


National Park Service

**Notice of Funding Opportunity**

FY2025 ABPP - Battlefield Restoration Grants

Funding Opportunity Number

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## BASIC INFORMATION

**Announcement Type:** Initial

**Funding Opportunity Number:** P25AS00475

**Assistance Listing Number(s):** 15.926

**Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$3,000,000

**Expected Number of Awards:** 6

**Award Ceiling:** \$750,000

**Award Floor:** \$30,000

**Cost Sharing Required?**

Yes

**Closing Date Explanation**

Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM, ET, on the listed application due date.

**OMB Control Number:**

**Have Questions?**

All questions should be emailed to [ABPP@nps.gov](mailto:ABPP@nps.gov).

### Executive Summary

Historic battlefields and associated sites of armed conflict are powerful reminders of the shared heritage of all Americans. The National Park Service American Battlefield Protection Program (NPS ABPP) promotes the preservation and interpretation of these important places. NPS ABPP supports community-driven stewardship of historic resources through four grant opportunities: Preservation Planning, Battlefield Restoration, Battlefield Interpretation, and Battlefield Land Acquisition.

NPS ABPP administers the Battlefield Restoration Grant opportunity to provide assistance for the restoration of day-of-battle conditions within eligible Civil War battlefields listed in the Civil War sites Advisory Commission's (CWSAC) *Report on the Nation's Civil War Battlefields* (1993) and in the principal battlefields of the Revolutionary War and War of 1812 identified in NPS ABPP's *Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in the United States* (2007) ([Survey Reports](#)). Restoration sites must be located outside the external boundaries of a unit of the National Park System and must have been protected with assistance from a NPS's Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant (BLAG) established under 54 U.S.C. §308103(b), be owned by state or local government entities (e.g., state or local battlefield parks), OR owned by a nonprofit organization, and located within the boundaries of battlefields listed in the Survey Reports. Funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) will support planning and implementation activities for historic preservation projects at eligible properties and will be awarded competitively. Grants require a dollar-for-dollar non-

Federal match. Two categories of grants are available for activities supporting the restoration efforts at eligible properties:

- **Scoping Grants** are available to fund early stages of project development, such as research, documentation, and evaluation to determine appropriate treatment options that meet the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Landscapes*; consultation with stakeholders; development of comprehensive treatment and management plans, schematic designs, and/or specifications. The Federal share for these planning grants should range from \$30,000-\$100,000 and have a period of performance of 1 to 2 years.
- **Implementation Grants** are available to applicants who have completed planning activities prior to application. These include evaluation of historic resources, and identification if preservation, rehabilitation, or restoration is the most appropriate and viable option according to the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Landscapes*, prior to application. Proposed treatments may include reconstruction of specific features or elements within a landscape, provided there is adequate documentation and differentiation of new and historical elements. Total reconstructions of buildings or landscapes that no longer retain any integrity to the period of the battle are not eligible, as they serve purposes of interpretation rather than historic preservation. The applicant must provide planning documentation as part of the application that sufficiently addresses the Standards and Guidelines and evaluation of historic resources (see Application Review). The Federal share for these grants should range from \$50,000-\$750,000 and have a period of performance of 2 to 5 years.

Land developed with these funds will be subject to the LWCF non-conversion requirements. Nonprofit partners with title on eligible lands must convey a perpetual preservation easement on the land to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) or to another organization acceptable to the National Park Service and SHPO.

## ELIGIBILITY

### Eligible Applicants

State governments

County governments

City or township governments

Public and State controlled institutions of higher education

Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)

Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Private institutions of higher education

### **Additional Information on Eligibility**

Eligible activities are limited to planning and implementation activities for the treatment of American Revolution, Civil War, and War of 1812 properties that are located outside the external boundaries of a unit of the National Park System. Further, eligible activities on eligible properties include those that:

- have been acquired (fee-simple or less-than-fee easement) and protected with assistance from the NPS's Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant Program established under 54 U.S.C. §308103(b),
- are properties owned by state or local government entities (e.g., state or local battlefield parks), OR
- are owned by nonprofit organizations, and
- are within the boundaries listed in the Survey Reports.

Proposed activities must address and satisfy all applicable terms of executed preservation easements or, where applicable, preservation letters of agreement that have been reviewed and approved by the NPS ABPP and recorded with the deed to the property. Projects must occur on properties protected by an executed preservation easement or other preservation instrument. Activities intended to mitigate easement violations or adverse effects (identified through Section 106 or relevant state cultural and environmental review processes) are not eligible for funding.

Multiple applications from the same applicant will be accepted. In order to support the largest number of possible projects, an applicant may only receive one grant from the FY25 funding cycle per property.

Applicants are encouraged to prioritize projects in support of the celebration of America's 250th birthday (America250). This may include, but is not limited to, projects that recognize and honor the nation's founding, history, and cultural heritage.

### **Cost Sharing Requirement**

#### **Cost Sharing Required?**

Yes

In accordance with 54 U.S.C. § 308105(c), non-Federal cost share in the amount of 50%, or a ratio of 1:1, is required to be eligible for an award under this NOFO. The non-Federal entity must contribute at least 50% of the total project cost, meaning one dollar for every Federal dollar requested, from non-Federal sources as evidenced by a letter of commitment, addressed to the applicant, from the funding source(s) or awarding entity. Eligible non-Federal sources of contributions must be allowable under 2 C.F.R. § 200.306 and may include: cash and/or in-kind contributions. Non-Federal entity cost share contributions shall be annotated within the SF-424A (see Budget Narrative section) and Detailed Budget Narrative submitted by the applicant.

### **GET READY TO APPLY**

#### **Required System Registrations**

**Unique Entity Identifier and SAM.gov Registration**

Before applying, all **applicants** except individuals applying as a natural person **must be registered in SAM.gov**. During the SAM.gov registration the entity will obtain their Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).

