapolis area's rich maritime heritage and the ecology of the Chesapeake Bay through programs, exhibits and community events. The museum is situated on a small campus at the mouth of Back Creek, overlooking the Chesapeake Bay and is housed in the last surviving historic oyster-packing plant in Annapolis. From the former McNasby Oyster Company building, AMM engages visitors in interactive experiences highlighting the oyster and its role in shaping both the history and maritime culture of Annapolis. There is no other commercial facility remaining from Annapolis's dominant historic maritime era that is dedicated to interpretation, education and preservation of this history. In recognition of this unique and authentic setting, historic resource, and the museum's maritime educational mission, the National Park Service designated the AMM McNasby campus as a Chesapeake Bay Gateway site within the Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network in 2000. Over a number of years during the 2000s, the NPS provided technical and financial assistance to AMM to develop and its interpretive and educational programs. The AMM has since expanded its programming and facilities. For over a decade, AMM has provided tours originating from

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: