**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

Financial Assistance (Cooperative Agreements)

ATTACHMENT A

**PROJECT PROPOSAL**

(Suggested Format)

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| **Instructions:** A Project Proposal must be submitted with the Standard Form (SF) 424 Application for Federal Assistance, for all BLM Assistance Agreements. Complete each section below. Use additional sheets as needed. |

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| Person Submitting Proposal: |  | Date: |  |
| Organization Name: |  |
| NOFO No.: |  |
| Applicant Project Title (not the NOFO Title): |  |
| Estimated Period of Performance: |  |
| Proposed Project Location (include BLM District/Field Office and BLM POC as applicable): |  |
| If project is to be awarded under a CESU please identify the appropriate CESU: |  |

**DESIGNATED WATERSHED AREA:**

Is your project located in a designated watershed area? If yes, define the location

If applicable to watershed, describe how your project improves the viability of and other wise benefit the fish, wildlife, and other biotic resources on public land and private land and the reduction of risk from natural disaster where public safety is threatened within the watershed.

**PROJECT ABSTRACT (4,000 Character Limit):**

Award purpose

Activities to be performed

Expected deliverables or outcomes

Intended beneficiaries

Subrecipient activities (if known)

**STATEMENT OF NEED:**

Describe your mission and objectives, including what the project is expected to achieve.

Describe how the objectives of your project meets the BLM’s multiple use mission as well as the DOI priorities described in this announcement.

**TECHNICAL APPROACH:**

Identify which program goal(s) below your project supports:

Describe the approach, techniques, processes and methodologies to be used for:

1. Accomplish Fuels Management Activities on federal and non-federal land.

a) Wildland Fuels management using:

1. Mechanical/manual treatments
2. Prescribed Fire
3. Chemical treatments
4. Biological treatments
5. Other techniques

b) Structural and landscape modifications to create survivable space

2. Develop and implement fire education, training, and/or community action plans/programs

a) Mitigation and Prevention activities

b) Adopting planning and zoning ordinances to advance wildfire safety

c) Public Education Programs which promote:

1. Combustible vegetation management
2. Structural ignition prevention
3. Survivable Space

3. Conduct Community Wildfire Protection Assessment and planning activities

a) Conduct assessments to document the threat of wildfire

b) Develop and maintain Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) that identify necessary actions to reduce the threat and impact of wildfire

c) Identify monitoring and maintenance requirements for long-term community protection

 4. Expand community capability to enhance local employment opportunities

a) Recruit eligible participants

b) Provide business development training

c) Provide transportation, tools, supplies and equipment

d) Provide employment opportunities for local supplies and services

5. Develop and Implement short and long term Monitoring and Maintenance Plans for:

a) Hazardous Fuels Reduction

b) Community Fire Education and Training

c) Community Action Programs

Describe how data collection, analysis, and means of interpretation will be accomplished.

Describe how the proposed objectives will be achieved within the proposed period of performance (POP).

Describe significant outputs and expected outcomes of the project with a clear set of milestones and how they will be measured.

Describe what tasks will be performed by partner organizations, subawards, contractors, consultants, if applicable.

Describe any coordination efforts that will be, or have been, undertaken with State, Federal, and local stake holders/representatives and organizations that support the objectives of the project, as applicable.

Describe how you will comply with environmental requirements such as applicable state permits, licenses and NEPA, as applicable.

Describe your project monitoring and evaluation plan, including how you will measure project performance and assessment tools to be used. Should include monitoring of subrecipients, contractors, consultants, volunteers, etc.

**PROJECT MONITORING AND EVALUTION PLAN:**

Describe how you will measure project performance and assessment tools to be used and how you will evaluate performance of subawards, subrecipients, contractors etc.

**TIMETABLE OR MILESTONES TO COMPLETE EXPECTED OUTCOMES:**

**[Suggested table below]:**

Describe significant outputs and expected outcomes of the project with a clear set of milestones and how they will be measured

Proposals must have measurable outcomes. The success of the projects funded under this announcement shall be validated and tracked by BLM Program Officers.

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| **Milestone / Task / Activity** | **Start Date** | **Completion Date** |
| Insert specific, measureable outcomes (milestone, task, and/or activity, i.e., # of acres surveyed in x county, # of artifacts curated at x museum/facility, draft or final report of x, or # of public outreach events (identify types of events) as applicable |  |  |
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**DIRECT BENEFIT TO THE PUBLIC AND PROGRAM INTEREST OF THE BLM:**

Describe how this project benefits the public.

Describe how BLM receives the indirect benefit of conservation activities

**QUALIFICATIONS/PAST PERFORMANCE:**

List key project personnel and responsibilities, along with their contact information.

Describe any special skills, licenses and/or permits held.

Describe experience development and/or implementation of watershed restoration plans.

Description of stakeholder coordination or involvement.

Describe the time each stakeholder will be dedicated to the project, and how their experience and qualifications are appropriate to the success of the project.

List contractors, sub awards, consultants, if known, and their qualifications.

Provide a list of federally funded assistance agreements (not contracts) that your organization performed within the last three years (no more than 5, and preferably BLM agreements), and describe how you documented and/or reported on whether you were making progress toward achieving the expected results (e.g., outputs and outcomes) under those agreements.

Describe similar successful projects completed in the past and any unique qualifications your organization may possess e.g. continuation of an existing project

**LEVERAGING OF RESOURCES**

Demonstrate how you leverage funds or resources with other federal and/or non-federal sources of funds or resources to carry out the proposed project.

**OVERLAP OR DUPLICATION OF EFFORT STATEMENT**

Provide a statement indicating if there is any overlap between this Federal application and any other Federal application, or funded project, in regards to activities, costs, or time commitment of key personnel. If any such overlap exists, provide a complete description of overlaps or duplications between this proposal and any other federally funded project or application in regards to activities, costs, and time commitment of key personnel, as applicable. Provide a copy of any overlapping or duplicative proposal submitted to any other potential funding entity and identify when that proposal was submitted, to whom (entity name and program), and when you anticipate being notified of their funding decision*.*

If no such overlap or duplication exists, state:

*“There is no overlap or duplication between this application and any of our other Federal applications or funded projects, including activities, costs, or time commitment of key personnel”.*

When overlap exists, your statement must end with:

 *“We understand that if at any time we receive funding from another source that is duplicative of the funding we are requesting from the Bureau of Land Management in this application, we will immediately notify the Bureau of Land Management point of contact identified in this NOFO in writing.”*