**The SAM.gov registration process can take several months. If your organization is not already registered in SAM.gov, begin the registration process as soon as possible.**

**To register in SAM.gov**, go to the [SAM.gov website](#) and use the available resources to complete registration.

- **Financial assistance registrants** must review and certify compliance with the SAM.gov “Financial Assistance General Representations and Certifications”.
- **Already registered?** You already have a Unique Entity ID. Before applying, check that your “Financial Assistance General Representations and Certifications” on SAM.gov is complete. Remember to renew your registration every year to keep it active while you have an award or application in progress. You can update your registration whenever you need, including during renewal.
- **Need help?** For additional information and contact information on the [SAM.gov Help page](#).

**Refer to Attachment – Submission Instructions & Tips.**

## **GRANTS.GOV**

This program accepts applications through [Grants.gov](#) so once you receive your UEI return to Grants.gov to [register](#) with Grants.gov. Please allow 30 days to register and set up a Workspace in Grants.gov. See [Submission Instructions](#) section below for additional details.

## **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

### **Program Goals**

- The objective of NPS ABPP Battlefield Restoration Grant program supports the agency's priorities of enhancing the public's experience with protected lands and large-scale conservation efforts, including state and local battlefield parks. Our goal is to increase investment in protected battlefields and engage a growing community of preservation partners.

### **Program Description**

Battlefield Restoration Grants support preservation partners across the country in their effort to restore eligible American Revolution, War of 1812, and Civil War sites to day-of battle conditions. By restoring landscapes, grant recipients can preserve important historic sites at the same time they are conserving open spaces, protecting natural resources, and providing public access to the sites of our shared heritage.

The grant program provides up to 50 percent in matching funds for scoping or implementation grants, allowing preservationists, property owners, and local communities to define, articulate, and realize their shared vision for these special places.

Projects eligible for this grant opportunity include preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration

activities for properties acquired with the assistance of an NPS Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant, properties that are owned/managed by state or local government entities, such as state or local battlefield parks, or properties that are owned/managed by nonprofit organizations. The American Battlefield Protection Program invites Tribal, State, and local governments and nonprofit organizations to apply for this funding opportunity. All grants will be evaluated and awarded through a competitive merit review process.

Applicants are encouraged to prioritize projects in support of the celebration of America's 250th birthday (America250). This may include, but is not limited to, projects that recognize and honor the nation's founding, history, and cultural heritage.

### Legislative Authority

American Battlefield Protection Program - Battlefield Restoration Grants (54 U.S.C. § 308105)  
Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Act, as amended (P.L. 88-578, codified at 54 U.S.C. 2003 et. seq.)

### Type of Award

Projects will be funded through G (Grant).

## PREPARE YOUR APPLICATION

### Application Content and Format

#### Pre-Application Requirements

Prior to submitting an application, applicants should review presidential actions found at: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/> and DOI Secretary's Orders found at: <https://www.doi.gov/document-library/secretary-order>. By submitting an application in response to this Notice of Funding Opportunity, the applicant certifies awareness and compliance with all current and applicable executive and secretary orders, including the President's EO on *Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing* as well as the EO and SO on *Restoring Truth and Sanity to American History*.

### Application Documents

Applicants must submit the following forms with their application as specified below. Instructions for accessing and submitting application forms are provided in the [Submission Instructions](#) section of this document below. For instructions on completing form fields, see the form instructions on the [Grants.gov Forms Repository](#).

Forms/Assurances/Certifications	Submission Requirement
SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance Note: For applicants requesting more than \$100,000 in Federal funds, the Authorized Representative's signature (or electronic equivalent) on the Application for Federal Assistance form also represents their certification of the statements in <a href="#">Appendix A to 43 CFR 18-Certification Regarding Lobbying</a>	Required from all applicants

Forms/Assurances/Certifications	Submission Requirement
SF-424A, Budget Information – Non-Construction Programs	Required for Scoping proposals
SF-424B, Assurances for Non-Construction Programs	Required for Scoping proposals
SF-424C: Budget Information – Construction Programs	Required for Implementation proposals
SF-424D: Assurances for Construction Programs	Required for Implementation proposals
SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities	Required if requesting more than \$100,000 in Federal funds and the applicant has used or plans to use funds other than Federal appropriated funds for lobbying related to the proposed project.
Project Abstract Summary (OMB 4040-0019). Must include, in plain language: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Award purpose,</li> <li>• Activities to be performed,</li> <li>• Expected deliverables or outcomes,</li> <li>• Intended beneficiaries,</li> </ul> Subrecipient activities (if known or specified at time of award)	Required from all applicants

### Project Narrative

The Project Narrative **must identify the category for consideration as either a Scoping grant or an Implementation grant**. Individual awards will fund only one phase of work. Project Narratives must address all elements of each of the evaluation criteria. Be concise but provide enough detail that members of the merit review panel will be able to rank the proposed project according to the review criteria provided in the Merit Review section: historical significance and integrity, technical merits, feasibility, and sustainability. The work you propose in the project narrative should be supported by costs identified in the budget justification worksheet.

Limit the narrative to 10 numbered pages, including all text and references. Use at least 1-inch margins on all sides and a font size of at least eleven points. Other supporting documents may be submitted as separate attachments via the Attachments form. Submit the Project Narrative as a single .pdf via the Attachment form available through the funding opportunity announcement on [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov).

The program-specific components of this application consist of the Project Narrative and additional documents listed below. Do not include any proprietary or personally identifiable information. A complete application includes (see detail at the end of this section):

- SF-424 Application for Financial Assistance



- SF-424A Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs (required for Scoping proposals)
- SF-424B Assurances for Non-Construction Programs (required for Scoping proposals)
- SF-424C Budget Information for Construction Programs (required for Implementation proposals)
- SF-424D Assurances for Construction Programs (required for Implementation proposals)
- Project Narrative (via the Attachment form)
- Budget Detail Narrative (via the Attachments form)
- Project Abstract Summary (via Attachments form)
- Letter of commitment from the non-Federal awarding entity for cost matching (via the Attachments form)
- Copy of Executed and Recorded Preservation Easement or Preservation Letter of Agreement (via the Attachments form)
- Letter of Landowner Consent as applicable (via the Attachments form)
- Project Team CVs, resumes, or selection criteria (via the Attachments form)
- Detailed research and design documents such as cultural landscape reports, archaeological surveys, and other evidence of identification of historic properties (required for Implementation proposals via the Attachments form)
- Maps and GIS data files
- Project Images (via the Attachments form)
- Letter of acknowledgment from easement holder and SHPO required for Implementation proposals (via the Attachments form)
- Supporting Documents, including letters of support, as applicable to the specific project (via the Attachments form)

### **Budget Narrative**

Applicants must describe and justify items and costs listed in their budget. The budget narrative must identify the following cost items: total estimated costs, non-Federal cost share, third-party contributions, and any pre-award costs. Total project cost is the sum of all allowable costs, including required and voluntary cost share and third-party contributions.

Budget items must be:

- Reasonable, allowable, allocable, and necessary
- Compliant with [2 CFR §200 Subpart E](#) cost principles

Indirect Costs: Applicants must indicate in their budget narrative how they will charge indirect costs, including the rate to be applied:

- De Minimis Rate: If eligible, state if your organization is opting to use the de minimis rate of up to 15% of total modified direct costs. Entities that do not have a current Federal negotiated indirect cost rate (including provisional rate) may propose to use the de minimis rate. For more information, refer to [2 CFR 200.414\(f\)](#).
- Negotiated Rate: State if you will negotiate with your cognizant agency. If your organization has previously negotiated a rate, attach a copy of the most recently negotiated rate agreement (active or expired).

The project budget shall include detailed information on all cost categories and must clearly identify all estimated project costs. Unit costs shall be provided for all budget items including the cost of work to be provided by contractors or sub-recipients. In addition, applicants shall include a narrative description of the items included in the project budget, including the value of in-kind contributions of goods and services provided to complete the project when cost share is identified to be included (see Eligibility section). Cost categories can include, but are not limited to, those costs items included on the SF424A or SF424C.

Using the section headings provided below (Items A-L), write a narrative budget justification that addresses both grant funds requested, and any cost share provided and is aligned with the Budget Categories in Section B of the SF-424A. **Provide unit costs for all budget items including any contracts or sub-awards.** For each line item, explain how you arrived at the figures provided and why these items are necessary to accomplish the grant objectives. There is no page limit or required format for the budget narrative. Indicate “\$0.00” if any cost categories are not applicable to your project. Check that the amounts listed in the Budget Narrative match those on Section B of the SF-424A before submitting.

A. Personnel: Provide the title, unit of time, quantity, cost per unit of time and resultant dollar amount for each of the personnel included in the total line-item dollar amount. Personnel are part of your organization. Consultants and independent contractors should be listed under F. Contractual. (Example: J. Smith, Curator, 40 hours/week for 50 weeks at \$20.00/hr = \$40,000).

B. Fringe Benefits: For each position description included above, provide the fringe benefits rate and dollar amount.

C. Travel: Provide the unit of measure, quantity, cost per unit and resultant dollar amount for each of the following travel details: airfare, lodging, per diem, ground transportation, housing stipend and/or transportation stipend. Also provide a statement that the proposed travel and per diem costs do not exceed current maximum Federal rates (found at <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>), or that the proposed travel and per diem costs are in line with the applicant’s written travel policy.

1. Under GSA requirements, the first and last travel days of any trip must be calculated at 75% of the full per diem rate (Example: For a 3-day trip to a location with a GSA per diem rate of \$100.00, the total allowable per diem is \$75 (Day 1) + \$100 (Day 2) + \$75 (Day 3) = \$250).

2. The Federal allowable mileage rate of 58.5 cents per mile should be applied to any personally owned vehicle use. All travel costs must adhere to applicable regulations and conditions including 2 CFR Part 200.474.

D. Equipment: Equipment is defined in 2 CFR Part 200.33 as “tangible personal property (including information technology systems) having a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost which equals or exceeds \$10,000.” List any equipment being purchased with Federal funds, provide quotes or estimates obtained to support the cost amount, and include a written justification as to why this equipment is necessary for the proposed project. Applicants must demonstrate how purchasing permanent equipment is less expensive than renting. If funded, applicants are required to maintain records demonstrating that a competitive bidding process was used to purchase such services or equipment. Recipients who purchase equipment must adhere to applicable regulations and conditions including 2 CFR Part 200.313 and 2 CFR Part 200.439.

E. Supplies: Provide a description, quantity, cost per unit, and resultant dollar amount for any consumable supplies, raw materials, and expendable equipment (items costing less than \$5,000 and/or having an estimated useful life of less than 1 year). “General office supplies” or “miscellaneous supplies” are not acceptable line items.

F. Contractual: Describe market research undertaken to determine an accurate budgetary estimate. Provide the contract/sub-award description, unit of time, quantity, cost per unit of time and resultant dollar amount for each contract/sub-award. Describe how contract services will be obtained. Award recipients will be required to submit documentation showing that a competitive selection process or other appropriate method of procurement allowable under 2 CFR 200.320 was used for contracts over \$10,000, as well as any sub-awards.

G. Construction: For a Scoping proposal, construction costs are unallowable under this NOFO and "0.00" should be indicated. For an Implementation proposal, the total amount from the required SF-424C should be entered in this cell. The SF-424C must be completed for the cost categories indicated and is submitted as a detail support for the SF-424A. Construction-related costs must not be double counted in the F. Contractual line above or anywhere else on the SF-424A.

H. Other Costs: Provide the description, quantity, cost per unit and resultant dollar amount for each item that does not fit within one of the other budget categories. Costs associated with administration and recordation of a perpetual conservation easement (see Post Award Requirements and Administration / Conservation Easement Requirement). “Miscellaneous,” “overhead,” and “contingency” are not acceptable line items.

I. Total Direct Charges: Auto-calculates.

J. Indirect Costs: Provide the indirect cost rate percentage, type (negotiated or 15% de minimis), associated base (modified total direct costs), and resultant indirect amount. If indirect costs are included, applicants must include a copy of the current negotiated indirect cost rate agreement, or elect the 15% de minimis rate, and apply the approved rate accordingly. Provide an explanation if the associated base differs from budget category I (Total Direct Charges). Proposals that fail to document their indirect costs may have those costs disallowed.

K. Total Federal Funding Request: List the total amount of Federal funds being requested. Check that this amount matches those listed on the SF-424 and SF-424A (or SF-424C) before submitting the application.

L. Non-Federal Share of Budget: Provide the details of the non-Federal share of the budget, including description, source, quantity, cost per unit and resultant dollar amount for each item. Award recipients will be required to fulfill any matching commitments they agree to and inability to do so may result in a reduction of the Federal award.

If selected for award, NPS reserves the right to request additional or clarifying information for any reason deemed necessary, including, but not limited to: (a) Other budget information (b) Financial capability (c) Evaluation of risk (d) Name and phone number of the Designated Responsible Employee for complying with national policies prohibiting discrimination (See 43 CFR § 17).

**Conflict of Interest and Unresolved Matters Disclosures:**

If any actual or potential conflict of interest exists related to this project at the time of application, the applicant must provide sufficient information to support a program determination of significance per [2 CFR 1402.112](#). Refer to [2 CFR 200.112](#) Conflict of Interest and [2 CFR 200.113](#).

### **Overlap or Duplication of Effort Statement:**

Applicants must state in their application if the activities, costs, or time commitment of key personnel proposed in this application overlap with those in any other Federal proposal or award or not. If no overlap exists, include a statement to that effect. If any overlap exists, provide:

- Activities: Description any overlapping activities.
- Costs: Description of any overlapping costs.
- Time: Description of any overlapping key personnel time.
- A copy of any overlapping or duplicative proposal submitted to any other potential funding entity.
- Details on when any overlapping proposal was submitted, to whom, and the expected date of the funding decision.

### **Other Required Information**

#### **Other Submission Requirements:**

Supporting documents should be clearly labeled and should relate to the specific scope of work proposed in the Project Narrative. Submit all supporting documents as clearly named .pdfs via the Other Attachments Form available through the funding opportunity announcement on [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov).

**Letter of commitment for cost match:** Provide a letter acknowledging formal commitment to supplying the non-Federal share of at least 50% of the total project cost, that is \$1 non-Federal for every \$1 of Federal funding, as described in the Budget Narrative. The letter should be from the entity providing the funding and addressed to the applicant. Applicants may submit multiple letters for multiple funding sources including contributions of cash or in-kind costs.

**Copy of executed and recorded Preservation Easement or Preservation Letter of Agreement (required for Implementation proposals):** A copy of an executed and recorded preservation easement or preservation letter of agreement (for properties owned and managed by states) is required for submission as part of a complete application. If the project proposes planning or implementation activities for properties acquired with multiple battlefield acquisition grants and /or encumbered with multiple preservation instruments, please provide copies of all relevant executed and recorded documents. Submission of documentation of NPS ABPP's review and approval of the relevant preservation instrument is recommended.

**Letter of landowner consent:** A Letter of Owner Consent is required for projects in which the applicant is not the fee-simple owner of the eligible property. In addition, if the executed preservation easement or preservation letter of agreement requires review and approval of proposed activities on the property from the grantee or any other party named in the preservation instrument, the application must also provide letters from these parties. The Letter(s) of Owner Consent must be submitted with the application, signed no earlier than 60 days before the application due date; the Letter must specifically reference consent for the proposed activities.

**Project team CVs, resumes, or selection criteria:** Include resumes or CVs of key project personnel, or position descriptions, selection criteria, quotes, or statements of work for staff, consultants, or contractors to be hired as part of the project. These attachments should support the descriptions of the project team in the Project Narrative and address the Secretary of the Interior's *Historic Preservation Professional Qualification Standards* as necessary.

**Research & Design Documentation (required for Implementation proposals):**

Implementation proposals must provide documentation that demonstrates completion of planning activities prior to application, including evaluation of historic resources and identification of an appropriate and viable treatment option according to the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Landscapes*. Documentation should analyze the property and proposed activities within the context of the entire core battlefield.

The documentation should describe how and why the proposed treatment identifies the most appropriate approach(es) among the treatment alternatives of preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration. Reconstruction of individual missing features within a historic property undergoing one of the other three treatment alternatives may be eligible. Total reconstruction of buildings or landscapes that no longer retain any integrity to the period of the battle are not eligible as they serve purposes of interpretation rather than historic preservation.

Documentation should address aspects such as: general conditions of historic resources, how much of the property's historic fabric still exists today, and how will it be preserved; how much historical and archeological research exists to ensure an accurate understanding of historic conditions; how will the proposed work retain the landscape's historic character while adapting to changes over time, new uses, and considerations such as accessibility, long term maintenance, and environmental impact; and how will the project differentiate extant historic features from any new material. The documentation must also address any potentially significant features that exist from other periods and how the proposed treatment will affect them.

Acceptable and sufficient documentation should reference and address [NPS guidelines for cultural landscapes](#) and include information spanning numerous disciplines in order to evaluate a landscape's historical, architectural, archeological, ethnographic, horticultural, and engineering features, along with ecological processes and natural systems, and to outline appropriate treatment for consistent with the property's significance, condition, and planned use. This documentation should be comparable to a [Cultural Landscape Report](#) and will be required to justify proposed treatment activities under this grant opportunity. Development of a Cultural Landscape Report is an eligible activity for a Scoping project.

**Maps and GIS Data:** At least one map must be submitted, depicting the subject property with reference to the core and study area boundaries of associated eligible battlefields; the project's APE for Section 106 purposes; boundaries of any properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places within the project area; and existing buildings, structures, and potential historic resources within the project area. Associated GIS shapefiles, or geodatabases, including metadata compliant with [NPS Spatial Data Transfer Standards](#) and FGDC, are also required.

**Project Images:** Please provide photos of the property and surrounding area potentially affected by the proposed grant activities and any relevant illustrations or images, including: photos of current conditions in high resolution format (.jpeg or .tiff), publication or media quality; for

Implementation proposals, please ensure you include one current photo of each side of the property as well as one current overall photo at a minimum and label according to cardinal directions; elevations, plans, or other images; all photos and images should be clearly captioned to describe compass orientations of views, image content and relationship to entire site and surrounding context, and image credit. NPS reserves the right to use submitted photos in communications to announce projects selected for award.

**Letter of acknowledgment from easement holder and SHPO (required for Implementation proposals):** Implementation proposals must provide a letter confirming that the easement holder and/or SHPO, as applicable according to the preservation easement or agreement, is aware of the proposed work and finds it conceptually compatible with the terms of the preservation easement or agreement. (This will not constitute an easement holder or SHPO's review and approval of detailed project plans under established review processes, or substitute for Federal review of the undertaking under the National Historic Preservation Act.)

**Other Supporting Documents (as applicable to the specific project):** Provide any materials outside of the Project Narrative text to support effective merit review of your proposal. Letters of support may be submitted to demonstrate and or substantiate specific partner involvement, support, or matching funds. Letters must be submitted as part of the application. Letters received in any other manner may not be considered. All letters should be addressed to: Program Manager, NPS American Battlefield Protection Program.

## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

### Address to Request Application Package

All relevant forms are included in the Package, available on the general information or synopsis view (see Package tab). If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact: ABPP@nps.gov.

### Submission Dates and Times

**Closing Date for Applications:** 01/08/2026

#### Closing Date Explanation

Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM, ET, on the listed application due date.

### Submission Instructions

#### Apply Through Grants.gov

To apply through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), please follow the instructions in the [Quick Start Guide for Applicants](#). Before applying, ensure that at least one person at your organization is registered and has the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR). Only the AOR can submit the application. If you need more users, they must create their own Grants.gov account. Follow these steps below to apply:

- *Create a Workspace:* Creating a workspace allows you to complete it online and route it through your organization for review before submitting.
- *Complete a Workspace:* Invite participants to the workspace so you can collaborate on the application. Required applications forms are included in the Grants.gov Funding

Opportunity Package and can be completed in the Workspace, unless noted otherwise in the Required Forms table above. Check for errors before submission.

- *Submit a Workspace:* An application may be submitted through workspace by clicking the Sign and Submit button on the Manage Workspace page, under the Forms tab
- *Track a Workspace Submission:* After successfully submitting a workspace application, a Grants.gov Tracking Number (GRANTXXXXXXXX) is automatically assigned to the application.

The system generates a date and time stamp and sends it to the applicant's AOR via email as proof of submission. Make sure your application passes the Grants.gov validation checks. Do not encrypt, zip, or password-protect any files. Only registered individuals in SAM as both a user and an AOR can submit applications. Please allow 30 days to register in Grants.gov.

**Application System Technical Support:** For Grants.gov technical registration and submission, downloading forms, and application packages, contact Grants.gov Customer Support at 1-800-518-4726 or by email at [Support@grants.gov](mailto:Support@grants.gov).

## APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

### Eligibility Review

During the eligibility review, the application is checked for timely submission, completed packages (see [Application Documents](#) above) and alignment with the requirements of this announcement. The Federal agency may remove an application if it does not pass the eligibility review.

If an applicant selected for funding hasn't finished their SAM.gov registration (see 2 CFR 25.200 and 2 CFR 25.110) when the federal agency is ready to make an award, we may decide that the applicant is ineligible for the award and choose to grant it to someone else. Please refer 2 CFR 25.205 for more information.

If selected for award, NPS reserves the right to request additional or clarifying information for any reason deemed necessary, including, but not limited to:

- (a) Other budget information
- (b) Financial capability
- (c) Evaluation of risk
- (d) Name and phone number of the Designated Responsible Employee for complying with national policies prohibiting discrimination (See 43 C.F.R. § 17)

If removed from consideration for ineligibility, the Federal agency will notify the applicant in writing.

Eligible activities are limited to planning and implementation activities for the treatment of American Revolution, Civil War, and War of 1812 properties that have been acquired (fee simple or less-than fee easement) and protected with assistance from the NPS's Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant Program established under 54 U.S.C. §308103(b) and are located outside the



external boundaries of a unit of the National Park System. Eligible sites also include properties that are owned by state or local government entities (e.g., state or local battlefield parks), or owned by nonprofit organizations, and within the boundaries of battlefields listed in the Survey Reports.

Proposed activities must address and satisfy all applicable terms of executed preservation easements or, where applicable, preservation letters of agreement that have been reviewed and approved by the NPS ABPP and recorded with the deed to the property. Projects must occur on properties protected by an executed preservation easement or preservation letter of agreement. Activities intended to mitigate easement violations or adverse effects (identified through Section 106 or relevant state cultural and environmental review processes) are not eligible for funding.

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Prior to making an award, the DOI checks the anticipated recipient and their key project personnel against the current list of prohibited or restricted persons or entities in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) Exclusions database. We are prohibited from making an award if a recipient or any key personnel are found ineligible, prohibited, restricted, or otherwise excluded from receiving or participating in an award, as their ineligibility condition applies to this program.

If removed from consideration for ineligibility, the Federal agency will notify the applicant in writing.

## Merit Review

### Criterion 1 - *Historical Significance & Integrity* (Maximum Points: 20)

Applications should describe the historical significance and integrity of the acquired property for which the preservation activities are proposed in a narrative statement addressing the following factors and considerations.

**Scoping Grant** project narratives should answer these questions to the extent possible, and if additional identification and evaluation of historic properties and features is necessary, explain specifically how the project activities will complete these efforts. **Implementation Grants** should address all of these requirements in the project narrative, submitting supporting documentation to substantiate the proposal:

- Cite the battlefield survey code and priority ranking of the associated battlefield lands as defined in the CWSAC *Report on the Nation's Civil War Battlefields* (1993) or the NPS ABPP *Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in the United States* (2007).
- State the BLAG number (FAIN), recipient name, year, and status of award (e.g., in progress or completed) for all lands acquired with BLAG assistance in the project area.



- Note the acreage and describe location of the property in relation to the battlefield and core area boundaries. Reference the map included with the application package.
- If the associated battlefield is listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) (including National Historic Landmarks), describe how the property contributes to the significance and integrity of the entire battlefield. Please identify historic resources/character-defining features for the entire battlefield and those located on the property, if known. Also note any evaluations or determinations of eligibility completed by state or local preservation officials. Please reference map included in the application package. **Implementation Grants** must provide a succinct summary and reference evaluation documentation submitted as an attachment to the application.
- Describe the current use of the property and any extant buildings and structures, including roads and monuments. Please reference photographs included in the application package.

## **Criterion 2 - Technical Merits of Resource Analysis and Proposed Activities (Maximum Points: 30)**

Applications should demonstrate how the proposed historic preservation treatments for the property will be accomplished within its geographic and thematic contexts and how proposed activities will affect not only the property's historic resources, but also the integrity of the associated battlefield. The project narrative and supporting information should describe an appropriate and justified preservation strategy.

**Scoping Grant** project narratives should answer these requirements to the extent possible and explain specifically how the project activities will result in appropriate and complete research and planning documents, submitting scopes of work if available. **Implementation Grants** should address all of these questions in the project narrative, submitting supporting documentation to substantiate the proposal:

Resource analysis and proposed activities should be addressed through the following considerations and by referring to the required map:

- State the project type: **Scoping Grant** or **Implementation Grant**.
- Describe the proposed short-term and long-term preservation outcomes, including any proposed activities, treatments, or uses that have the potential to affect historic resources. **Scoping Grant** proposals should discuss the scope of work proposed to develop documentation of analysis and treatment recommendations. **Implementation Grant** proposals should provide a succinct summary of completed planning documentation, as well as a brief justification for treatment alternative(s), and briefly described the treatment activities that will be accomplished with this grant funding, and reference evaluation documentation submitted as an attachment to the application.
- Please reference the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties* and *Guidelines for the Treatment of Cultural Landscapes* to list the described tasks and expected results, considering how the proposed work will account for: how much of the property's historic fabric has been preserved, what character-defining features exists today, and how the proposed work will preserve its historic character;

how historical, archaeological, and other interdisciplinary research has established an accurate understanding of historic conditions; how the property will be used, and how any changes or additions will be completed in accordance with the above-referenced standards and guidelines; how the proposed work incorporates considerations of accessibility, environmental impact, and long-term maintenance.

- Describe and identify known cultural or archaeological resources on the property for *all* historic periods, not just those exclusive to the associated battle. Reference any completed survey and evaluation documentation, include NRHP documentation if applicable
- Describe any encumbrances on the property (e.g., existing easements, utility easements, right-of-way easements, mineral rights, timbering rights). Describe how the encumbrances will impact the intended preservation outcomes.
- Describe immediate and long-term stewardship strategies and responsibilities. This should include maintenance, monitoring, and any plans for outreach or interpretation.

### **Criterion 3 - *Feasibility* (Maximum Points: 20)**

Applications should demonstrate the actions proposed in this effort are clearly defined, include timelines, and describe how the project responds to both threats and stewardship opportunities. The proposed project must address issues that directly and imminently threaten the resource and fulfill clear stewardship and financial needs. The statement of threat and feasibility should address the following considerations:

- Describe the urgency and threat that the project addresses, including the source, nature, extent, and severity of the threat(s) to the property and to the battlefield as a whole. What are the consequences of not completing the proposed project?
- Discuss how the project, if funded, will directly mitigate the identified threat(s).
- Describe how this project contributes to local and/or regional preservation strategies (e.g., for battlefield, for campaign, etc.).
- Describe the project's partners and why they are appropriate for the proposed work. Describe their involvement in planning and executing the project. For **Scoping Grants**, if partnership development is part of the proposed project, describe how the planning process will foster collaboration.
- Briefly describe the associated professionals involved in carrying out the project, and the qualifications of their expertise. Attach applicable resumes/CVs. Please note any project staff or partners who meet the *Secretary of the Interior's Historic Preservation Professional Qualification Standards*. For **Scoping Grants**, if identification of additional project staff or partners is part of the proposed project, describe how they will be selected, and what qualifications will be required, as part of the planning process.
- Describe how the experience of the applicant organization and key partners demonstrates operational capacity to accomplish the work proposed. Include success with comparable projects as applicable.
- Describe and justify the project timeline. Describe how this timeline will allow you to complete the project successfully within the period of performance and with the available resources, while meeting Federal requirements and guidelines.

- Describe the measures that are or will be in place to assess and evaluate project success.

#### **Criterion 4 - Sustainability (Maximum Points: 30)**

Describe how the proposed project will have an impact beyond the end date of the grant's period of performance. Sustainability of the proposed project should be demonstrated through the following considerations, with more specific detail and evidence of stakeholder and community involvement expected from **Implementation Grants** compared to **Scoping Grants**:

- Describe why this site is important to the local community or to other stakeholders and how the proposed project will support, amplify, or advance these interests. **Scoping Grants** should describe how the project will identify and engage the local community and other stakeholders.
- Describe accomplished and planned outreach and consultation activities, including involvement of SHPO(s), local authorities, public stakeholders, and Tribes in project planning and identification of goals/preservation outcomes.
- Describe the impacts of the project after completion, including long-term effects.
- Describe how the project will the successful completion of the project support the preservation of the property and advance the interests of local and associated communities.
- Describe how this project will meaningfully and thoughtfully consider and integrate varied perspectives and experiences of armed conflict, including those of non-combatants. Describe the specific ways that the presence, history, and contemporary perspectives of indigenous and descendant communities of enslaved and other peoples will be addressed.

#### **Review and Selection Process**

This program reviews proposed budgets to ensure:

- figures are correct
- estimated costs are necessary and reasonable and clearly linked to project narratives
- avoid obviously unallowable costs
- identify costs requiring prior approval
- ensure indirect cost rates are applied correctly
- confirm cost sharing requirements are reflected in the budget.

This program reviews applications for potential overlap or duplication between the proposed project and any other funded or proposed project. Depending on the circumstances, DOI may choose to not make an award.

NPS personnel, and in some cases independent reviewers, will review all proposals. All proposals for funding will be considered using the criteria outlined above. A summary of the review panel comments may be provided to the applicant if requested.

#### **Initial Review**

Prior to conducting the comprehensive merit review, an initial review will be performed to determine whether: (1) the applicant is eligible for an award; (2) the information required by the NOFO has been submitted; (3) all mandatory requirements of the NOFO are satisfied; (4) the

proposed project is responsive to the program objectives of the NOFO (program determination); and (5) the proposed project is in compliance with all applicable executive and secretary orders, including the President’s EO on *Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing* as well as the EO and SO on *Restoring Truth and Sanity to American History*. If an applicant fails to meet the requirements or objectives of the NOFO, or does not provide sufficient information for review, the applicant will be considered non-responsive and eliminated from further review.

### **Comprehensive Merit Review**

All applications that satisfactorily pass the initial review will be eligible for the Comprehensive Merit Review. The criteria elements will be scored on a **30/20 point scale** (dependent on the criterion):

30/20	Superior: Applicant fully addresses all aspects of the criterion, convincingly demonstrates that it will meet the Government's performance requirements, and demonstrates no weaknesses.
24/16	Good: Applicant fully addresses all aspects of the criterion, convincingly demonstrates a likelihood of meeting the Government's requirements, and demonstrates only a few minor weaknesses.
18/12	Satisfactory: Applicant addresses all aspects of the criterion and demonstrates the ability to meet the Government's performance requirements. The Application contains weaknesses and/or a number of minor weaknesses.
12/8	Marginal: Applicant addresses all aspects of the criterion and demonstrates the ability to meet the Government's performance requirements. The Application contains significant weaknesses and/or a significant number of minor weaknesses.
6/4	Poor: Applicant addresses some aspects of the criterion and demonstrates some doubt in the likelihood of successfully meeting the Government's requirements. Significant weaknesses are demonstrated and clearly outweigh any strength presented.
0	Not Acceptable: Applicant does not address all aspects of the criterion and the information presented indicates a strong likelihood of failure to meet the Government's requirements.

**Selection** The Selection Official may consider the merit review recommendation, program policy factors such as geographic location, and the amount of funds available to select applications for funding.

**Discussions and Award** The Government may enter into discussions with a selected applicant for any reason deemed necessary, including, but not limited to: (1) only a portion of the application is selected for award; (2) the Government needs additional information to determine that the applicant is capable of complying with the requirements of DOI Financial Assistance Regulations, and/or (3) additional specific terms and conditions are required. Failure to satisfactorily resolve the issues identified by the Government may preclude award to the applicant.

**Budget Review** The proposed budget will be reviewed to ensure all costs are necessary, reasonable, allowable, and allocable for the activities to be conducted. Costs will also be

reviewed to determine cost realism and feasibility relative to the objectives contained within the project narrative. Deficiencies, as well as suggested adjustments, may be noted for discussion purposes if an applicant is selected for award. Although the budget evaluation does not affect the comprehensive merit review criteria noted above, the budget information may be considered as a deciding factor for selection if the budget does not support the technical aspects of the proposal, or if adequate funds are not available to support the proposed effort.

## **Risk Review**

Prior to making an award, the program assesses the risk posed by the applicant per [2 CFR 200.206](#). If an award will be made, the program may apply special conditions corresponding to the risk assessed. For awards over the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$250,000), the program reviews eligibility and financial integrity information in the applicant's SAM.gov records per [2 CFR 200.206\(a\)](#). The program also assesses financial management capabilities, project delivery experience, staffing resources, past performance, administration and reporting compliance records, and overall project complexity and potential challenges.

## **AWARD NOTICES**

Notices of Federal Award are sent electronically via GrantSolutions or e-mail. These notices outline the terms, conditions, and payment instructions per [2 CFR 200.211](#). The Notice of Federal Award signed by an authorized Grants Officer is the legal instrument obligating financial assistance to a recipient. Any other prior notice is not an authorization to begin work. If the program allows pre-award costs per [2 CFR 200.458](#), beginning performance before receiving a Notice of Federal Award is at the applicant's own risk.

**Anticipated Project Start Date:** 07/01/2026

**Anticipated Project End Date:** 06/30/2029

Upon being selected for the award, successful applicants will receive notification of the selection of their application for funding. NPS anticipates funding notifications to the applicants selected for award around 6 months following the application deadline. A notice of selection is not an authorization to begin performance on an agreement. This notice will detail the next steps in the awarding process.

The non-Federal Entity's proposal, including all representations of capability, proposed approaches (including those of sub-grantees), and other specific undertakings upon which the non-Federal Entity was evaluated (see Section E), also shall form the basis of award. Accordingly, these are terms and conditions (see below) for which the non-Federal Entity will be held responsible.

Work cannot begin before the non-Federal entity receives a fully executed copy of the grant agreement through Grant Solutions by the Financial Assistance Awarding Officer. Any pre-award costs incurred prior to the receipt of a signed agreement or written notice signed by a Financial Assistance Awarding Officer authorizing pre-award costs, is at the applicant's own risk.

## **POST AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**

## **Administration and National Policy Requirements**

For award administration and national policy requirements, see the [DOI General Terms and Conditions](#). Infrastructure projects require the use of American iron, steel, manufacture products, and construction materials per [2 CFR 184](#).

### **Geospatial Data**

If you receive financial assistance from the Department of the Interior (DOI), recipient must follow these rules for geospatial data:

**Follow Federal Standards:** All geospatial data you collect or create must meet the standards set by the Federal Geospatial Data Committee (FGDC) or the Department of the Interior. This is required by the Geospatial Data Act of 2018, which is part of Public Law 115-254, specifically in Subtitle F (Geospatial Data), sections 751-759C (codified at [43 U.S.C. §§ 2801–2811](#)).

**Include Metadata:** Your Geographic Information Systems (GIS) files must include complete metadata. Metadata is information that describes the data, such as where it came from, how accurate it is, and how it should be used. This is to ensure that anyone using the data understands its context and quality.

**Check for Existing Data:** Before you start collecting new geospatial data, you need to check GeoPlatform.gov. This is to see if there is already existing geospatial data from federal, state, local, or private sources that can meet your needs and is available for free. If such data is available, you should use it instead of gathering new data.

These rules help ensure that geospatial data is reliable, high-quality, and that resources are used efficiently.

### **National Historic Preservation Act—Section 106 Compliance**

Projects funded under this program constitute “undertakings” as defined by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (54 U.S.C. 306108). Accordingly, after a grant is awarded, the National Park Service will work with the recipient to complete the consultation process prior to the start of work and associated drawdown of funds for any activities with the potential to affect historic properties. Projects selected for award may require modification of proposed activities that will cause adverse effects on historic properties prior to commencement of funded work. Depending on the project, additional federal reviews may be required under other laws such as the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (ARPA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). Costs associated with activities related to evaluation of historic properties, environmental impacts, and outreach to stakeholders are eligible for Scoping grants, and as part of appropriate planning for Implementation grants.

### **Conservation Easement Requirement:**

Section 54 USC §308105(d) of the legislative authority for the American Battlefield Protection Program requires that Battlefield Restoration Grant Program grantees agree to perform all work in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. Additionally, Section 54 USC §200305(f)(3) of the Land and Water Conservation Act requires that no property acquired or developed with assistance under this section shall, without the approval of the Secretary, be converted to other than conservation purposes. Therefore, the

NPS requires that language be recorded against the deed of the assisted property advising that the property was acquired and/or developed with Federal funds from the American Battlefield Protection Program and that the property must be preserved for preservation purposes in perpetuity and cannot be converted to any use other than conservation use without the written approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

If selected for an award, as a condition of the grant, the recipient shall sign a perpetual conservation easement with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in which the site is located or with a nonprofit preservation organization acceptable and approved in writing by the NPS and SHPO. A draft easement must be submitted to the NPS for review within one calendar year of the date a grant agreement is finalized. Following the completion of all grant-assisted work, the easement must document the grant-assisted condition of the site and the character defining features. The easement must then be executed by registering it with the deed of the property. A certified copy of the executed easement must be submitted to the NPS prior to the end of the award period of performance.

The terms of the easement may be reviewed at <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/2287/easement-resources.htm>. Should the historic property be held in ownership by someone other than the grantee, the owner of the land must be a party to the conservation easement. Costs associated with drafting and recording of an easement are allowable for reimbursement through the grant award.

## Reporting

The recipient's Notice of Award will detail all reporting requirements, including frequency, due dates, and instructions for requesting extensions. In general, but not limited to, recipients must:

- Submit Federal Financial reports and Program Performance reports.
- Use the [Federal Financial Report \(SF-425\) form](#) for financial reporting,
- Monitor award activities and report on program performance per [2 CFR 200.329](#),
- Promptly notify the awarding program in writing of any issues, delays, or conditions impairing award objectives per [2 CFR 200.329\(e\)](#),
- Disclose any conflicts of interest related to their award that arise during the award period per [2 CFR 1402.112](#),
- Report on the status of real property acquired under the award in which the Federal government retains an interest per [2 CFR 200.330](#), and
- Report all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal award per [2 CFR 200.113](#).
- Report any matters related to recipient integrity and performance to SAM.gov per [Appendix XII to 2 CFR 200](#).
- If the Federal share of the award is more than \$100,000 and the recipient makes or agrees to make any payment using non-appropriated funds for lobbying in connection to the award, disclose those activities using the Disclosure of Lobbying (SF-LLL) form per [43 CFR 18.100](#).
- Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA) requires certain recipients to report information on executive compensation through SAM.gov and

information on all sub-awards, subcontracts, and consortiums over \$30,000 to the [FFATA Subaward Reporting System \(FSRS\)](#).

### **Other Information**

#### **Additional Funding Opportunities for Battlefield Preservation:**

Other battlefield preservation grant opportunities administered by NPS ABPP include the Battlefield Land Acquisition Grants, Battlefield Interpretation Grants, and Preservation Planning Grants.

More information is available on the NPS ABPP website at <https://www.nps.gov/abpp>.