

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 without competition.

ABSTRACT	
Funding Announcement Number	NPS-17-NERO-0110
Project Title	New England National Scenic Trail Implementation
Recipient	Connecticut Forest & Park Association
Anticipated Federal Funding	\$95,000
Non-federal Cost Share	\$0
Anticipated Period of Performance	Through June 24, 2020
Award Instrument	Continuation to Cooperative Agreement P15AC00498
Statutory Authority	16 USC 1246(h)(1); PL 111-11 TITLE V C SEC 502; 54 USC 101702(a)
CFDA # and Title	15.921 Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance
Single Source Justification Criteria	(2) Continuation
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BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

The purposes of this modification are to:

1. Provide additional funding to the Cooperative agreement in fiscal year 2017
1. Add FY 17 Workplan as an attachment to the agreement

STATEMENT OF WORK

RECIPIENT AGREES TO:

- Serve as the NET's principal point of contact in Connecticut for the TSC, NET communities, and other trail partner organizations.
- Provide organizational, public relations, marketing and CFPA website support for NET activities and events, including CFPA National Trails Day events and annual CFPA volunteer trainings. Utilize a variety of media resources including mailings, publications, brochures, CFPA Website and Facebook.
- Coordinate with AMC and NPS in preparing and distributing annual reports.
- Serve as the principal liaison with landowners, including private and corporate landowners, and the State of Connecticut.
- Maintain a CFPA Trail Layer for Connecticut through use of a GIS; provide NPS access to the database.
- Maintain an up-to-date comprehensive landowner database.
- Coordinate CFPA Trail Managers to assure consistent trail monitoring.

- Plan, prioritize and implement trail work, including improvements, maintenance and trail signage with NPS trail administrator
- Coordinate two annual volunteer trainings to promote safety and quality trail management & maintenance.
- Provide support for financial tracking and related reporting, including a database for volunteer work hours
- Provide support to the Connecticut land protection community in prioritizing and completing key trail land conservation projects, as appropriate.
- Identify and apply for federal, state, local and private funding to advance the goals of the NET designation and the Blueprint for Trail Management.
- Work with NPS to organize a series of 5 monthly (April-August 2018) guided “sensorial walk” events for key audiences--young people of color, college students, people with disabilities, veterans other nontraditional visitors--through designed to heal, restore and nourish sense perception. Design and produce evaluation report and video.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AGREES TO:

- Provide financial assistance in accordance with Article VI to support the projects identified in the Annual Workplan and Budget.
- Provide technical assistance in the development and implementation of work undertaken pursuant to this Agreement to ensure that the purposes of the National Trails System Act are being met and adhered to.
- Participate in the TSSC and oversee the projects undertaken pursuant to this Agreement in implementation of the Trail management Blueprint and the Annual workplan.

SINGLE-SOURCE JUSTIFICATION

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE SINGLE SOURCE POLICY REQUIREMENTS
Department of the Interior Policy (505 DM 2) and National Park Service Policy FAP&P 1443-2015-06 requires a written justification which explains why competition is not practicable for each single-source award. The justification must address one or more of the following criteria as well as discussion of the program legislative history, unique capabilities of the proposed recipient, and cost-sharing contribution offered by the proposed recipient, as applicable.
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; (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. A single source on the basis of continuation must demonstrate that competition would result in a substantial duplicate cost to the

government that cannot be recovered through competition.;

- (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, cost-sharing ability if applicable, technical expertise, or other such 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:

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This is a continuation of the work begun in Cooperative Agreement P15AC00498.