

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

This announcement is not a request for applications.

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ABSTRACT	
Grants.gov Opportunity Number	NPS-19-NERO-0107
Project Title	Spindle City Corps. Trade Skills
Recipient	Community Teamwork, Inc.
Anticipated Federal Funding	\$51,000.00
Non-Federal Cost Share	\$17,000.00
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$68,000.00
Award Instrument	☒ Task Agreement ☐ Cooperative Agreement ☐ Grant Agreement
Anticipated Period of Performance	Through August 31, 2020
Legal Authority	54 USC 101702(a) ; 16 USC 1723(c)(1); 54 USC 101701(b)
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

A. Project Goals – To engage youth in career development opportunities at Lowell National Historical Park with projects that are local to the city they live in, the youth gain an appreciation for historical and cultural resources and a sense of accomplishment and pride when they have improved infrastructure that is part of their daily lives. They share what they learn with the community, their neighbors and family members, and their peers, and in doing so, become stewards of their community as well as of public lands.

B. Project Objectives – This year 4 youth will be engaged in intensive paid apprenticeships to develop professional skills and knowledge in specialized trades, while building an understanding that the National Park Service belongs to them. They will work on projects on historic buildings and other infrastructures, further developing the professional trades' skills they have chosen to focus on, in their studies at local vocational programs.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PURPOSE

The principal purpose of Spindle City Corps is to support the government's objective to provide opportunities for youth to learn about their surrounding environment and gain job skills while working on projects at a National Park Service site. These youth are among those who may otherwise have limited access to experiences at NPS sites. By employing these youth, they are not only spending time in their local national park, but they are involved in preserving the stories of their hometown through stewardship and skills development. Working as members of a Spindle City Corps program will develop youth into educated and active members of the community, who understand the functions of local civics as well as the value of the city they call home. By the end of the project, participants will have developed a sense of civic pride in their city, and through doing so, will become advocates for stewardship of their neighborhoods and communities.

STATEMENT OF WORK SUMMARY

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Master Cooperative Agreement Number P14AC00340 was entered into by and between the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, (NPS), and Community Teamwork, Inc. to provide hands-on service opportunities for youth to help develop a generation of skilled workers, educated and active citizens, future leaders and stewards of natural historical and cultural resources. This project will engage 4 diverse youth from local vocational schools on a part-time basis during the school year to participate in a skilled trades training and development program in the Park and provide full-time opportunity for the same youths for 10 weeks during the summer as part of an in-depth, skills training program in the Park, where they will work alongside NPS maintenance craftspeople on specific resource management projects.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

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

1. Provide required cost share of 25%
2. Provide a Program Director and Administrative Assistant to oversee and coordinate the administration of the programs to include recruitment, interviewing, hiring, counseling, and providing information to the youth for participation in any CTI training offerings that are relevant to the youth.
3. Manage and carry out all administrative functions associated with the provision of services under this agreement to include payroll processing and purchasing.
4. Coordinate time cards and payment for youth.
5. Provide printing of publicity materials and corps member manuals.
6. Conduct periodic evaluations of the program(s) and participant performance to identify strengths and weaknesses, and develop creative solutions for future program growth and management.

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:

a. Provide guidance and support to develop and facilitate program activities and training in consultation with the Program Director; Provide orientation on Park resources, along with technical and safety training as appropriate; Provide tools, equipment, and transportation and provide training in their safe and efficient operation; Provide appropriate oversight, as well as technical and operational support and mentorship, for the projects and program activities assigned to youth participants; Determine schedule of youth and mentors to collaborate on projects at various job sites. Work with local partner organizations to provide access to enrichment and professional development sessions; Provide access to desk space, computers, phones, and other appropriate equipment and supplies as needed to conduct daily activities while in the Park following all relevant NPS and federal regulations and policies; Provide cultural/environmental programs to the youth, including park tours, educational and interpretive programs regarding the history the Park and its themes, and other similar programs in a variety of media.



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

Section 2. Grants.gov Posting Determination

- ☒ The National Park Service intends to award a task agreement under a previously competed or single source justified award.
- ☐ The National Park Service intends to award a single source justified cooperative agreement. *Refer to Section 3 Single Source Justification.*
- ☐ The National Park Service intends to award a single source justified grant agreement. *Refer to Section 3 Single Source Justification.*

Section 3. Single Source Justification

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE SINGLE SOURCE POLICY REQUIREMENTS

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

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

- (1) Unsolicited Proposal – The proposed award is the result of an unsolicited assistance application which represents a unique or innovative idea, method, or approach which is not the subject of a current or planned contract or assistance award, but which is deemed advantageous to the program objectives. The unsolicited proposal must demonstrate an innovative capability or concept not currently available to the government, and prepared without Government involvement. ;
- (2) Continuation – The activity to be funded is necessary to the satisfactory completion of, or is a continuation of, an activity presently being funded, for which competition would have a significant adverse effect on the continuity or completion of the activity;
- (3) Legislative intent – The language in the applicable authorizing legislation or legislative history clearly indicates Congress' intent to restrict the award to a particular recipient of purpose;
- (4) Unique Qualifications – The applicant is uniquely qualified to perform the activity based upon a variety of demonstrable factors such as location, property ownership, voluntary support capacity, technical expertise, or other such unique qualifications. Successful past performance, familiarity with existing requirements, capabilities that can be obtained or matched by a competitor, or a positive reputation, are not considered to be unique qualifications.
- (5) Emergencies – Program/award where there is insufficient time available (due to a compelling and unusual urgency, or substantial danger to health or safety) for adequate competitive procedures to be followed.

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

- ☒ Task Agreement issued under previously competed or single source master cooperative agreement per Section 2 above. Single Source Justification not applicable.
- ☐ Unsolicited Proposal ☐ Continuation ☐ Emergency
- ☐ Legislative Intent ☐ Unique Qualifications

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

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: