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	P19AS00547
Project Title	Post Carr Fire Trail Rehabilitation and Invasive Species Removal a
Recipient	California Conservation Corps
Anticipated Federal Funding	$460,000.00, subject to available funding ($160,000.00 initially)
Non-Federal Cost Share	$198,865.84 ($68,865.84 initially)
Total Anticipated Award Amount	$658,865.84, subject to available funding
Award Instrument	☑ Task Agreement ☐ Cooperative Agreement ☐ Grant Agreement
Anticipated Period of Performance	09/01/2019 – 09/30/2021
Legal Authority	16 U.S.C. §1723(c)
CFDA # and Title	15.931 – Conservation Activities by Youth Service Organizations
Single Source Justification Criteria	
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Section 1. Project Summary

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

This project will engage youth in trail rehabilitation and invasive species removal projects at Whiskeytown National Recreation Area (WHIS or Park) following the 2018 Carr Fire. The Carr Fire burned 97% of the Park's land, which caused significant damage to trails and natural resources throughout the Park. The California Conservation Corps (CCC) has extensive experience working on trail restoration projects throughout Northern California. Specifically, the CCC has assisted the National Park Service (NPS) over many years with trail related tasks such as drainage repair and installation, logging and brushing, bridge and puncheon repair and installation, rock retaining wall repair and installation, and tread repair and construction. The CCC has a work center in Redding, in close proximity to WHIS.

The objectives of this project are to correct trail deficiencies and feature stabilization to improve trail conditions; achieve resource

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PURPOSE

The principle purpose of this project is to involve local youth and young adults in the care and enhancement of public resources; to instill in them a sense of public service and gain strong work ethics. The trails identified in this project are currently closed as a result of the Carr Fire, and this project will help to clear and repair them, improving safety and access to multiple user groups. The native plant communities will benefit from 60 acres of EDRR treatments and the public will have better access to recreational sites.

STATEMENT OF WORK SUMMARY

A. Crystal Creek Water Ditch Trail – CCC and NPS will mitigate issues that arose as a result of the Carr Fire and rehabilitate approximately 2 miles of the historic Crystal Creek Water Ditch Trail. Sedimentation over ran the Crystal Creek Water Ditch which in turn has blocked the intended flow to the wheel house, through the siphon, to the water tank and across to the historic Tower House District where the water is used to water the historic fruit trees. CCC will assist in removal of sedimentation that has filled the ditch and import/export that material up or down trail to use as tread material, to allow functionality of the feature again. Rock tread retention walls will be reconstructed and logs and brush will be jackpotted for winter time burning activities and for overall cleanup efforts. Trail rehabilitation will involve re-construction of failing rock retaining walls that act as trail tread retention walls; re-establishment of trail tread removing any tripping hazards such as rocks and stobs; filling voids from the after effects of the fire that burned entire trees and roots, including filling and compaction of many open hazardous cavities. CCC will assist in hazard tree removal involving bucking, brushing, jack potting slash, and pile burning. These efforts will also address encroaching vegetation to open the trail corridor to NPS Standard.

B. Invasive Species – CCC will assist NPS with EDRR treatments of invasive non-native plant species in developed areas and along trails covering approximately 60 acres. EDRR work shall be performed to NPS standards to ensure effective control and reduce the threat to native plant communities and future fire threats. Species of concern include, but are not limited to yellow star thistle, diffuse knapweed, puncture vine, bull thistle, Himalayan blackberry, brooms, black locust and tree of heaven. CCC will use a variety of control methods including: chemical (herbicides), mechanical (weed trimmers, chainsaws) and manual (hand pulling, loppers, hand saws), and will record treatment data on NPS provided tablets.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

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

1. Coordinate a work schedule with the NPS to provide crews of 12-15 corps members and one C-1 Field Supervisor for a total of 7,272 hours during Phase 1. No spike camping will be required for the duration of this agreement.
2. Provide necessary labor and immediate crew supervision, transportation, food, equipment, tools and other support needed to successfully implement the project.
3. Comply with all NPS regulations regarding the use of NPS lands and facilities.
4. Ensure safe working methods and behavior of corps members at the project sites.
5. Ensure personal protective equipment be worn by corps members at all times and furnish personal protective equipment to these members unless unique or unusual field or project conditions exist, which require specialized equipment.
6. Take steps to insure that all accidents involving personal injury (other than minor first aid), property damage, and/or fires occurring within facilities or programs assigned under this project are reported immediately to the NPS Key Official or his/her authorized representative.

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. Provide a general orientation to park operations, the NPS mission, the natural environment, the Leave No Trace ethic, safety considerations, and other details necessary for successful completion of the project.
2. Provide herbicide for invasive species removal work.
3. Be in daily contact with the CCC leader(s) and crew to assist with the specifics of the project and to establish work priorities.
4. Provide technical assistance, guidance and inspection for the duration of the project.
5. Provide necessary permits (e.g. project clearances).
6. Complete all environmental compliance activities required for projects.
7. Assist with the safe undertaking of fieldwork when needed in the field.

☐ A grant agreement is proposed, therefore no substantial involvement on the part of the NPS is anticipated for the successful completion of the statement of work. It is anticipated that involvement will be limited to actions related to monitoring project performance and technical assistance at the request of the recipient.

Section 2. Grants.gov Posting Determination

☑ The National Park Service intends to award a task agreement under a previously competed or single source justified award.

☐ The National Park Service intends to award a single source justified cooperative agreement. *Refer to Section 3 Single Source Justification.*

☐ The National Park Service intends to award a single source justified grant agreement. *Refer to Section 3 Single Source Justification.*

Section 3. Single Source Justification

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SINGLE SOURCE POLICY REQUIREMENTS

National Park Service Policy FAP&P 1443-2015-06 requires a written justification which explains why competition is not practicable. The justification must address one of the following criteria.

In order for an assistance award to be made without competition, the award must satisfy one or more of the following criteria:

(1) Unsolicited Proposal – The proposed award is the result of an unsolicited assistance application which represents a unique or innovative idea, method, or approach which is not the subject of a current or planned contract or assistance award, but which is deemed advantageous to the program objectives. The unsolicited proposal must demonstrate an innovative capability or concept not currently available to the government, and prepared without Government involvement. ;

(2) Continuation – The activity to be funded is necessary to the satisfactory completion of, or is a continuation of, an activity presently being funded, for which competition would have a significant adverse effect on the continuity or completion of the activity;

(3) Legislative intent – The language in the applicable authorizing legislation or legislative history clearly indicates Congress' intent to restrict the award to a particular recipient of purpose;

(4) Unique Qualifications – The applicant is uniquely qualified to perform the activity based upon a variety of demonstrable factors such as location, property ownership, voluntary support capacity, technical expertise, or other such unique qualifications. Successful past performance, familiarity with existing requirements, capabilities that can be obtained or matched by a competitor, or a positive reputation, are not considered to be unique qualifications.

(5) Emergencies – Program/award where there is insufficient time available (due to a compelling and unusual urgency, or substantial danger to health or safety) for adequate competitive procedures to be followed.

NPS did not solicit full and open competition for this award based the following criteria:

☑ Task Agreement issued under previously competed or single source master cooperative agreement per Section 2 above. Single Source Justification not applicable.

☐ Unsolicited Proposal ☐ Continuation ☐ Emergency

☐ Legislative Intent ☐ Unique Qualifications

Explanation of the proposed recipient's qualifications or the criteria of the proposed project which requires use of the single source criteria cited.

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: