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	P19AS00464
Project Title	Sugpiaq Significant Places, Oral Histories, and Qayak Building for
Recipient	Chugachmiut
Anticipated Federal Funding	$275,000
Non-Federal Cost Share	$0
Total Anticipated Award Amount	$275,000
Award Instrument	☐ Task Agreement ☑ Cooperative Agreement ☐ Grant Agreement
Anticipated Period of Performance	August 15, 2019 - December 31, 2022
Legal Authority	54 U.S.C. §101702(a) Cooperative Agreements, Transfer of Appropr
CFDA # and Title	15.946 Cultural Resources Management
Single Source Justification Criteria	Unique Qualifications
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Section 1. Project Summary

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Project goals are to preserve knowledge of park indigenous traditional sites, oral traditions, and practices by working closely with park-affiliated Alaska tribal groups.

For this project, the Recipient will lead the partner project to work with tribal groups to generate information that will be incorporated into interpretive products such as park maps, and geographic educational tools, such as story maps; and work with tribal partners to build a traditional Sugpiaq qayak (kayak), for display in the Kenai Fjords National Park Visitor Center. The Recipient will also help continue the traditions of the villages by coordinating tribal visits to selected park cultural sites.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PURPOSE

This project will generate ethnographic information and traditional knowledge products through working closely with our affiliated Sugpiaq tribal groups that will be shared through a variety of outreach products and Visitor Center exhibits to increase public awareness, knowledge and support for preservation and stewardship of the nation's cultural and historical heritage. This project will also document for posterity cultural information that could be lost with older generations passing away.

STATEMENT OF WORK SUMMARY

Chugachmiut will lead the partner project to work with village leaders, elders, and other knowledge holders from affiliated tribal villages of Port Graham, Nanwalek, and Seldovia to generate information that will be incorporated into interpretive products such as park maps and geographic educational tools, such as story maps; and work with tribal partners to build a traditional Sugpiaq qayak (kayak) for display in the Kenai Fjords National Park Visitor Center. Chugachmiut will also help continue the traditions of the villages by coordinating tribal visits to selected park cultural sites.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

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

1. Meet with NPS staff involved with developing the project to ensure the vision on the goals, objectives, measurable results, and requirements are aligned.
2. Prepare a rubric to guide identification of Elders/Recognized Experts from each community who are available and appropriate to the project. Two Elder/Recognized Experts from each community of Port Graham, Nanwalek, and Seldovia will be selected from those identified (six total).
3. Schedule, select participants, and arrange travel for one regional meeting, to be held at the Kenai Fjords National Park Visitor Center in Seward. During this meeting, one tribal member and one elder would learn about the project and be better able to articulate the outcomes in Council and other meetings.
4. Work with tribal councils to identify Elders and Recognized Experts known for their memories of local history, land use, Sugt'stun and their willingness to share their knowledge.
5. With the permission of the tribal chief, schedule and hold one two-day meeting in each community to gather additional information from the perspective of the community. Recordings will be at 48GHz/16bit, the archival standard, on

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. Meet with Recipient staff involved with developing the project to ensure the vision on the goals, objectives, measurable results, and requirements are aligned.
2. Assist in coordinating the NPS-Recipient regional meeting held at the Kenai Fjords National Park Visitor Center in Seward with two Elders from each village. This is the first set of two sets of required meetings. Attend each of the two-day meetings held in Port Graham, Nanwalek, and Seldovia respectively (this would be the second set of the two required set of meetings).
3. Review within 30 days of receipt all information, organize recordings by place, respondent, date, purpose and other metadata, understanding that all recordings will be raw, with no editing.
4. With the Recipient, video conference with each tribal council to review the information and identify information and locations that are to be maintained for tribal use only.

☐ 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.

Working with tribal groups requires long-standing relationships built on trust and personal ties in addition to cultural sensitivity. The Recipient's Chugachmiut Heritage Preservation Department has had twenty years of experience working with regional Sugpiaq tribes gathering oral histories for use in various educational and anthropological projects. In particular, they have worked with Nanwalek and Port Graham closely for various cultural and social programs. They are also familiar with tribal members from Seldovia, a nearby village.

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: