

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Determination for Issuing a Single Source Financial Assistance Award

Instructions: In accordance with Service policy 516 FW 6, *Issuing Discretionary Grant and Cooperative Agreement Awards without Competition*, complete this form to document the justification for issuing a single source grant or cooperative agreement award. This form must be signed by both a program representative and the employee with signature authority for the award to be issued (see 516 FW 3, *Signature Authority for Grant and Cooperative Agreement Awards*). The completed and signed form must be maintained in the official award file.

Recipient Name: Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo
Project Title: Invasive Plant Inventory and Detection at Guadalupe NWR
Program Contact: Michael Brady

Select all criteria that apply (from 505 DM 2):

☐	(1) Unsolicited Proposal: The proposed award is the result of an unsolicited application that represents a unique or innovative idea, method, or approach that is not the subject of a current or planned award, but is found to be advantageous to program objectives.
☐	(2) Continuation: The activity to be funded is necessary for the satisfactory completion of, or is a continuation of, an activity we are funding and holding a competition would have a significant adverse effect on continuing or completing the activity.
☐	(3) Legislative Intent: The language in the applicable authorizing legislation or legislative history clearly indicates the intent of Congress to restrict the award to a particular recipient or purpose.
☒	(4) Unique Qualifications: The applicant is uniquely qualified to perform the activity based on 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: Because of a compelling and unusual urgency, or substantial danger to health or safety, there is not enough time to follow adequate competitive procedures.

Explain below why competition for this award is not practical. As applicable, summarize the program legislative history, unique capabilities of the proposed recipient, and any cost-sharing contribution offered by the proposed recipient. Be brief and specific:

There are many factors that make the NGO, the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo uniquely qualified to perform all the tasks under a cooperative grant agreement. They are part of the Dunes Collaborative and have conducted numerous surveys and applications on invasive plants at the Guadalupe NWR with no cost to the Service. They are adjacent land managers and understand the fragile dune ecosystem as well as the listed plants and animals that reside there. They designed the proposed survey methods and have used them on adjacent properties. They assisted the refuge staff during the grant proposal process, which we successfully received. Guadalupe NWR (2,553 acres) is relatively small but the Land Conservancy plan to conduct the survey over the entire 20,000 acres. Additionally I&M likes the study design, and they plan on incorporating the survey method at other refuges within Region 8.

I have determined that this project meets the requirements for a single source award and recommend that it be awarded to the recipient named above.


5/26/15

Program Representative Sign and Date
Michael Brady

Printed Name of Program Representative

I, as the Service employee with signature authority for this award under 516 FW 3, have reviewed this program recommendation and find that it meets the requirements for a single source award.


5/26/2015

Authorized Signator Sign and Date
Curt McLaughlin

Printed Name of Signator